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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to the penultimate Avanti Park Post of the year!

Thank you for your generous donations to support both Fair Frome and the Shoe Box Appeal. We had almost 40 boxes which will be distributed locally and nationally to children who wouldn't otherwise have gifts at Christmas. Today we had a focus day which was centred around 'no more poverty' and the UN rights of every child to have their basic needs met. To help the children understand this we had a virtual visit from Fair Frome who spent time explaining to our children about the work they do. Please do talk to your children about what they learnt during the focus day today.

On a slightly different note please can I make a plea that you try very hard to get your children to school on time. The gate is open between 8.40 and 8.50 giving you plenty of time to get your children to their classes ready for the start of the day. Children who are late often struggle to settle and so they have a stressful start to the day. There is also a knock on effect on the rest of the class when they are interrupted by late comers. There are occasions when things go wrong and so one off lateness is unavoidable, however, we have some children who are late consistently. If you feel you need additional support then we are happy to help and so please contact the office. Thank you for your help.

MESSAGE FROM THE

PRINCIPAL

Have a lovely weekend

With best wishes

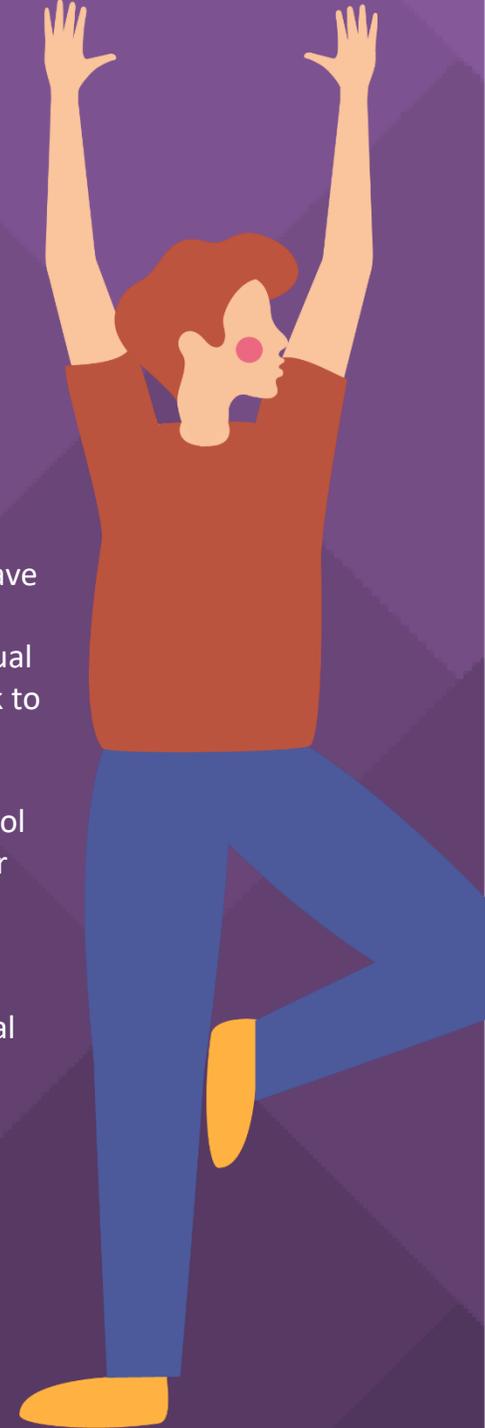
Abby Atkins, Principal

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Dates for your Diary



For more information about key dates and events coming up, please go to our school website:

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/curriculum/calendars/>

Christmas jumper day

We invite students and staff at Avanti Park to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper on **Wednesday 15th December** for a suggested donation of £1, with all proceeds going to Fair Frome.



Festival of Light (supported by the PTFA)

Friday 10th December (see relevant page in this newsletter for more details)

School Inclusion Workshop

On **Tuesday 30th November** our SENDCo Jen McMillan will be giving a presentation on the type of ways we focus on inclusion at Avanti School and then be taking questions. Click the following link to book your place

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inclusion-workshop-tickets-212390534807>

Christmas lunch at Avanti Park on Wednesday 15th December.

If your child is already booked for a hot dinner (either option 1 or option 2) on the 15th December then they will automatically receive a Xmas dinner. If your child is not booked for a hot lunch on the 15th and you would like them to have Xmas dinner then please email avantipark@avanti.org.uk no later than **FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER** to book. There is also an option of Jacket potato available on this day.

CHRISTMAS DINNER MENU:

Lentil and Tomato Roast
Mini Sausage Rolls
Cauliflower Cheese
Roast Potatoes, Parsnips and Carrots.
Broccoli, Peas and Gravy.

Vanilla Ice-cream with Chocolate Sauce
Exotic Fruits

A Warm Welcome

We would like to wish a very warm welcome to our new families that have joined Avanti Park over the last couple of weeks. We have Louis in Sycamore Class, Indi in year 7, Tom in Holly Class, Gryff in Chestnut Class and Nel in Cedar Class. We are delighted to welcome you into the Avanti Park Community.



Introducing our Deputy Principal from January 2022



My name is Sakara Vitellaro and I am very much looking forward to joining Avanti Park School as the Deputy Principal.

I completed my undergraduate degree in Primary Education (BA Hons), specialising in fine art, at UWE in Bristol before returning to my hometown of Slough where I have been Assistant Principal for the last five years leading teaching and learning, English and Maths.

I love my role as a school leader but I am excited to get into the classrooms and work with the children: it is a special thing to help children to grow and prepare for their futures. Last year, I was honoured to be selected from many nominations as a silver winner for the Pearson's UK Primary School Teacher of the Year which I am extremely grateful for.

In my spare time, I enjoy activities that allow me to be creative: painting, drawing, embroidery, baking and looking after my many houseplants!

A Fond Farewell



Many of you will know Kathryn Mason and will have had contact with her through her role in the admin team at the school. I know she has supported many families in the last year through her work with attendance and also prior to that through her daily interactions with parents and pupils. Kathryn has decided the time is right for her to move on from Avanti Park and take up new challenges.

She will be hugely missed by staff, parents and pupils and I know that you will join with me in wishing her lots of luck in whatever direction her future holds. Her last day at work was on Friday 19th November.

From Kathryn: 'Since joining the school as a staff member I have learnt much about myself, about the children and about how precious it is to work alongside others who are steeped in creativity, service to others and mature purposefulness. I shall particularly miss working with the amazing Admin team and will continue to hold dear the friendships that have grown up between us during the past 6 years. I have valued witnessing our children grow, traversing the challenges and privileges of being human, at times falling, often rising and ever changing.

While I am leaving the staff team, I continue as a parent in our school community, I have a daughter in the school and I hope to join the many other parents at the school gates day to day. With much appreciation, Kathryn.'

The whole of the admin team will miss Kathryn hugely, she has been a wonderful person to work with, kind, patient, highly skilled, funny and warm and she has become a good friend. We are all hoping that whatever comes next is wonderful :) Thank you for all you have given the school Kathryn.



Maple:
Dahli

Pine:
Eva

Cherry:
Jaxon

EYFS/KS1
Craft:
Solomon

EYFS/KS1
PE:
Fenner

KS2
Yoga:
Amelie
W

Ash:
Franklin

Oak:
Arno

Chestnut:
Kyan &
Sarah

Cedar:
Leo.W

EYFS/KS1
Yoga:
Ivy Z.

KS2 PE:
Sam.G

Beech:
Rosie

Holly:
Ellie

Sycamore:
Louis

Rowan:
Griff &
Mia

Star of the Week

W/C 15/11

Avanti Park School

Year 8:
Felix

Year 7:
Tallis

KS2
Craft:
Rudi L.

Maple:
Milah

Pine:
Odetta

Cherry:
Thea

EYFS/KS1
Craft:
Wren T.

EYFS/KS1
PE:
Mylo A-C

KS2
Yoga:
Kyan &
Caelan

Ash:
Theo

Oak:
Zephyrus

Chestnut:
Rudi &
Caelan

Cedar:
Asha

EYFS/KS1
Yoga:
Marco P.

KS2 PE:
Alma

Beech:
Mylo
A-C.

Holly:
Tia

Sycamore:
Lucia

Rowan:
Tias &
Asha

Star of the Week

W/C 22/11

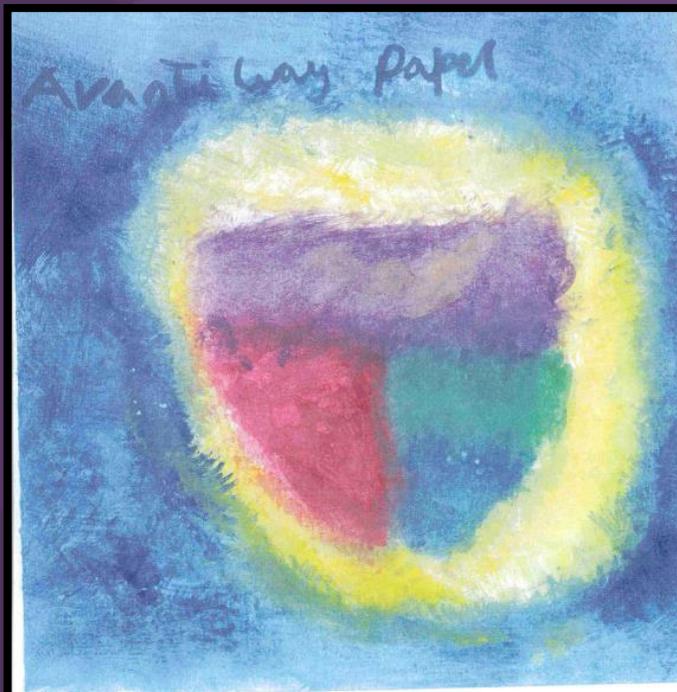
Year 8:
Gethen

Year 7:
Akyra

KS2
Craft:
Louis W.

Avanti Park School

School Newspaper



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Page 8: comic strip

A group of students from years 7 and 8 have decided that they would like to produce a school newspaper.

They have come up with an extraordinary variety of ideas, from staff interviews to comic strips; from Parent Association news to an animal corner.

Their proposal is to publish fortnightly on A3 paper so that it can be displayed in classrooms, with an initial print run of just 20.

The first issue was released today (Friday 16th November), with a pre-Christmas issue on Friday 10th December.

Issue 1 of Avanti Way Paper

Editorial Team

- Talis: news/events/diary
- Florence: gossip and teacher of the week
- Florie: front page ,what's in the news and comic strip
- Arwen: games and comic strip
- Sofia: games and editorial page
- Millie: music lessons and after school clubs.

Thank you to everybody that helped make the first issue of the Avanti way paper!

House keeping & notices



Current Job vacancies at Avanti Park:

Casual Cover Supervisor:

We are looking for an innovative, inspirational Cover Supervisor who puts the welfare and progress of children at the centre of everything they do and are able to support our students in reaching their full potential.

Click [here](#) to see the full advertisement and job description.

COVID19 GUIDANCE FOR PARENTS

Do not send your child to their nursery, child-minder, school, college or to an entry test for a selective school if:

- They are showing one or more coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms.
 - They have had a positive test result
- There are other reasons requiring them to stay at home, for example, they are required to quarantine, or they are awaiting their PCR result after a positive lateral flow test.

You should follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do. Please call the Covid helpline by dialling 119 for information and advice.

Please report all absences to the school by sending an email to

absence.ap@avanti.org.uk

If you yourself have symptoms and/or a positive test then please do not enter the school site at drop off/pick up. Please call the office on 01373 862804 if you need advice on how to manage school drop off's.

Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan

Please see below a copy of the school *Traffic and Pedestrian Management Plan* details of which have been in place since the school first opened in Frome in September 2014. Please can we ask all parents to read this carefully. Many thanks, the Avanti Park Health & Safety Team.

TRAFFIC AND PEDESTRIAN MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pedestrian Movement:

We ask all parents to ensure their children walk, cycle or scoot to school where possible.

Parents, pupils, and staff are asked to use the pavements and to be thoughtful about other pedestrians' using Park Road.

Pupils on scooters and bikes are requested to walk their bikes once they reach the boundaries of the school, at the main school entrance and down the school road to the pond gate.

There are several stone and brick walls bordering the school grounds including a low wall on the edge of the neighbouring Christchurch Parish Hall. We request that parents do not let their children walk along these walls as we cannot guarantee their safety.

No pedestrians to walk to or from the pond gate through the car park

Vehicle Movement:

As a school community our aim is to limit vehicles entering Park Road as it is a no through road and there is very limited parking on the road. We request that parents driving from a distance to the school park in one of the local car parks or in the surrounding area and walk their children into school.

Limiting vehicle movement is important for:

- Safety of pupils and parents
- Safety of other pedestrians and Park users
- Being good neighbours to people who live and work on Park Road
- Vehicle use of the Car Park:

There is no drop off parking at the school site for parents except by special arrangement.

There are four drop off spaces and three disabled spaces that are for the use of pupils with access needs and these spaces need to be arranged with either the school Business manager or the school SENDCo

There is a one-way system in place in the car park and all vehicles will enter via the top entrance

All vehicles to drive at a maximum speed of 5mph

The car park will be assessed for safety in conditions of ice and snow and may on occasion be closed by the Health & Safety team in order to keep staff, pupils, and parents safe.

No vehicles will be allowed on site during the school day unless accompanied by two members of the Site and Health & Safety Team.

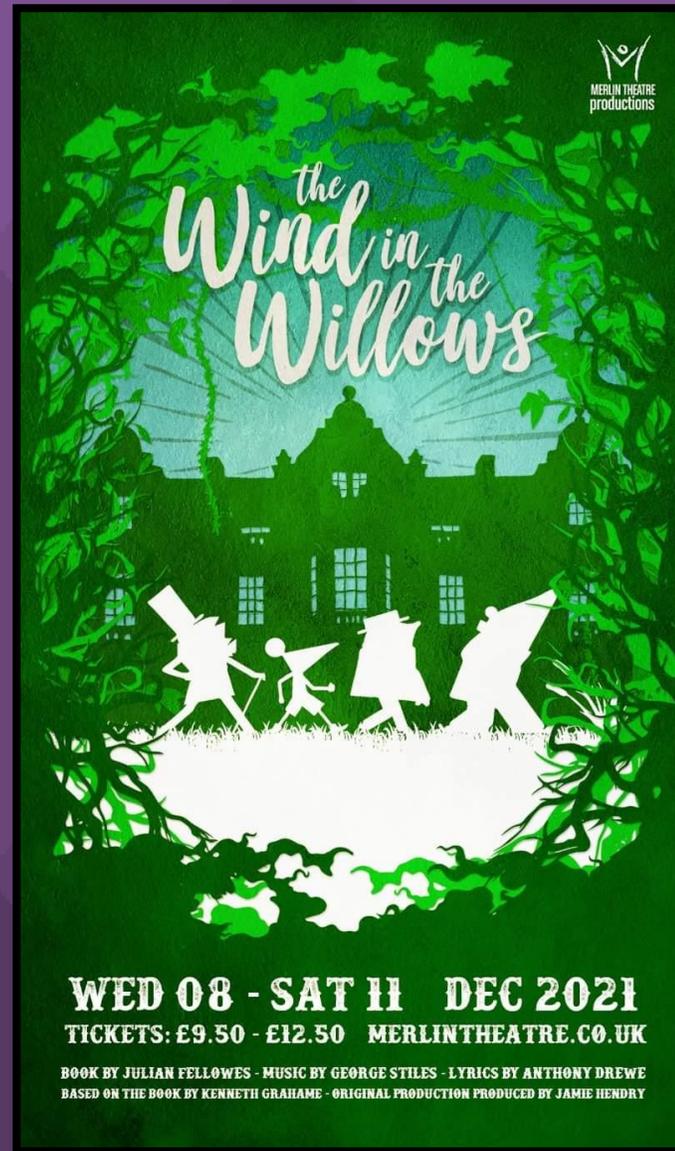


We've won a prize!

Last term, we had an amazing Sustainable travel day with two special visitors-Mojo Moves and Emma from the town council with her special human-powered smoothie bike. This week I had another email from Emma and I was really excited about it because the word 'prize' was in the first part of the email.

Emma made a list of all the sustainable journeys taken by the schools in Frome during that week and we did so well that we have been given a free voucher so that Mojo Moves can visit us again. Mojo Moves will be back with us on the 15th December for some festive fun. Not only that, we have also been given an oak tree to plant in our grounds.

Well done to all of you for making a difference to the air in Frome and also your own fitness by getting to school through human power!



From the PTFA



Dear Parents, Carers, Teachers and Friends,

The Avanti Park PTFA warmly invite you to and give notice of our Annual General Meeting, which will take place via Zoom at 8pm on **Monday December 13th** 2021.

The Avanti Park PTFA is the school's Parents, Teachers and Friends Association. We play an important part in our school community. There are three strands to what we do:
Working closely with the school community to strengthen relationships between staff, parents and the wider community of Frome.

Organising fundraising activities and community gathering events.

Donating the money we raise to fund activities, facilities and equipment that will enrich the education and wellbeing of the children at the school.

Every parent and school staff member is automatically already a member of the Avanti Park PTFA, and you are all very welcome to join the meeting.

The AGM is particularly important this year, as we are looking to recruit new members to the PTFA committee.

During the AGM zoom meeting we will:

Circulate and approve the minutes of the previous AGM and July's EGM

Report back on any matters arising from the previous AGM and EGM

Report back on PTFA activities over the last 12 months (Chair's Report)

Report back on the charity's bank balance, money raised, the costs incurred, funds donated (Treasurer's Report)

Appoint an Independent Examiner

Elect PTFA Officers for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

Elect Ordinary Committee Members who will formally represent the PTFA

Discuss any other related AGM business

If you are interested in joining us at the AGM to vote in the new committee for the next year, please let us know by sending an email to avantiparkptfa@gmail.com. We will then contact you a week before the meeting on **Monday December 6th** with a Zoom link to the AGM, an agenda and the draft minutes of the previous AGM and EGM.

If you are interested in standing for any of the Officer roles, or as an Ordinary Committee Member, please complete the attached form and email your nomination to avantiparkptfa@gmail.com no later than **Friday December 3rd**.

If you would like to receive more information about what the different elected roles involve, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will send you more information. The PTFA is a registered charity, therefore all elected officers and committee members will become Trustees of the Charity. Before submitting your nomination form, please read the Charity Commission publication 'The Essential Trustee – What you need to know (CC3)'. A copy of the booklet can be found on the Charity Commission website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-essential-trustee-what-you-need-to-know-cc3>

The last 12 months have been an eventful and successful year for the PTFA, and the intention going forward is to build on this success by growing our fundraising income and our support for the school.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Warm wishes,

The Avanti Park PTFA

Midwinter Festival of Light (supported by the Avanti Park PTFA)

“...and don't think the garden loses its magic in the winter. It's quiet, but the roots are down there beneath the cold surface”

Festivals of light are celebrated at the darkest part of the year across many cultures, with communities coming together to reflect on what makes us strong and resilient as we journey into the dark winter months, looking forward to the sun coming back.

The children will be decorating their classrooms with greenery and there will be craft projects, stories, songs, outdoor activities, and games – ending with the children adding to a glowing mandala on the floor of the school hall.

The PTFA are inviting parents to get involved by:

- Foliage: bringing in winter foliage, acorns, pine cones, sticks, etc. (from Monday 6th December)
- Baking: we need 20-30 items per class, recipes such as spiced gingerbread or apple cake
- In-person volunteers needed: to help coordinate foliage drop-off and set-up/clear-up main hall

To volunteer for any of the above, contact your PTFA class rep OR email the PTFA:
avantiparkptfa@gmail.com



Festival of Light

Fair Frome

As part of our Global Citizenship Focus Day – No Poverty, Avanti Park pupils, carers and staff have donated 190 food and toiletry items to Fair Frome. Your kind donations will help local families in need this Christmas. Thank you for your kind and thoughtful donations.



FSCI Shoebox Appeal

A huge thank you to everyone who donated a shoebox for the FSCI shoebox appeal. Everyone loves to receive a present at Christmas. But for many vulnerable children and families in Southeast Europe Christmas serves as a reminder of their isolation and poverty. By supporting FSCI's Christmas box appeal you will help to spread joy to thousands of people, fight poverty and prevent modern slavery.

Special Thanks



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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/staff-nominations-for-special-thanks/>



Stay Safe, Be Well



Right of the week:

Article 29 (goals of education). Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment



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