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# The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe we are now halfway through this half term. The days are getting noticeably longer, and the snow drops are starting to appear. Spring will be upon us before we know it.

I want to give you some advance notice about some important work that will be carried out on our school in the next few months.

#### **Chantry Roof**

FROM THE

The roof is like a sieve and the gutters are not functioning and so we are delighted to let you know that the roof is due for replacement. This will be a very lengthy and expensive piece of work and will inevitably cause some disruption. The plan is for the roof to be tackled in two halves. As you look at the building the left-hand side will be done first. The scaffolding will go up over February half term and the aim is to get this side done by Easter, move the scaffolding over to the right side of the roof over the Easter holiday with the aim of the work being completed by May half term. There will be changes to entrances and exits for classes as the work progresses and we will keep you updated of arrangements via email. The work will be noisy when the roof is being worked on directly above a classroom so the class will move out into the 'intervention' classroom in Chantry for the two or three days that their classroom is affected.

The good news is the paths should be less flooded, the gutters won't leak, and water won't come through ceilings anymore! At the same time, we are also investing in the outside spaces behind Oak/Ash/Beech class and also Cherry/Sycamore. These spaces will then be able to be used more for outdoor learning as at present they flood and are fairly unusable.

As we all know timescales may slip depending on weather and what they find when the roof comes off.





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#### **IT Network**

We are delighted that the Trust have recently won a bid from the DfE for a complete refresh of our IT network. The current network is creaking and not fit for purpose. We are waiting for a date for when the work will happen, but it will transform many aspects of working practices for staff.

We are hugely grateful for the huge investment in our school and the work that has gone on behind the scenes to make both of these things happen.

#### Communication with staff

If you ever have a concern about any aspect of the school, then please do let us know. We can't improve things if we don't know they are wrong. Later in the newsletter you will find the communications flow chart. Please use this to share concerns and escalate them if you need to. We want to be as good as we can be and so by sharing concerns with us, we can respond and improve our school.

With best wishes

Abby Atkins Principal

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# COMMUNICATION INFORMATION

**AVANTI PARK SCHOOL** 

#### Appendix 1 - Communication Flowchart

Learning Concerns

Please raise your concrn with your child's teacher If you feel that your child's teacher is unable to resolve the query, please speak with the relevant Phase Leader If your concern is still no resolved at this stage, please make an appointment to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team

Pastoral Concern

Please raise your concerns with your child's teacher If you feel that your child's teacher is unable to resolve the query, please speak with the relevant Phase Leader If your concern is still not resolved at this stage, please make an appointment to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Concern relating to your child's particular learning needs

Please raise your concerns with your child's teacher If you feel that your child's teacher is unable to resolve the query, please speak with the SENDCo Mrs Smalley If your concern is still not resolved at this stage, please make an appointment to speak with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Concern or query relating to

Contact the administration team in the first instance ryou reel that your query cannot be resolved at this stage, please contact our Business Support Manager Ms Coggins. If your concern is still not resolved at this stage, please make an appointment to speak with the Principal. Mrs. Atkins

Concern or query relating to school staff

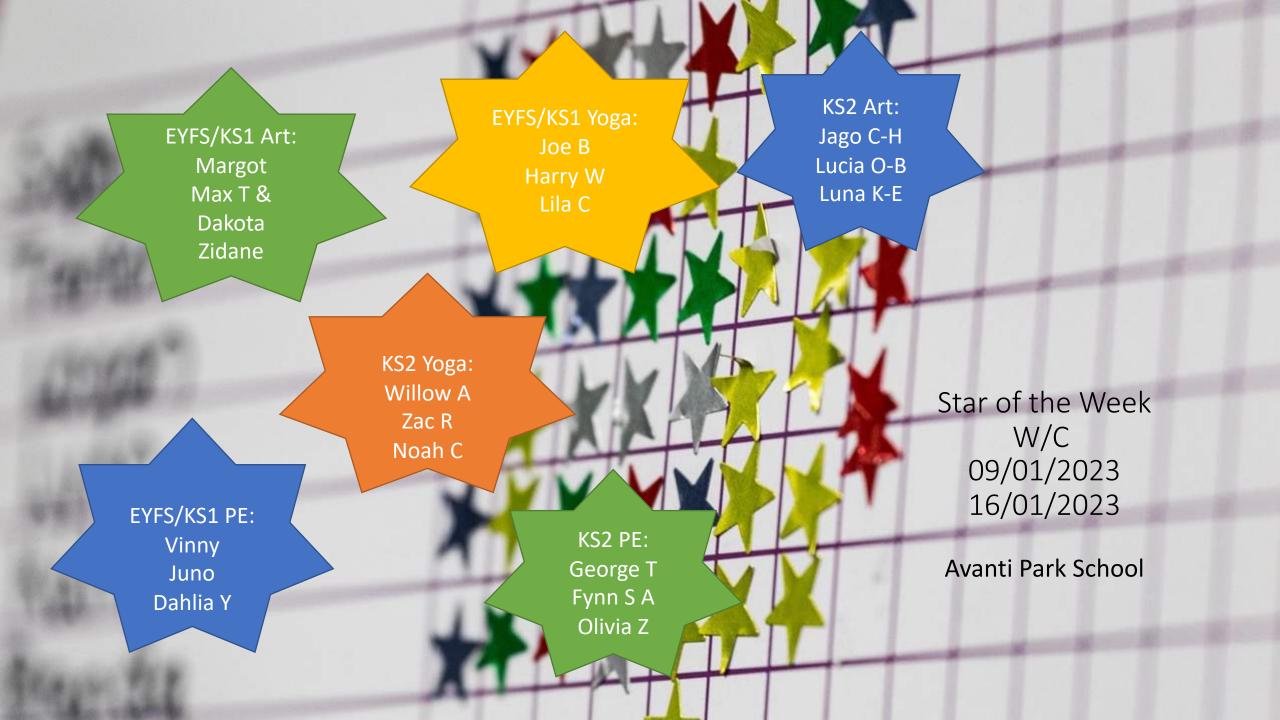
Please make an appointment to see the Deputy Principal – Mrs Vitellaro If you feel that the Deputy Principal is unable to help, please make an appointment to see the Principal Mrs. Alkins If your concern is still not resolved at this stage, please make an appointment to speak with the South West Hub Director Mrs Dickinson



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#### **NOTICES**

Two of our year 5 students enjoying Chinese noodles as part of the Chinese new year celebrations.



Children from across the school are going to benefit from a very generous donation of books from Barefoot Publishing.



We received a wonderful variety of both fiction and non-fiction books which have been shared among the classes for their reading corners and with the school library.

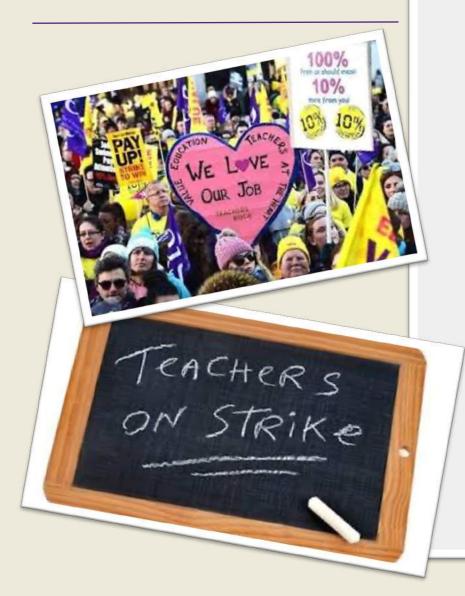
Please provide your child with a pair of grippy socks for their yoga lesson if they have verruca's. Children may also wear grippy socks if they would prefer not to be barefoot.







### **STRIKE ACTION**



#### Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023

Dear parents and carers,

I am now able to write and let you know the arrangements for next Wednesday when the NEU teaching union will be taking industrial action. We have worked hard to ensure the impact to you and your children is kept to a minimum but inevitably there will be some disruption.

I also want to thank those of you who have emailed in letters of support to our teachers. These have been really appreciated.

If your child's class is being affected, we will email work home.

The table below summarises the plan for each class. If your child's class is open for part of the day, please wait in the area outside of reception and we will then let everyone in or out at the same time. This will help the office staff to manage this.

Class	Arrangements
Pine	Class closed
Maple	Class open
Oak	Class closed for part of the day. Arrival time at school 11am
Ash	Class closed for part of the day. Arrival time at school 12.15pm
Beech	Class closed for part of the day. Leave school at 1.15pm
Cherry	Class closed
Sycamore	Class closed
Chestnut	Class open
Rowan	Class open
Cedar	Class open
Willow	Class open
Holly	Class open
Birch	Class open
Hazel	Class closed
Elder	Pupils arrive at school at 10am
Hawthorn	Pupils arrive at school at 10am
Year 8	Pupils leave school at 2.15pm

# In the classroom Reception











# In the classroom year 1







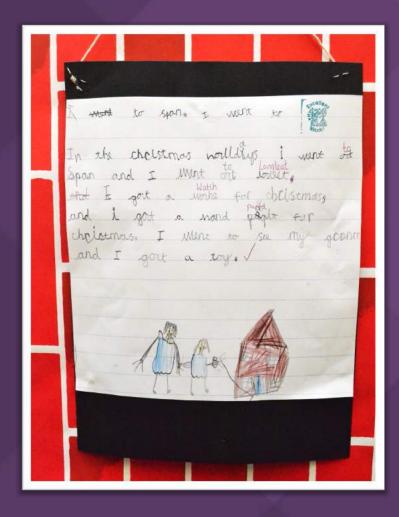




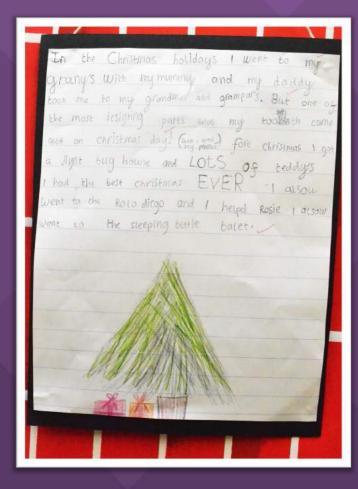
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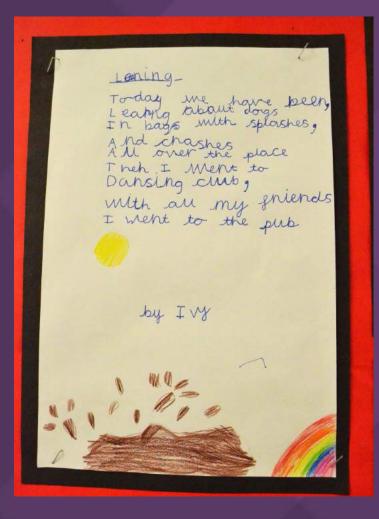




## In the classroom Year 2 Cherry



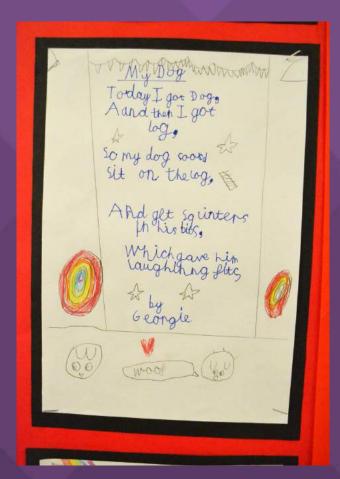




Come and read our humorous rhyming poems about school and a few other things!

Today We have been tracking about, How to be a total ness and pest then we go to get our food, and then we go and pany some tag, and then we get our pag.

by Rosalie Tones



# In the classroom year 3









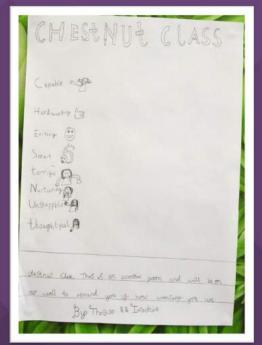
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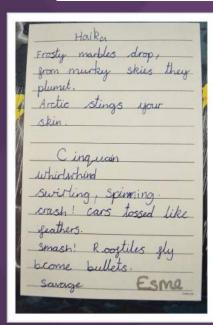
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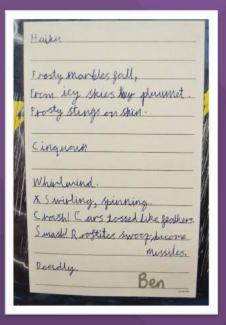
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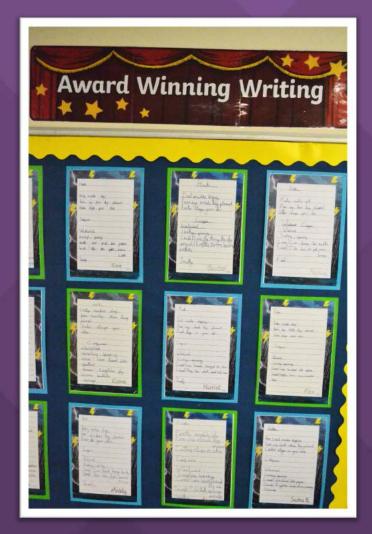










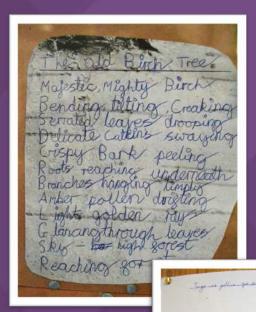


### In the classroom Year 5











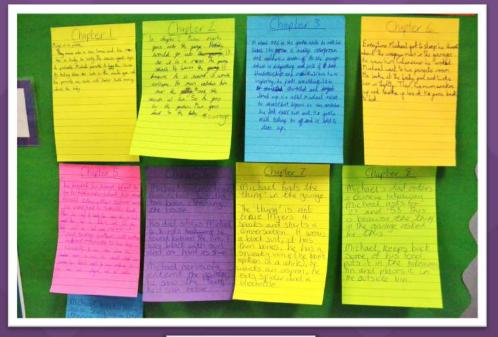


### In the classroom Year 6

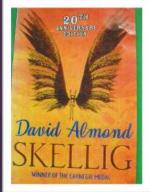












# Class Paintings







A <u>huge</u> thank you to the wonderful talented parents who created these beautiful pictures to go on the door of each class. These pictures are now in pride of place for all to admire.

We are still in need of a picture of a Pine tree, Beech tree, Holly tree, and a Hazel tree. Please contact the school office if you think you would like to volunteer in the creation of one of these pictures.

### **Basketball Match**





Year 7 and 8 students went to Oakfield academy to play Avanti's first competitive sports fixture last week. As we walked in our spirits were high, despite some of us being extremely nervous. We had a team talk and we were ready. We got on the court and we played well. The Oakfielders were really talented and had practiced a lot. Despite playing the best we could, we had had limited time to practice together previously. Overall we worked really well as a team and tried our hardest. We are all excited to play another sports fixture again.

Bella (Captain)

Well done to the following students who faced their fears to take on Oakfield in a competitive Basketball fixture. Although Avanti lost overall, it was a great team building experience and they showed potential for the future. Well done to Mille, Will and Ava for scoring some baskets and for the whole team for showing great resilience and not giving up. We hope to take part in more matches next term.

Year 7 – Will, Max, Sarina, Cosmo, Saraswathi, Sam, Kai

Year 8 -Bella, Millie, Florence, Sofia, Tallis, Ava

Mrs Cornish

**KS3 PE Teacher** 





### **Half Term Holiday Clubs**









Venue: Selwood Academy (BA11 2EF)

Time: 9am-3pm

Dates: 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th Feb

Price: From £22.95 per session + Lunch included

Age: 5-11yrs Activities from

Website: <a href="https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/february-half-term/">https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/february-half-term/</a>

I.G Sports have managed to secure 50 free places for pupil premium children during their February half term holiday clubs,

If you would like to book a pupil premium place, please contact lan

M: 07855533141

E: <u>lan@igsportscoaching.co.uk</u>

### **Notices and Events**





#### The Really Big Sing is coming to a village hall near you!

Come along and sing for an evening This is a one off singing occasion to have fun singing with others. Singing is great for your wellbeing, your vocal health and you will meet other educators who share a love of singing!

The Really Big Sing is taking place on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** from 1700 - 2000 at Horton Village Hall Broadway Hill, Horton, Ilminster, TA19 9QP.

No preparation, prior involvement or solos are needed!

The cost for the evening is only £10 and refreshments will be available.

If you would like to attend please click on the link below, and complete the form below to express an interest and you will be emailed payment details.

<u>The Really Big Sing</u>











### **Notices and Events**





### SAFER SCHOOL STREETS FOR FROME

You are invited to view and discuss the approved Safer School Streets scheme

Come along to hear more about why the initiative is needed, what the design will look like and to discuss, as a community, how we can work together to make the trial a success.

Avanti Park School Wednesday 25 January | 5:00-6:30pm

Oakfield Academy
Thursday 26th January | 6:30-8:00pm

Trinity First School
Wednesday 1st February | 2:00-3:00pm

View the plans: bit.ly/saferschoolstreets



Frome



The Frome Safer School Streets scheme has been designed to make conditions safer for walking and cycling near Trinity First School, Oakfield Academy, Avanti Park School, Critchill School and Bright Stars Nursery.

The scheme has been designed by Sustrans in partnership with the schools, Frome Town Council and Somerset County Council, using a co-design process with the community.

Sustrans have also secured funding to deliver a "Quiet Way" along Oakfield and Somerset Roads, to complement the scheme. A Quiet Way limits traffic speeds and makes the route safer for cycling, and allows for more permanent measures such as improved crossings to be delivered.

The Safer School Streets scheme will be installed in Spring/ Summer 2023 for a trial period of 18 months in order to monitor its effectiveness in reducing traffic, improving safety and increasing levels of active travel on the school run.

Residents and families are invited to view the plans and discuss the scheme with the schools, Frome Town Council and Somerset County Council. This will be an opportunity to hear more about the rationale behind the scheme, what the design will look like and to discuss as a community how we can work together to make the trial a success.









### **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 and anyone wishing to use this entrance will need to complete the 'Use of Car Park Form' available from the office.

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/









