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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers.

We have had a busy two weeks at Avanti Park. Last Thursday we welcomed almost 50 parents and children to the Reception classrooms for a Teddy Bears Picnic. The event was for prospective Reception starters for September 22. The children were treated to Teddy Bear themed activities as well as a delicious tea prepared by our very talented kitchen team. We have another event coming up in November and so if you know anyone looking for a Reception school place for September then please ask them to get in touch.

Last Friday we had our first focus day of the year. The day was a Global Citizenship Day with a focus on Kindness. The Red Cross ran fantastic virtual workshops which were then followed up in classes using materials from Unicef which covered different children's experiences of education around the world. There was a wonderful buzz around the school and lots of children told me that they now want to work for the Red Cross when they are older!

Lastly we have Open Evening coming up on Thursday 21st of October. The evening will be for any families who are interested in their children coming to Avanti Park School in any year group. Please do spread the word. Our website has all the details.

Have a wonderful week. Abby Atkins SCHOOL CONTACT DETAILS Email: avantipark@avanti.org.uk absence.ap@avanti.org.uk lunches.ap@avanti.org.uk Tel: 01373 832804

Dates for your Diary

On Tuesday the 19th of October (2:30-3:15pm), all parents (EYFS - Year 8) are invited into their child's classroom at 2:30pm to come and see examples of the learning that has taken place over the half-term.

A variety of subject books and other learning will be available to see in each class so that you can sit down with your child and take some time to celebrate their successes. Craft Street Gate will be opened at 2:25pm and we ask that you make your way directly down to your child's classroom.

After spending time in your child's classroom, you will be free to take your child directly from the classroom and exit via Craft Street or Pond Gate. We hope this will provide you will a wonderful opportunity to not only see your child's classroom but also to have time to sit with your child and enjoy reviewing the learning together.

For families with children in different classes and year groups, you will be able to move between classes before leaving. If you are unable to attend, your child will remain in their classroom until 3:15pm as usual and can be collected from outside the classroom as per normal routines.

Open Day for prospective reception parents on 21st October and a virtual open day on 24th November. We are also holding another Teddy Bears Picnic on the 11th Nov for all prospective Reception/Nursery children (Sept 2022 start) Please visit our website using the link below to book a place. https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/



Dates for your Diary

CHOIR

Dear Parents and Carers,

A school choir for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and will be starting on Thursday the 4th of November - straight after school at 3.15, for an hour every week. Our lovely peripatetic singing teacher, Anne Bourne, will be running the club.

We will be learning singing techniques, some wonderful songs and exploring the joys of singing together in two-part harmonies.

The club will be added to Arbor on Friday the 16th of October and there will only be 25 spaces so please sign up quickly to avoid disappointment.

There will be no charge for the choir and collection will be from the pond gate at 4.15.

Kind Regards, Shannon





Attendance and Lateness



Avanti Attendance Expectations

We want our pupils at *Avanti Park School* to enjoy learning, experience success, and realise their full potential.

At *Avanti Park School* we believe that regular and punctual attendance at school is important to ensure that each pupil can take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them.

Pupils who are persistently late or absent soon fall behind with their learning. It can also have a negative impact on the development and maintenance of friendships, which can make school feel more challenging than it should.

We strive for 100% attendance at *Avanti Park School*, the minimum attendance expected is 97%.

- It is the joint responsibility of parents, pupils, and all staff members to ensure that children are attending school as they should be.
- We endeavour to work with families to make sure that any problems, or circumstances which may lead or be leading to poor attendance, are given the right attention and appropriate support.

Our Avanti Park whole school target for Attendance is 97% - 100% Our Whole school Attendance for last week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
90.1%	94.4 %	94.9%	88.9%	89.9%

Please look out for the letter regarding Attendance expectations, the most recent covid guidelines and what to do when a child is unwell.

Please ensure your children are in school on time for registration every day.

All children should arrive for 8:40 a.m. when the gate opens. It is lovely to see the children arriving on time and relaxed. Late arrivals can affect a pupil's welfare adversely. If you are having any difficulties in getting the children to school on time and if you would appreciate support, please do feel free to contact us.

Notices



A very warm welcome to our new families. Welcome Gabriel in Pine Class, Lucy, Arthur and Eloise in Beech class, Harry in Ash class, Scarlett in Sycamore Class, Alma in Chestnut Class and Lyrah in Holly Class.

CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES FROM NHS AND THE GOVERNEMENT

If a student exhibits symptoms or gains a positive Lateral Flow home or school test, please arrange a PCR test at the earliest possible opportunity and immediately contact the school. Here is a reminder of the symptoms:

- A new, persistent cough
- A raised temperature
- A sudden loss of, or change in, taste and/or smell

Children under 18 yrs do not need to isolate unless they have a covid symptom and are waiting for a PCR test, have had a positive lateral flow and are waiting for a PCR test, or you have been advised by track and trace to do so. If your child has a symptom and a PCR test is not possible, please isolate and contact the school as soon as possible.

The Covid helpline 119 can advise you if you are unsure.

Below is a link to the NHS guidance for current times:

https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/coronavirus-in-children/









Star of the week is awarded to children demonstrating our core values. Car Park notice. Please note that the Drop off spaces in the school car park are strictly only for use by families with prior arrangement with the school Please use the pavements when arriving and departing from the school site. Particularly when entering and exiting the school car park



Avanti Park Video

Please find a link below to our wonderful new Avanti Park promotional video. I am sure you will agree it is absolutely fantastic and reflects so much of what is great about our school. Please feel free to share this among your family, friends and the wider community. https://youtu.be/jocPJ4WOq1U



Notices





Years 4, 5 and 6 enjoying their Singing assembly



Ella Mitchell welcoming Barney, Avanti Parks Therapy Dog to the school.

In the classroom



Special Thanks

We are continuing our "Special Thanks" scheme whereby parents, guardians, and carers are able to nominate and recognise staff for their efforts for supporting members in our Avanti community. This scheme was piloted at Avanti Park last year and made a real difference to our staff and their wellbeing.

To nominate a member of staff, please click on the following link:

https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/parents/staffnominations-for-special-thanks/



Stay Safe, Be Well





