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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers

Wow what a month! I know it's not scientifically possible, but I have never known a January that has gone on so long! Thankfully, spring is on the way and the bulbs starting to come up can give us some hope and enable us to start looking forward to longer and warmer days.

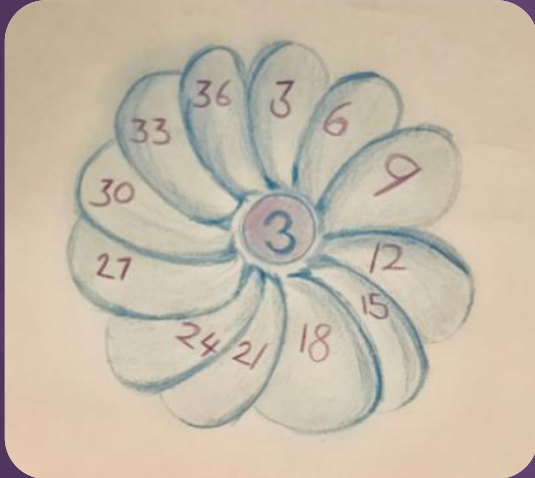
Firstly, I want to say a belated thank you for all the wonderful gifts that you gave to staff this Christmas. You were all incredibly generous and it means so much to staff to feel so appreciated and cared for.

I also want to say thank you for embracing the home learning challenge with such enthusiasm. I know how difficult it must be for those of you who are trying to work from home yourselves as well as supporting your children with their schoolwork. I am just thankful that my children are older now and can work on their own! I hope there is light at the end of the tunnel, and we will be able to start welcoming children back to school from the 8th March. The Government have told us that they intend to publish plans for the return to school on the 22nd February which I know we will all be reading with interest. Fingers crossed it will be good news and we can start getting back to normality.

Take care and have a lovey weekend
Abby Atkins



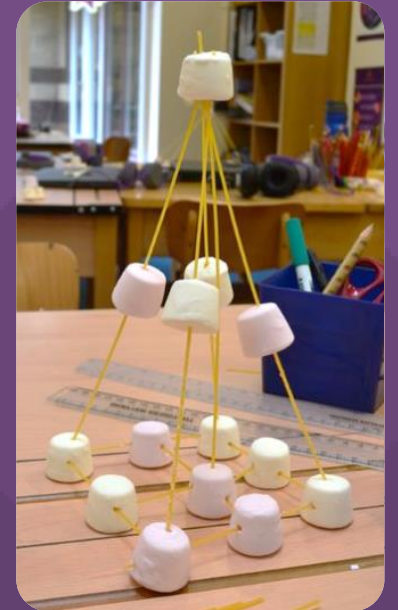
Primary School Update



Wonderful work
from home:
Maths
multiplications

Dear parents and carers,

Thinking back to our last newsletter, I have been reflecting on the changes our school community has had to manage and the challenges we have had to overcome. I have been in awe at how our pupils have shown resilience and dedication over the last few weeks. As parents and carers, you too have been asked to support your child's remote learning once again. For this, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks. Without your support, this would not be possible. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful team of staff. Everyone who works at Avanti Park has worked and continues to work with such compassion, empathy, and determination over the last weeks. Our teachers have not only had to create and learn a whole new set of systems and processes but also an entirely new way of teaching. This I would hasten to add is an incredible feat and we are very lucky to have such a talented team of individuals.



Making pyramids
using the least
amount of
spaghetti and
marshmallows
possible

Primary School Update

In contrast to the first lockdown in April of 2020, we have been able to move forwards using the single platform of Google Classroom to ensure all of our pupils receive and have access to their learning. With this has brought a whole host of new challenges: internet connectivity, lessons via Team's meetings, juggling and supporting working from home and supporting one or more children with their learning! If nothing else, we can say of 2021 that all our multi-tasking skills have undoubtedly increased! Staying connected in a time where gatherings and coming together is not allowed has never been so important. To this end, I would also like to thank Mrs Armstrong for all of her hard work in starting our first Avanti Way assemblies. Coming together, whether it be via zoom or Teams, is still something to celebrate and these moments along with our weekly celebration assemblies have been a welcome change of pace for all involved.

As we look ahead to the end of this half-term, we look ahead to the chance of hopefully being able to welcome pupils back to school soon. A prospect I know our whole school community is very much looking forward to!

Have a lovely weekend.

Luke McKinley



Cosmo, in Year 5 dressed in his wonderful Pharaoh costume as part of the class study on Egyptians

Secondary School Update

I'd like to say well done to all of Year 7, 8 and 11 who have really stepped up and are working so well during this lockdown, I'm really impressed with their positive can-do attitude!

Well done to our Stars of the week: Laurie, Matilda and Megan who have completed the most work overall for all subjects! 5 house points each!

In year 11 we will be saying goodbye at half term to our year 11 RS teacher Alicia Sharpe who has moved on for personal reasons. We are super grateful to Alicia for stepping in at such short notice to teach RS for us and we will be sorry to see her go. We have been very lucky though to find a fantastic replacement to see our year 11 students over the final hurdles in RS. Gabriella Burchell will be taking over the teaching of RS in year 11 after half term. She has 17 years experience as head of RS in various schools so I am very confident that our year 11s will be in excellent hands over the next few months.

Speaking of final hurdles, as of yet we do not have any firm guidance from the government on how the Centre Assessed grades will run, although we are hoping that year 11 students may be able to return to school on the 8th March. If that happens we will look to run mock exams on the week of the 15th March but watch this space as things are very changeable at the moment.

From next Monday, 8th Feb, we will be requiring all cameras on for lessons in secondary. This is for safeguarding purposes and I will be sending out some guidance around that before Monday. Also look out for emails from me with updated year 7+8 timetables for next week.

Keep on being amazing everyone!

Mr Bayew



Student News:



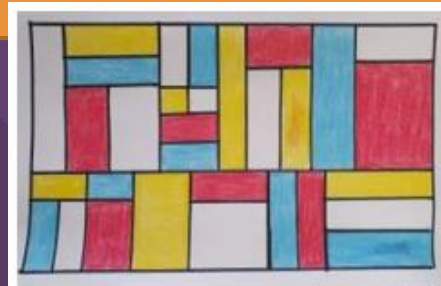
First the yellow wolves
chased the fluffy sheep.
Then the yellow wolves
stopped to howl at the gold moon.
The Little Wolf was howling for too
long and kept looking at the moon.
Next the cheeky moon pulled the
poor Little Wolf into the sky.
Then one wolf saw Little
Wolf hanging on the moon.
The kind wolves tried to help
Little Wolf down.

The playful sheep stopped
them. Next the wolves tried to
climb up the stars to
get Little Wolf down.
But! the stars popped!

Finally the sun came up
and the moon came down.
And Little Wolf came down as
well.

By Samson
McDine, Class
2 cherry

Artwork inspired by the artists
Piet Mondrian and Franz Marc
using primary and secondary
colours



We are so proud of every one of our families who are continuing to juggle the enormous task of home learning and managing to send in work on Google Classrooms. We have just completed 5 weeks of lockdown and really appreciate how difficult it can be to keep up the focus, motivation and energy. No matter how much you feel you have achieved, you are all doing amazingly. Here some wonderful examples of the work that has been handed in. Well done each and everyone of you.

One night some brown
Wolves were chasing a bouncy, white
sheep. Then, the brown wolves
stopped to howl at the bright moon.
Little Wolf got carried away by
the shiny moon while the other
wolves ran away. The big, brown
wolves tried to get to the
wolf down. First they stood on
each others strong shoulders.
It didn't work! Then they
tried bouncing on a
trampoline. It didn't work!
Next they climbed up the
shiny stars. But it didn't
work!
Finally the bright sun
rose and the moon clattered
down. The joyful wolf jumped off.
They all lived happily ever after.

By Jacob Hawking, Class 2 Cherry

Friends of Avanti Park

We hope this message finds you and your families well in these strange and strained times. Never have the first signs of spring been so welcome!

We have some good news to share. The Avanti Park PTFA became a registered charity in early January (registered charity number 1193011). As a charity, the objectives of the new PTFA are to advance the education of the pupils in the school by:

- Developing effective relationship between the staff, parents, and other associated with the school.
- Engaging in activities or providing facilities and/or equipment which support the school and enhance the education of the pupils.

As a newly established charity, we would like to formally introduce ourselves (see below). The PTFA committee members are the official trustees of the charity, and we are working collectively and collaboratively with a wider group of interested parents under the banner of the 'PTFA Working Group'.

Everyone from the wider school community is very welcome to become involved. Please email us if you would like to come to our next working group meeting (Monday, February 22nd, 8pm via Zoom). We would be delighted to see you.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Avanti Park PFTA
avantiparkptfa@gmail.com



Avanti Park PTFA Committee



Rivka Fine

Chair & Trustee with daughter Zelphi in Year 5 Holly



Keir Haines

Treasurer & Trustee, father of Seth in Year 6 and Isla in Year 5 Holly



Grace Hempshall

Secretary & Trustee with Ezra in Year 1 Ash and Jude in Year 3/4 Chestnut



Chris Davies

Ordinary Committee Member & Trustee with Toby in Year 1 Oak and Ben in Year 3/4 Rowan



Rose Hiron-Grimes

Ordinary Committee Member & Trustee with Lilia in Year 5 Holly

PTFA Working Group



Wendy Hubbard

With daughter Murphy in Year 1 Ash



Lucy Goldsack

With Bonnie in Year 1 Oak and Mina in Pine



Tom Zarb-Owen

With daughter Thea in Year 1 Oak



Louise Horsfall

With Ella in Year 3/4 Rowan and Ivy in Maple



Emma Townsend

With Franklin in Year 1 Ash and Bron in Pine



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Online Safety

Do you know the suggested minimum age for Instagram or how to make TikTok safer for children? How do you find trustworthy information about our children's digital world? Common Sense Media has guidance for parents making media and technology choices for their children. The website contains reviews of books, movies, TV, video games, apps and websites and rates them in terms of age-appropriate educational content, positive messages/role models, violence, sex, consumerism, and bad language. It's always a good time to talk to children and young people about on-line safety and find ways to keep in touch with their habits.

Dates for your Diary

February 2021	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week A	1st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th
Week B	8 th	9 th	10 th	11 th	12 th DIGITAL DETOX DAY	13 th	14 th
Week A	15 th HALF TERM	16 th HALF TERM	17 th HALF TERM	18 th HALF TERM	19 th HALF TERM	20 th HALF TERM	21 st HALF TERM
Week B	22 nd INSET DAY	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th

BAD WEATHER NOTICES

If the school is closed due to bad weather, an email will be sent to parents and carers by 8am. You will also be able to check the website for more information.

INSET DAY!!

INSET DAY 22nd FEBRUARY: The school will be closed to all pupils



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FUNDRAISING

One of our Avanti Park Colleagues, Jamie Jackson, is fundraising for Local Charity WHY and is inviting you to get involved.

STORY:

I have been blessed to work with WHY (We Hear You) yet again. This charity is awesome, they are fantastic for the local community and for the wider issues in which they tackle, and which affect us all the world over. They have helped me with bereavement counselling since my mum passed away in 2018. They help with families and individuals who have been through the trauma of fatal illnesses and disease.

I just wanted to ask you to support this great cause. I also wanted to invite you to participate, either in the event or in any training sessions, alongside myself and possibly others. This obviously depends on restrictions and guidance around COVID 19 and would need to strictly adhere to social distancing. This might all change as things develop. As I am fundraising for a local charity I totally understand and support the guidance and practices around social distancing. However that being said this is an outdoor activity on mountain bikes so keeping distance should be no problem, for a multitude of safety reasons... I would not want to ride 2 meters behind you when you decide to slam the anchors on hehehe.

If you are interested please reply to this email and/or either speak to me in person. Thanks for your time!
Let's enjoy the winter mud - ha!

All the best Jamie

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/themtb>



SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING NOW LIVE!

IMPORTANT WASH CARE INSTRUCTIONS

BRIGADE



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

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IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

Place your order before **1st August**
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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

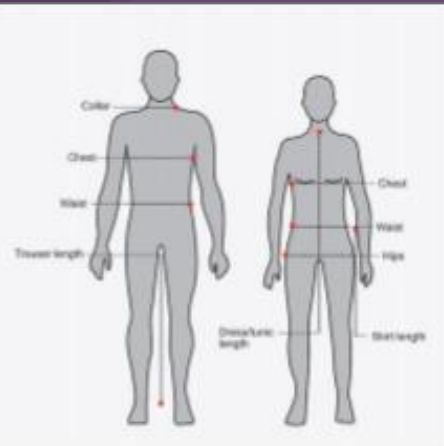
WAIST: Measure around the natural waistline.

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

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TO ALL PUPILS.

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