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# **The Avanti Park Post**

Dear parents and carers,

As you know keeping your children safe and educating them about how they can keep safe is the most important thing we do at school. We have been talking to the children about this and everyone has had an assembly delivered by the NSPCC. We have also reminded pupils about who the safeguarding leads are in the school and about which coloured lanyards different adults wear. The children are on the look out for staff not wearing their lanyards and they are excellent at being vigilant and ensuring everyone is following the rules. All the primary children have had a visit from Gary Maule, our Frome PCSO, last week to explain the role of the police in keeping them safe outside of school. You will recall I sent a parent safeguarding newsletter home for parents last week, please do take some time to read this as safeguarding your children is a collaboration between home and school.

Christmas is fast approaching and rehearsals have started for our Christmas performances for parents. Later in the newsletter you will see all the dates and times for these so you can get them on your calendars!

Have a wonderful week

**Abigail Atkins** 

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## **Winter Performance Dates.**



### Avanti Park Winter performances and concerts

#### **EYFS**

14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.15pm



Year 1 13<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm

Year 2

7<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am



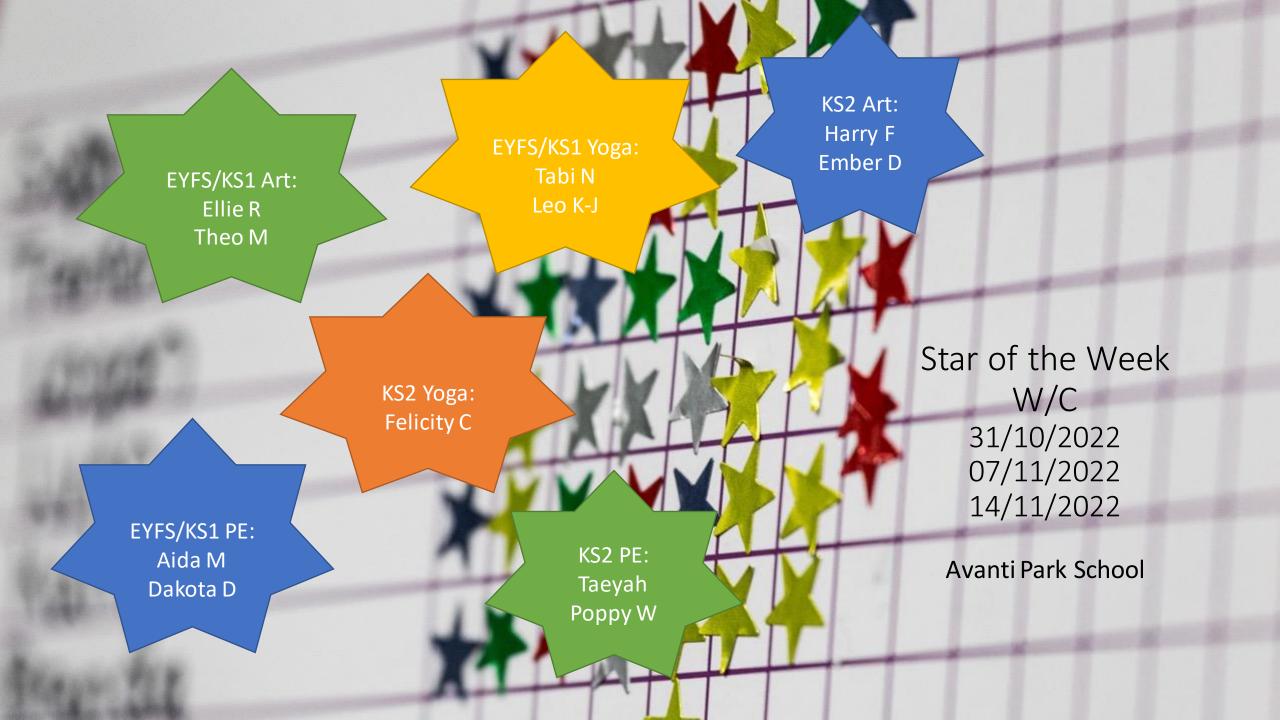
Year 3 and Year 4 8<sup>th</sup> December 2.30pm - 3.15pm

Year 5 and Year 6 9th December 1.45 - 2.30pm

Thursday 8th December: Choir concert, after school until 4.30pm







### **Notices**



Please check the name tags in the jumpers/fleeces you have at home for items that do not belong to you.

### 'Help for Households'

The Government has launched a <u>new</u>
<u>website</u> that brings together over 40
support schemes that the public can access,
depending on eligibility, including help with:

Household costs
Energy Bills
Childcare costs
Income support
Transport costs



### **UNFIFORM NOTICE**

Please note that the required uniform is shoes (not boots). We understand if people have bought boots in error but please ensure that shoes are bought the next time footwear is purchased for school. Many thanks



# In the classroom – Early Years











Here are some photos of Maple and Pine Class Parents, Carers and Guardians who attended the 'Writing Through Play Workshop.' Some families helped to make crayons, playdough and writing chalk.

## **Remembrance Day**









Pupils made poppy crosses to create a field of remembrance, which provided a peaceful place for reflection. The whole school came together in the playground for a very moving minutes silence at 11am.

## **Key Stage 2**





In Year 6, we have been studying poems that create images, with a specific focus on war poems. After gathering some vocabulary, children in Birch Class each wrote their favourite phrase on a strip of paper and put them together to make a collective poem on their table. Below is one of the fantastic poems they created:

At the beginning of the last dawn, the souls of the fallen are left to be free

and the songs of the birds begin.

Regardless of loses;

dying moonlight and rising mist.

Once a lush valley, now a withered paradise.

As the dawn approached, the sky exploded in a blaze of pink and gold;

hearts bathed in hope and a profound strength.

Once laughing comrades decaying into dust, now only their legacy left.

### **Claire Herrera**

Birch Class Teacher (Year 6)





# Year 8











## **KEy Stage 2 SATS Meeting**





In May, children in Year 6 will be sitting the end of Key Stage 2 SATs test.

We are hosting an information meeting for parent's and guardians of children in year 6 (Birch and Hazel). Come along and find out a bit more about what these tests are, when they will be held and how the school are supporting the children ahead of the tests. There will be time to ask the Year 6 teachers any questions you may have.

Date: Wednesday 23rd November

Time: 3.30 - 4.30pm Location: Birch Class

Please book your slot via Eventbrite using the following link

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/466206274517



### PTFA - AGM





Avanti Park Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) invite you to their Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 7th December, via Zoom.

Please note: this is a revised date as the AGM did not take place on Friday 11th November as originally planned.

The AGM is a chance to find out what the association has achieved in the past year (we will present an annual report and finance report).

Existing committee members will officially stand down from their roles and nominations and elections will take place for the committee roles for the vear ahead.

Anyone can be nominated into a committee role, which include;

- Chair
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Ordinary committee members

If you are interested and would like to discuss any of the roles please get in touch: avantiparkptfa@amail.com

Further details with full agenda to follow.

If you would like to attend please RSVP: <a href="mailto:avantiparkptfa@gmail.com">avantiparkptfa@gmail.com</a>

We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks, Avanti Park PTFA



Topic: Avanti Park PTFA

- AGM

Time: Wed Dec 7th 2022 - 8pm

Join Zoom Meeting https://us06web.zoom. us/i/2572664914 Meeting ID: 257 266

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## **Notices and Events**











running a family *Eco Festive*Crafts morning on Nov 26th. The event is aimed to spark ideas for free and low cost crafts using natural and recyclable materials.

## **Notices and Events**





### Free 6 Week Course

Cooking, Nutrition and Wellbeing

Workshops
with Home Cook and Educator
Ally Read

### Starting Monday Nights

9th January - 13th February

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Critchill School

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Thanks to funding from:





I am a Cooking and nutrition teacher with over 10 years of teaching experience in SEN in local secondary schools. I am also the founder of Foodage4thought a Community Interest Company (C.I.C) I established to teach adults how to cook and learn basic nutrition.

This 6 week course and strategies have been created to be inclusive, so no matter what a person's entry level or budget is, there are tips for everyone.

With the cost of living rising I believe in arming adults/parents with this knowledge, paving the way for future generations to install a good, pay-it-forward, food culture.

Parent Survey:

https://forms.gle/DQVi3UJc12NKrf6v6

## **Fundraising and notices**







over the half term Emmeya and Murphy, both in Sycamore Class, took on the huge challenge of climbing Mount Snowdon to raise money for *We Hear You*. Between them they raised over £700! This was an entirely self-created and self-motivated challenge. Well done to both of you!



## **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**

wellbeing.

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

To nominate a member of staff, please click on the following link:

https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/parents/staffnominations-for-special-thanks/









