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# **The Avanti Park Post**

Dear parents and carers,

Well what a term that was! The Covid wave hit us and I'm happy we survived huge staff and pupil absence. Thank you for your support with our school closure, this really did the trick and lowered our absence considerably. We were then able to go ahead as planned with the year 6 performance on Wednesday afternoon. Parents and staff were treated to a wonderful singing and a dance performance. The pupils along with Marie Watts and Alison Armstrong had practiced hard and this was evident in the way the pupils performed with confidence and enthusiasm.

I hope you have a wonderful break and manage to spend time with friend and family. The summer term starts on Monday April 25<sup>th</sup> and so we will see you all then.

With best wishes

**Abby Atkins** 



ADDITIONAL INSET DAY!!

NOTE: Thursday 9th June

Has been reinstated as

an Inset Day.





# **Principals Award**



Evie





Herbie

Max W

## **Notices**





The Craft Teacher, Ms Riley, has put out a request for the donation of old newspapers. She is planning to do papier mache with the students next term if we receive enough newspaper. Please bring your donations to the school office.



Certificate for Excellent Safety
Management Practices. A big thank you
to Shannon and Shane for all your hard
work!'

'The school has achieved it's Safety Mark

### WELCOME

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to our new families who have joined Avanti Park over the last couple of weeks. Loki Woodbury and Ella Casey. We hope you have a wonderful time at Avanti Park.

#### SUPPORTING SAFETY EXCELLENCE IN SCHOOLS

This SwetyMARK certificate is presented to:

Avanti Park Frome

In recognition that the school has demonstrated excellent safety management practices and procedures as evidenced by a comprehensive health and safety audit.



Justin Smith, Managing Director

This certificate is valid until 17<sup>th</sup> November 2022





### **Notices**



### P.E. Kit Summer Term

Next term, all children will be partaking in Athletics in P.E. lessons. This will comprise of running, jumping and throwing techniques. Therefore, it is especially important all children in KS2 (year 3 to 6 inclusive) have trainers in school for every lesson. KS1 may wear daps or trainers.

The rest of the kit requirements are below:

### **PE Kit requirements:**

- · A pair of blue shorts suitable for P.E.
- · Navy Jogging bottoms
- · A plain white T shirt this MUST be different to their collared shirt they wear in classroom lessons
- · Trainers (From Year 3 upwards) Plimsols (Reception to year 2)
- · A warm top in winter months

Please take the time over the Easter Holidays to top up any missing kit/check your child's foot wear is suitable. P.E. will take place both indoors and outdoors. A water bottle is required EVERY lesson, especially as the weather becomes warmer.

Mrs Watts. Lower School P.E.





## In the classroom









As part of their home learning linked to the history topic on The Maya, Rose designed her own chocolate bar. She made the chocolate and designed and made the packaging; and Zac created a 3D model, out of cardboard, of El Castillo, one of the temples at the Maya city of Chichen Itza.



Jaxon Walsh with his beautiful RE work

## In the classroom











All of the students at Avanti Park made doves in their classrooms as an end of term activity and to raise awareness for peace for Ukraine.

## In the classroom







Year 6 performance - dance



Year 6 performance - singing



Year 3 visited Christchurch as part of their Science lesson to study the effect of erosion on the grave stones. Mrs Atkins made a welcome addition to the class.

# **Ukrainian Bake Sale**









## **School Streets**





School Streets welcomes comments on draft design:

Following the gathering of feedback from residents last year, Frome's School Streets is encouraging thoughts on the next stage of the project which aims to encourage active travel to school in order to lower congestion and air pollution and make the roads safer for those walking and cycling.

Frome Town Council has worked closely with active travel charity Sustrans to involve the community in the

design of the project around Trinity, Critchill, Oakfield and Avanti Park schools and Bright Stars nursery.

Residents will be able to view the new draft design and share comments, online or in person, from the 4th April – 4th May. To find out when and where you can see and comment on the designs or find out more about the whole School Streets project, head to <a href="https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/school-streets">www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/school-streets</a>
The Schools Streets project is funded by Somerset County Council as part of their Emergency Active Travel Fund.



## **Uniform orders for September**





### **IMPORTANT WASH CARE INSTRUCTIONS**



**Order Your School Uniform Online** 

IMPORTANT

**SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER** 

INFORMATION

Place your order before 22nd July

for delivery before the start of term





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Always refer to your garment care label to ensure that your uniform looks as good as new for as long as possible. We produce tough, hardwearing uniform, however it is important that you follow the care labels correctly to ensure you get the best out of your purchase.

- Turn garments inside out to wash and dry
- Fasten any buttons before washing
- Do not overload machine
- Iron inside out on a cool setting to avoid heat damage, which can cause a shiny surface on fabrics (do not iron knitwear or cuffs and welts on sweatshirts)
- Bobbling/Pilling is caused by friction and excessive heat. It is also known within the British textile industry that fabric softeners are a major cause of bobbling/pilling of the fabric. Bobbling/pilling often disappears over time and is not a reflection on the quality of the garment.

#### Washing symbols and their meaning Always check the label!!



























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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS** July to September is a busy time for ALL uniform providers! *Place your* order BEFORE 22nd July for delivery before the start of term. We cannot guarantee orders placed after this date will be delivered in time for the start of the new term. ORDER SATURDAY OR **SUNDAY FOR FASTER DELIVERY** 

# For your awareness – Online Safety





We have been made aware that some police forces across the country - including Dorset police, so close to home - have been issuing warnings to parents about videos which are popping up on TikTok and YouTube around a character called Huggy Wuggy. These videos are slipping through online filters, because of the name, but are in fact potentially quite distressing. Huggy Wuggy is a villain from a video game, portrayed as a blue bear with razor sharp teeth and in these videos is portrayed as 'hugging and killing' and inviting viewers to 'take their last breath'. As these videos can slip through filters, they may appear even on media which is targeted for children and there have been reports of children as young as five (although not, as yet, at our school being exposed and acting out the behaviour in the playground. We wanted to let you know about this to enable informed decisions around your children's online viewing.



# From the PTFA – April Update



Bake Sale for Bees: Raised £302 to purchase plants for our shared fence with Christchurch. We are looking forward to welcoming their beauty and the bees!

**Ukrainian Refugee Fundraiser:** Our community really showed their love for this cause - being our largest bake sale so far this year! Children also made bookmarks, necklaces and origami animals too.

### Coming up...Spring Fair

Our largest fundraiser of the year includes a day of activities, food and togetherness. Held on school grounds and open to all Avanti Park families - we are hoping for lots of participation to make this event a success.

Please join us for a PTFA get together and planning session:

Wednesday 27th April - 8pm: join us on Zoom

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2572664914

Meeting ID: 257 266 4914

OR

Thursday 28th April - 7:30pm: come along in-person

The Crown Inn - Function room: 24 Keyford, Frome, BA11 1JW

Email us: avantiparkptfa@gmail.com







## **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**

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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/





### Right of the week

UN CRC Article 38 (War and armed conflicts)
Governments must do everything they can to protect and care
for children affected by war. Governments must not allow
children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the
armed forces.



