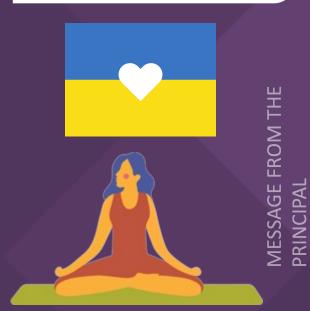


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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

Well, it feels like Spring is finally here. The school grounds look really colourful with daffodils and crocus's and there are loads of frogs laying frog spawn in the pond. There is even warmth in the sunshine!

I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents who came to our first open classroom this year. The children were so excited to show your their work and their classrooms. It was lovely to see their pride in what they have achieved in the last few months. We know that it isn't possible for all parents to attend due to work commitments. We make sure we allocate a TA to any child without a parent in attendance so they feel special too. If you are one of those working parents please arrange a time with the class teacher when you can come in and share the learning with your child.

NUT FREE SCHOO

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your support with the Covid 1 day closure. Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

With best wishes

Abby Atkins





Notices



AvanTea & Play: weekly on Tuesdays 9 - 10:30am, Frome Town Hall Café

AvanTea & Play is a new coffee morning in the cafe space at the Town Hall. Created by a group of parents, it's a weekly drop-in event for Avanti parents and prospective parents to come with or without their pre-schoolers. £2-3 suggested donation to cover hall hire and refreshments. As with any social gathering, lateral flow testing is recommended.



TUESDAYS IN TERM TIME 9-10.30AM FROME TOWN HALL CAFE SPACE



A weekly coffee morning for catching up while the kids play. For parents/carers of Avanti Park kids, current and prospective. Suggested donation £2/ £3

WELCOME

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families that have joined Avanti Park over the last couple of weeks. Xavier Jones-Joseph, Zachary Butt, Scarlett Jones, River Haylett, Isabella Sturdy, Nora Wagstaff-Sommer, Mollie-Ann Mayo, Rita Vellacott, Islarose Bird and Will Tayler. We hope you have a wonderful time at Avanti Park.

Notices



Earthwise Easter Holiday Club

11th & 12th April, 10am-3pm each day Field 725, Wanstrow

Two days of fun and adventure for 5-8 year olds (older siblings welcome) in a beautiful woodland with stream in Wanstrow (just 5 miles out of Frome).

Click here for more info and to book a place



PROMETHEUS INTER-COUNTY TOURNAMENT

Do you want to challenge your neighbour county to a game of Prometheus? Join us for an afternoon of fun, pitching Somerset and Wiltshire players against each other. Two Prometheus deluxe editions to be won, each worth £295 and 10 Prometheus mainstream sets for the runner ups! £100 will be donated to the county team winner, local charity of choice.



MONDAY 11TH APRIL 4PM-8PM AT THE CHEESE AND GRAIN, FROME BA11 1BE

www.prometheusconcept.com

Red Nose Day





In the classroom









Barney the school therapy dog taking it easy!

In the classroom



This week, Year 6 had a very interesting visitor called Penny. Penny is an archaeologist and has travelled extensively around Mexico. She was able to share her experiences and photographs from her travels. We had an amazing day with all sorts of activities including creating zoomorphic pottery out of clay and finding out all about the Maya number system. Penny also works as an archaeologist and she led a fascinating session where we sieved soil and found all manner of tiny treasures. We finished the afternoon with a Maya style dance, wearing masks that we made earlier in the week. We got lots of ideas for our dance by watching a video of traditional Mayan dancing preformed recently. We found out that there are still Maya living in and around the Yucatan peninsula (Mexico) as well as across the world. The Ancient Maya lived between 2000BC and 1500AD but their tradititions live on!





In the classroom





Fire Safety talk

From the PTFA

PTFA Happenings:

Enhancing & supporting our children's learning experience

Bake Sale for Ukraine: Friday 1 April

3-4pm: Honouring our focus day for 'Peace', students and parents will be helping at this sale, raising funds for the Ukraine

Volunteer bakers & sellers needed. Drop off cakes in the morning at the PTFA room. Sale 3-4pm. Cash preferred, but card accepted too. Contact PTFA: <u>avantiptfa@gmail.com</u> to help sell on either day.

Calling Sycamore class: we are looking for a new PTFA Class Rep!

Class representatives are so important – helping us spread the word of PTFA happenings among your class. It's a small time commitment that has a huge impact. We'd love to have Sycamore join the fun: <u>avantiptfa@gmail.com</u>

BAKE SALE

Planting a bee-friendly corridor at Avanti with our neighbouring Church.

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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.



Special Thanks

We are continuing our "Special Thanks" scheme in to the new year 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



DON'T BIN YOUR BULBS DONATE THEM We'll re-wild spring bulbs FOR 2023

Daffodils, Tête à Tête, Narcissae Hyacinths, Crocuses



<u>Right of the week</u>

Article 17 (access to information from mass media) Every child has the right to reliable information from the mass media. Television, radio, newspapers and other media should provide information that children can understand. Governments must help protect children from materials that could harm them.



