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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers

Welcome to our final Avanti School Post of the year. Friday saw our first PTFA festival of the year. This was a winter festival of light. Children made lanterns, decorated classrooms with greenery, planted bulbs, made animal shelters, ate ginger bread, sang, played games, learnt poetry and generally had a wonderful time bringing light into the winter darkness. A huge thank you in particular to the PTFA and Alison Armstrong who spent hours working together to create this new school tradition. We will repeat the festival each year and so from this starting point it will grow and evolve each year.

We start the run up to Christmas in earnest this week. We have school performances, Christmas lunch and class parties to look forward to. I would also like us all to take a moment to think about those in our school community who have lost loved ones this year or who are facing other difficulties in their families. This time of year can be particularly difficult and we send our love to all those who are facing a difficult few weeks.

I hope everyone is able to spend time with friends and family this Christmas.

With best wishes to you all

Abby Atkins



Dates for the diary

LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL
THURS 16th
DEC



Christmas jumper
day: Wednesday
15th December

Weds the 15th of December:

- Christmas Jumper Day (please bring in a £1 for the *Fair Frome* charity if you are wearing a jumper (**Christmas Jumper Day is still a school uniform day**))
- Christmas Dinner in the Hall
- Mojo Moves coming in to school
- Reception Christmas Performance - 11.30 (online)

[Click here to join the Meeting](#)

KS1 Christmas Performance - 10.00 (online)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Year 6 concert at 2.45pm (online)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

- **Deadline for lunch choices to be filled in by 10pm 15th December - links for lunch forms below:**

Reception Lunch Form Link:

<https://avanti.wufoo.com/forms/k1c7zih31d68cgz/>

Yr 1 - 8 Lunch Form Link: <https://avanti.wufoo.com/forms/kggzrr60pfhm0e/>

Thurs the 16th of December:

🎄 ☆ The last day of term - school will end at 15:15 (normal time)

Christmas lunch 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

Maple:
Ivy

Pine:
Ewan

Cherry:
Ayanna
O-M

EYFS/KS
1 Craft:
Ewan

EYFS/KS
1 PE:
Wren T.

KS2
Yoga:
Herbie

Ash:
Aylin

Oak:
Evie G.

Chestnut
Poppy &
Josh

Cedar:
Cosmo
B

EYFS/KS
1 Yoga:
Gabriel

KS2 PE:
Fin G

Beech:
Ivy

Holly:
Poppy
H

Sycamore
Sylva &
Alba

Rowan:
Alessia

Star of the Week
W/C 03/12

Year 8:
Emily

Year 7:
Freddie

KS2
Craft:
Kyle

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Maple:
Marco

Pine:
Elodie

Cherry:
Samson

EYFS/KS
1 Craft:
Zidane

EYFS/KS
1 PE:
N/A

KS2
Yoga:
Tom C

Ash:
Roman

Oak:
Leia

Chestnut
Sunny

Cedar:
Oscar

EYFS/KS
1 Yoga:
Ruben

KS2 PE:
N/A

Beech:
Asher

Holly:
Zac

Sycamore
Verity

Rowan:
Karma
&
Jacob

Year 8:
Samaya

Year 7:
Indianna

KS2
Craft:
Eve

Star of the Week
W/C 10/12

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Awards

Excellent Student Awards

These awards are given to pupils in Year 7 and 8 who have achieved either good or excellent for their 'attitude to learning' in every subject on their end of term report. This is a huge achievement as it shows that these students are putting a huge amount of effort into their learning every day.

The students who have achieved the award this term are:

Year 8:

Felix
Laurie
Thomas
Oren
Samaya

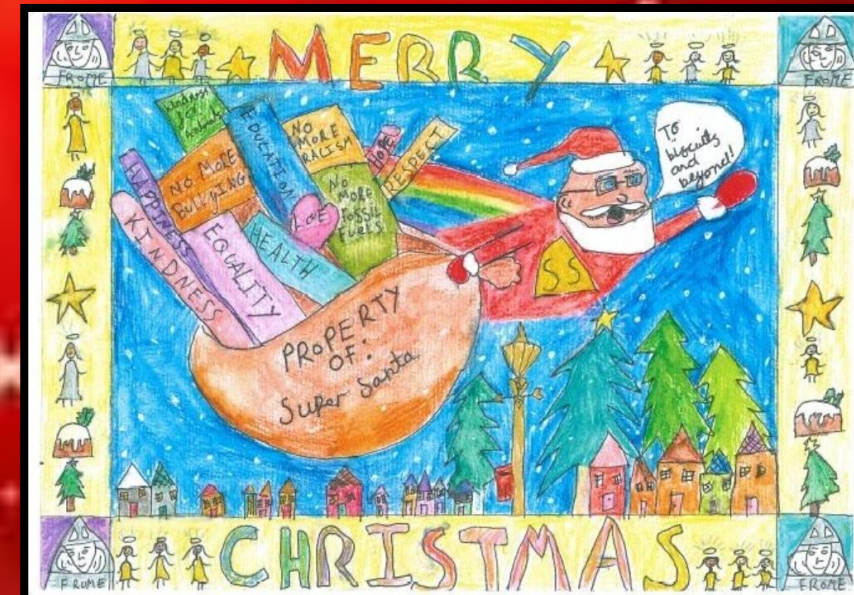
Year 7:

Millie
Tallis
Rishi
Freddie

Mayors Christmas Card Competition

We are delighted to announce that Sylva – Rose Yeoman Mills has won the Mayor's Christmas card competition for 2021. Her design will be turned into an E-card to wish all a Merry Christmas from Frome Town Council.

In addition, Greta Gorksel was third runner up and Aylin Gorksel was highly commended.



Festival of Light



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 decorated their classrooms with greenery and participated in craft projects, stories, songs, outdoor activities, and games – ending with the children adding to a glowing mandala on the floor of the school hall.



Author Visit



We were very fortunate to welcome author Tessa Yates, from the Happy Book Company back to the school, to introduce her new book 'Geoffrey Rides a Bicycle' and explore authorship and illustration of books, including a drawing session.

Tessa's visits are always much enjoyed by the students.



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School News



A company called Stand Against Violence visited the school to deliver a workshop for Students in years 7 & 8 about Street First Aid. The workshop aimed to provide students with basic first aid skills, such as CPR. They also learned how to deal with bleeding, seizures and shock, and what to do if a person is unconscious. This was a really enjoyable and informative session and the students thoroughly enjoyed the visit.

Mrs Alwen completed her advanced yoga teacher mindfulness for children training over the summer and Yoga club had fun trying out mindfulness activities, including breathing, visualisations and mindful crafts. This half term we have been working on arm balancing, building the strength and techniques required for handstands and headstands.

Next term yoga club focus will be happy healthy me - a body positivity class for boys and girls.

Yoga club is open to all in Y7 or Y8 and runs on Tuesdays 3.30- 4.15. book via Arbor.





Absences:

Please try and arrange medical/dental appointments for your children outside of school hours wherever possible. Where this has not been possible, please send your proof of appointment (appointment letter/ email/screenshot of text/photo of appointment card etc) to absence.ap@avanti.org.uk in order for us to process the absence.

 **Avanti Park PTFA**
30 Nov at 19:34 · 🌐

[Ryan's Christmas Tree Farm](#) donated a gorgeous 8ft tree to our [Avanti Park School](#) today. This is the second year running that Ryan has donated a tree to Avanti from his lovely farm. Twenty-one year old Ryan planted his first tree at 9 years old. He now grows 12,000 trees in Dean, near Frome. He is concurrently funding himself through an electrical apprenticeship. You can choose a potted or cut tree and even tag a tree in his field to be cut closer to Christmas time. 🌲



More festive cheer, courtesy of [Homebase](#) who've donated a beauty of an 8ft tree. The team were quick to say 'yes' to their second year of supporting [Avanti Park School](#). Definitely feeling the love for our local [Homebase](#) branch here in Frome. 🌲 ❤️



Vacancies

JOB VACANCY

we are looking to recruit a Kitchen Assistant at Avanti Park for 12-15 hours a week 4 days a week

Here is a link to the advert:

<http://avanti.org.uk/careers/2021/03/30/general-assistant-govindas-aps/>

Please note the hours in the link are incorrect but Govindas have confirmed that the post is for 12-15 hours a week.

Please send your C.V to amber.wagstaff-sommer@govindas.com if you wish to apply!



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Teaching Assistant

School: Avanti Park School

Location: Frome, Somerset

Contract Type: Part-time (19.5 hours), term-time only

Contract Term: Permanent

Salary: Grade 2, P3-4 – £18,231 – £18,402 FTE (actual salary is £7,999 – £8,074 (0.4387 FTE))

Closing [...]

Click on the link for the full advert
<http://avanti.org.uk/careers/2021/12/03/teaching-assistant-aps-dec21/>

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.

Pedestrians to walk to and from the pond gate via the footpath at the side of the school building and are reminded not to walk 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.

Merry Christmas from us all at Avanti Park

Right of the Week

Article 14 – Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and also to practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights.

Would you like to see your child featured in the Avanti Park Post? Please complete the photo consents on the [Arbor Parent Portal](#) to enable us to use your child's pictures



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