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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers

As we draw to the end of a very long term, I would like to give my personal thanks to you all for the kindness and support you have shown me this term. The term has certainly had its ups and downs and I know it is incredibly difficult to endure what must seem like constant change. I am confident that the pace of change will continue to slow, so that we can all settle into our new routines and ways of working.

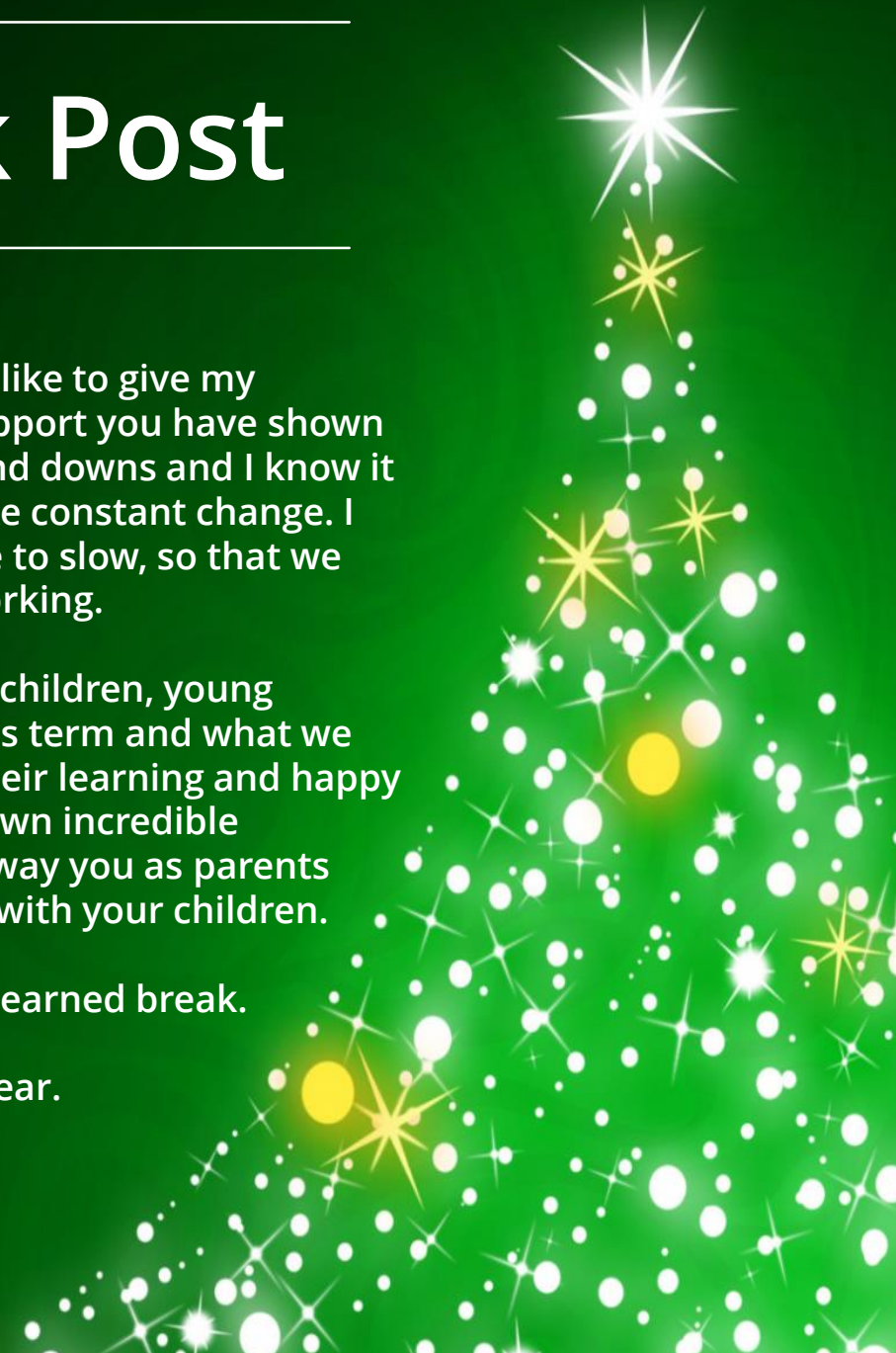
I feel lucky every day to work with such wonderful children, young people, and staff. Everyone has worked so hard this term and what we are rewarded with are pupils who are excited by their learning and happy to be here with us at school. The children have shown incredible resilience, and this is in no small way down to the way you as parents support the school in your conversations at home with your children.

I know everyone is really looking forward to a well-earned break.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

With best wishes

Abby Atkins



Primary School Update

Dear parents and carers,

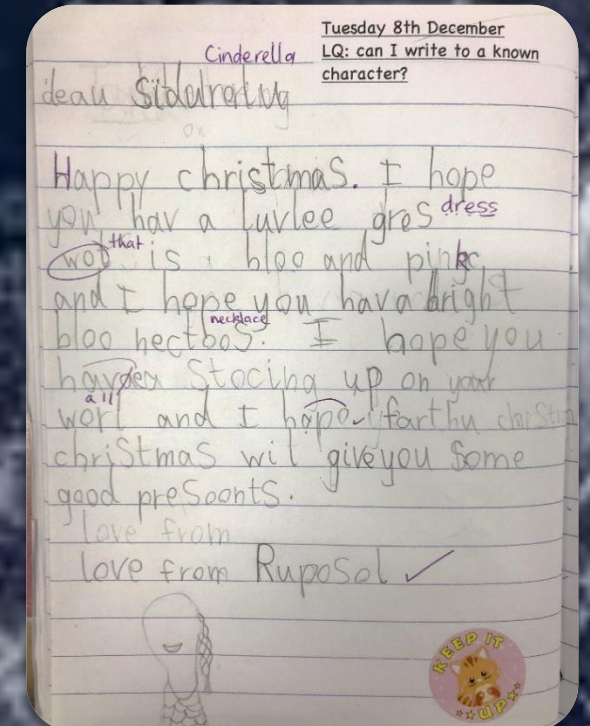
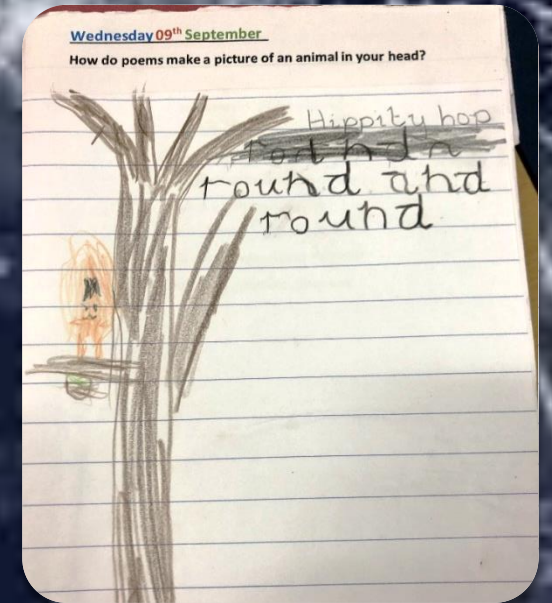
I have been reflecting on the last term and the final newsletter post of the term, considering how best to convey the depth of learning and the degree of enthusiasm, agency and purpose the children have displayed during their lessons. I was conscious that no amount of words from my part would do justice and to this end have decided to share just a small snapshot of images instead. The pictures showcase and highlight: the variety of curriculum content, the progress made from September to December and the degree in which the children have enjoyed learning about exciting projects at Avanti Park School.

We are incredibly proud of all the children's progress and their wonderful attitude towards learning. I would also like to extend a sincere thanks to all the school team who have worked tirelessly: with passion, determination, and integrity to ensure the curriculum offer is as good as it currently is. Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the wider school community - your level of engagement, support and trust has been of great support when schools have been faced with new and complex challenges this year. We look ahead with optimism for the exciting terms to come and look back with a smile at the countless brilliant moments of the Autumn term.

Have a restful break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Kind regards,

Luke McKinley



Secondary School Update

What a year!

I would like to extend my thanks to all the students, staff and parents of Avanti Park Secondary who have shown determination in the face of adversity throughout this term.

We are embedding our curriculum and classroom routines and the children are smiling!

Year 11 were amazing at the start of term, completing their first set of mocks and probably feel like the next set are just round the corner, at the end of February.

KS3 students are beginning to really make some progress now that we have all settled into the new system and as we begin to look forward to the next steps for Year 8 we have made links with Frome College, so look out for correspondence from them soon.

Kind Regards

Brendan Bayew
Assistant Head



Student News

Hazel Class: by Alison Armstrong

Thankfully six long years of war drew to a close by the end of the day as Hazel class got ready to celebrate the end of the Second World War and this term's very interesting topic of 'A Child's War.'

The morning started with a taster of learning 'war years' style by reciting times tables and a poem about the Crimean War. We managed to get our learning done despite a couple of unexpected air raids! After this, it was time to dance to 'In The Mood' (thank you Mrs Watts for the fabulous choreography) which was performed to a very select audience (and also filmed). Later on, the children decorated plates and mats for their party.

After all those years of shortages it was time to push the boat out and we feasted on homemade carrot cookies, shortbread (thank you Tallis, Millie and Akyra), American pinwheels and Queen cupcakes-all washed down with copious amounts of lemonade! Everyone made a speech and there was much cheering and obvious joy and flag waving at the outcome of the war. We finished off the party with some more impromptu dancing! God save the King!



Kitchen News

Dear Parents, Carers and Staff

It is with heavy hearts that we have to tell you that we shall be leaving the school at the end of this term.

We have been with the school since the start in 2012 and have thoroughly enjoyed teaching your children about, and feeding them, locally sourced, organic, seasonal, tasty food. It's been a real privilege to watch them grow and develop.

Thank you for all of your interest and support over the years, we wish you all a very Happy Christmas and good luck in 2021.

We shall be serving our Christmas Lunch on Tuesday 15th December followed by a 'Pot Luck Lunch' on the last day of term.

Happy Eating
Cally and Carol



Christmas lunch menu

Roast Chicken/Cheesy Veg Loaf
(dairy free option)

**All children in years Reception, 1 and 2 will be provided with the vegetarian option.*

Served with
Roast Potatoes
Green Veg Medley
Stuffing balls
Gravy

Reception, Years 1 and 2 Iced Ginger Biscuits
Years 3 - 11 Christmas Trifle

School News

Attendance

Whole school attendance so far this year 93%

Today's attendance 91.7%

Number of students late this week: 28 (much better than last week), let's keep up the effort next week.

Govindas

We look forward to welcoming Avanti's catering company, Govindas, to Avanti Park at the start of next term.

Govindas catering follows the principle that healthy food brings a healthy mind and body. "Our philosophy is dedicated to inspiring people to feel good in their body, mind and spirit through nourishing enjoyable meals. We believe a healthy gut is the basis of a healthy life, and that's why it's so important to us that we only use the freshest ingredients when preparing our tasty, nutritious vegetarian meals available for all children"

For more information about Govindas please visit their website:

<https://www.govindas.com/>

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Everyone made a fantastic effort for Christmas Jumper day. Lots of money was raised for Save the Children.

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/>

Donations of £1 can still be made via the Avanti Park Just Giving page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/avanti-park-school-christmas-jumper-day-2020>

Thank you in again for your continued support, kindness and generosity in supporting this brilliant charity.



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Dates for your Diary

Avanti Park PTFA
INAUGURAL
AGM
 Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.
 Stay informed and get involved.

Monday 14th December 2020
8pm on Zoom

Email avantiparkptfa@gmail.com for a Zoom link to the meeting



Parentkind
 Member Association

XMAS LUNCH
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Dates for your Diary

DEC/JAN	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week A	14 th	15 th XMAS LUNCH	16 th LAST DAY, NORMAL FINISHING TIME	17 th XMAS HOLS	18 th XMAS HOLS	19 th XMAS HOLS	20 th XMAS HOLS
Week B	21 st XMAS HOLS	22 nd XMAS HOLS	23 rd XMAS HOLS	24 th XMAS HOLS	25 th XMAS HOLS	26 th XMAS HOLS	27 th XMAS HOLS
Week A	28 th XMAS HOLS	29 th XMAS HOLS	30 th XMAS HOLS	31 st XMAS HOLS	1 st Jan XMAS HOLS	2 nd XMAS HOLS	3 rd LAST DAY TO NOTIFY SCHOOL OF NEW/MENU CHOICES
Week B	4 th BACK TO SCHOOL	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th

RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4TH JANUARY – *WEEK B

***Correction notice – IN THE LAST ISSUE WE INCORRECTLY STATED THAT WE RETURN TO SCHOOL –WEEK A**



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Friends of Avanti Park

The mornings are misty, the temperature has dropped, and there's a sense of Christmas magic beginning to stir through the air.

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU for your collective response to all things Christmassy over the last few weeks.



The decorations made at home by the children have brought the school Christmas trees to life, and one of the potted trees is sinking its roots into the soil of the Reception class garden.

Thank you also to everyone who bought a Christmas Wreath-Making Kit. May they bring festive cheer, both in their making and in their adorning of homes in our community.

Wishing you all a joyful and peaceful time over the festive season,

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IMPORTANT WASH CARE INSTRUCTIONS



Always refer to your garment care label to ensure that your uniform looks as good as new for as long as possible. We produce tough, hardwearing uniform, however it is important that you follow the care labels correctly to ensure you get the best out of your purchase.

- Turn garments inside out to wash and dry
- Fasten any buttons before washing
- Do not overload machine
- Iron inside out on a cool setting to avoid heat damage, which can cause a shiny surface on fabrics (do not iron knitwear or cuffs and welts on sweatshirts)
- Bobbling/Pilling is caused by friction and excessive heat. It is also known within the British textile industry that fabric softeners are a major cause of bobbling/pilling of the fabric. Bobbling/pilling often disappears over time and is not a reflection on the quality of the garment.

Washing symbols and their meaning

Always check the label!!



Machine wash at temperature stated



Hand wash only



Do not bleach



Tumble dry at temperature stated



Do not tumble dry



Dry clean only



Iron at temperature stated



Do not iron



Do not wet/dry clean

Order Your School Uniform Online



Parents Direct Delivery

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IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

Place your order before **1st August**
for delivery before the
start of term

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PARENT ENQUIRIES EMAIL: sales@brigadeuk.com

Does your jumper need swapping for another size?

If so please return the jumper to the school office by the 15th January (but not before 4th Jan). Please include a note with your child's name and the new size you

HOW TO MEASURE YOUR CHILD

Measure the actual body measurements as this is far more accurate than measuring over clothes.

CHEST: Measure around the chest at the fullest part, placing the tape close up under the arms.

COLLAR: Measure around the base of the neck where the collar sits, inserting two fingers between the neck and tape to allow growth

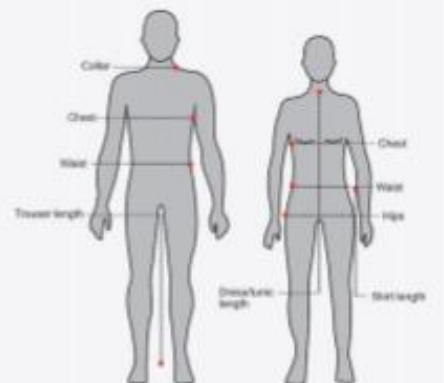
WAIST: Measure around the natural waistline.

TROUSER LENGTH: Measure the inside leg from crotch to floor without shoes on.

HIPS: Measure around your hips, 20cm (8") below your natural waistline.

SKIRT LENGTH: Measure from the waist down to where you would want the hem

DRESS & PINAFORE LENGTH: Measure from nape of neck to length required.



HOW TO USE THIS SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log onto www.brigade.uk.com
2. Click on the parents click to order button
3. Enter your child's school name
4. Select the school from the drop down list provided
5. Follow the online instructions to place your order

Free delivery on orders over £50.00
(parents clubbing orders together can take advantage of this)

£3.99 delivery fee applied for all orders under £50.00

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS

July to September is a busy time for ALL uniform providers!

Place your order **BEFORE** 1st August for delivery before the start of term

We cannot guarantee orders placed after this date will be delivered in time for the start of the new term.

ORDER SATURDAY OR SUNDAY FOR FASTER DELIVERY!

PRIMARY UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	9-11	10-11	12-13

Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16

Blazers

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12

PE Shorts

Waist	14/16"	18/22"	22/24"	26/28"	30/32"
Age	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-11	12-13

PLEASE NOTE:

The sizing comparisons are for guidance only and are NOT applicable to all our products.

SENIOR UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

Blazers

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"
Age	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16							
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Male				XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL

Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"
Male	7-8	9-10	11-12	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24

Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"	36"	38/40"	42/44"	46/48"
Age/Size	7-8	9-10	9-11	10-11	12-13	S	M	L	XL

PE Shorts

Waist	22/24"	26/28"	30/32"	34/36"	38/40"	42/44"
Age/Size	7-8	9-11	12-13	S	M	L

TIES (For Primary and Senior Schools)

Tie Style/Size	Elastic	9"	Clip on	12"	14"	16"	Tie	39"	45"	52"
School Age		Inf/Jnr		Junior	Junior	Senior		Junior	Jun/Sen	Senior

UNIFORM ONLINE ORDERING DETAILS:

Order at:

www.brigade.uk.com

then select the 'PARENTS CLICK TO ORDER HERE' link

Parent Enquiries

Email:

sales@brigade.uk.com

Merry Christmas from us all at Avanti Park



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