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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this edition of the Avanti Park Post. We have had a busy two weeks since the start of this term. The Day of the Dead festival was a huge success and the children engaged beautifully with the meaning behind this. I was unfortunately unwell and so missed it, but I was really touched to see the wonderful pictures and words on the shrine when I returned to school. Thank you to those parents who baked the bread to share as part of the day and thank you to Alison Armstrong, our year 6 and Avanti Way Lead, who arranged and coordinated the whole day.

I hope you have time this week to walk through our poppy remembrance field. Liz Clarke has done a wonderful job preparing this and all the children will have a chance to visit and spend some time reflecting this week.

Have a wonderful weekend

With best wishes

Abby Atkins

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Dates for your Diary



Curriculum Updates:

We will be hosting the second focus day in this year's focusing on 'No Poverty'. The focus day will be taking 26.11.21 with a representative from 'Fair Frome' speaking our pupils in their phase groups. They will explain who are, what Fair Frome does, how they support the local community around us and how we can all work together poverty in all its forms.

To support the local communities, we are asking for food donations from those in our school community who are and able to do so. The food donated will go to the local bank run by Fair Frome and will be a tangible way in pupils can work together to support their local alleviate the struggles of food poverty. We ask that only perishable / long-life food/s are donated. Please send into school with your child where they will then be our donation tables at the entrance of Chantry before donated to Fair Frome.

Communication Updates:

Assessment Workshop for Parents (Virtual)
16.11.21
5:00-6:00pm
Please use the link below:

Click here to join the meeting

Virtual open day for prospective on 24th
November. We are also holding a Teddy
Bears Stay and Play on the 2nd Dec 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/

Attendance and Lateness





Our Whole school Attendance for this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
92%	89.7%	91.1%	88.1%	inset

- As we move into the darker mornings of Autumn and Winter, a little reminder that all children need to arrive into school on time.
- * We have had an increased number of late arrivals recently.
- ① We would be grateful if you would adjust your morning routines and commit to a prompt arrival for your child/children. We understand that on rare occasions, something may happen that means a late arrival. However, this should be rare, and not the norm.
- ✓ Children are expected to be in their class for 8:45, the gate opens at 8:40 a.m. The main gates close at 8.50. It is important that students have a chance to settle in before lessons begin and we also need to minimise the disruption to both classes.

Covid-19

© Thank you for all your efforts to support your children with their regular and consistent school attendance, we are aware it is sometimes easy and sometimes challenging for all sorts of reasons.

If your child has one covid symptom, (raised temperature or persistent cough or loss of taste or smell) please follow the NHS advice:

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

⊕ If your child needs a PCR, there is a walk in, drive in test centre in Frome at top of North Parade. Book online for the test, go for the test at appointment time, and you do the test on your child. Results generally come back in 24 hrs. This is quicker than postal tests.

If you are not sure about whether to send your child in, please do call the Covid helpline on 119.





Yr 7 Trip to Wessex Water Education Centre

Friday 19th November

In Geography we are learning about how humans use natural resources and this visit is relevant to our learning on the hydrosphere and water management.

Cost: The cost of the trip will £12 per student. We are able to support families in receipt of free school meals and the cost will not be a barrier to any student participating so please get in touch if you need support for this. Payments will be made via Arbor.

Departure: From School – Students to arrive as normal at 8:45 AM

Return: Pupils will arrive back in time for 3:15 PM and normal close of school.

Travel: We will travel in a mini-bus driven by Avanti Park staff

What to Bring: Normal School Uniform – Packed lunch and snack – Raincoat

Any Questions please contact Mr Bayew

House keeping & notices



PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILDS UNIFORM

Please, please, please can we remind you to label ALL school items. We are finding lots of 'lost' jumpers that have either no name, or names that have been written in biro which has rubbed off! If using pen please use a permanent marker or order labels

MAKE SDG#1 A REALITY

End poverty in all its forms

For everyone, for good!

Focus Day #2
Avanti Park School
26.11.21



Day of the Dead





















Shoebox Appeal

Avanti Park are supporting FSCI by asking families to put together a shoebox for a child who is suffering from poverty. Leaflets have been sent home with your children but visit CLICK HERE for more details.

Please bring your boxes to school by 22nd NOV



Cancer Counselling

We raised a fantastic £168 as part of our non-uniform day for local Charity We Hear You. Your kind donations will help support families who have been affected by life limiting conditions. Thank you to everyone who took part.



Over £400 was raised in the recent PTFA Bake and Book sale! Thank you to everyone who, baked goods, donated and helped on the day





Flavour School Programme





Govinda's is organising the Flavour School programme in all Avanti primary schools



Who is it for?

Reception and Key Stage 1



About the programme



A programme of sensory food education lessons for children.

All about exploring food and flavour through the five senses: sight, touch, smell, hearing and taste.



The aim is to increase children's curiosity, confidence and willingness to try new foods.

Grow familiarity and liking for healthy foods through firsthand sensory experiences with real live produce.





Build vocabulary, and support children to describe and share their sensory experiences in conversation

Find pleasure and joy in food and flavour sensations.



1. No one has to try anything if they don't want to



We'd really appreciate your help to spread the word about this programme and share photos or evidence of the flavour school activities that you do with your child at home (materials to be sent

THANK YOU



Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child is having some sessions of a new kind of food education this term called Flavour school programme, organised by our school catering company Govinda's.

This is based on a system of food education called Sapere. The idea is to help children:

- Have positive experiences with vegetables and fruits.
- Get to know their own senses and learn to 'try' foods with all five senses.
- Increase the variety of the foods they can name and want to eat.
- Be brave about trying new foods (but also to know it is fine not to like them).
- Learn that food is something sociable and fun that can be shared with friends.

The programme involves a number of different exercises which help the children become confident with new vegetables. We may also be doing experiments with smelling foods and touching vegetables and fruits hidden in the bottom of socks/ containers/blindfolded. We hope that by the end of this course of lessons, your children will become more open to exploring new foods at home as well. The lessons involve direct contact with a number of fresh ingredients, almost all of which are vegetables or fruits.

I will send out more information for parents, as we start with our sessions. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Happy to help \odot Thanks for all your help & enthusiasm.

Have a lovely day. Arpita Jain, **Nutritionist and Trainer** (Govinda's Ltd., Avanti Schools Trust)



Mayor's Christmas Card Competition 2021 Guideline Sheet

- Open in children up to the age of re-
- This year the card will be serie card.
- It should be As, in size (just fold an Az sheet in held).
- It must be your own original image
- Please use colours (be as creative as you dare!)
- Theme "Empowerment"
- What does empowerment look like to you? This could mean standing up for what is right, activismilie, supporting the environment, standing up to bullies, standing alongside the LBGQT+ community or standing against racism. The choice is yours.
- Dan't torget to make it Che'stmassy
- We can only accept entries from children if they either live in Frome or go to school in.

 Thomaso those children who five in surrounding parishes such as Nunney or Backington can only enter if they attend school in Frome.

There will be prizes for 1st, and and 3st places

Closing date for entries is Monday 22 November

Please remember to write the name of the child, their age, address and the name of the school on the back of each entry.

Please send your entries to:

Mayor's Christmas Card Competition Frome Town Hall Christchurch Street West Frome BALLIFB

We hope to be able to display after thies the Town Hall in Depember, Unfortunately, no entries can be returned.

If you would like any further information please contact Laura Flaherty, Executive Assistant to the Town Clerk and Mayor at Frome Town Council - <u>Maherty Whome, owncouncil, gov.uk</u> or p1373 475572



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







