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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who supported the school during the Big Walk and Wheel fortnight. The percentage of children at Avanti Park coming to school on foot or by bike/scooter was around 68 % daily, which is brilliant! Over 913 schools take part and are currently ranked 234 on the leader board. The final result will be announced after the holidays. A big thank you to Emma Parker (from Frome Town Council) and Alison Armstrong who organised the fortnight for us. Mojo moves, the big breakfast and Dr Bike were particularly popular events which many of you joined in with.

We also had a visit from the fire brigade last week teaching the children about fire safety. There was lots of excitement from the Reception children when they went to see the response vehicle!

I hope you all have a wonderful Easter break and manage to spend time with friends and family. We are off to explore the Yorkshire coast near Whitby for a week - a new place for us. Fingers crossed for some sunshine!

See you all on April the 17th.

With best wishes, Abby Atkins







Celebration Assembly







NOTICES



<u>A Farewell and welcome</u> <u>back</u>

Wishing a fond Farewell to the wonderful Carole Hogan who will be returning to Frome Community College after Easter....and a warm welcome back to Andrea Webb who will be returning to Avanti Park after the holidays, in a slightly different role, as a class TA.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY MRS ATKINS!



<u>Battlecatter of the week</u> A big well done to Murph for winning BattleCatter of the week last week! She always tries her absolute best, never complains, always listens and is a fantastic member of the team! Well done Murph :)

NOTICES



Name the Primary Library Competition

We received over 100 entries for the competition, so Mrs Herrera had the near-impossible job of shortlisting 30 names for the School Council to vote on. The School Council took their responsibility very seriously and after a number of rounds of votes chose the following: Over-all winning name: Bookworm Forest (Ines Jones-Marquez, Rowan Class) Runner up: The Whispering Woodlands (Leanora Tafur Roberts, Holly Class) Runner up: The Forest of Futures (Miller Fooks, Sycamore Class).

Thank you to everyone who entered and a special congratulations to Ines, Leanora and Miller who have each won a National Book Token voucher. Over the coming months, one of our talented TAs will be creating a sign to welcome all bookworms to Bookworm Forest.



In the classroom Early Years







Children in Maple have been getting creative this term, making beautiful seasonal finger paintings, and chalk patterns.





In the classroom – KS1

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Stranger Danger and Road Safety talks from PCSO Gary Maule









In the classroom Year 3





Year 3 explored the topography of Great Britain and then used playdough to mark the main hills and mountains on the map.









In the classroom year 3







Studying the school pond and making a list of adjectives







Craft Workshop





Artist Abigail Reed has been working with a group of Avanti students to create vibrant 6x6 inch pieces of artwork inspired by landscape. The children's artwork will be exhibited along artwork by other school and community groups at The Silk Mill 21st-23rd April . Artwork will be for sale to the public for £20 per piece in aid of Cancer Counselling charity We Hear You (WHY). All welcome along!

Exhibition opening times: Friday 21st April 6-8pm (opening event), Saturday 22nd 10am-4pm and Sunday 23rd11am-2pm





LOCATIONS

for sale for £20.

to cancer

All welcome!

with proceeds from

the exhibition going

counselling charity

WHY We Hear You.

Black Swan Arts, 2 Bridge St. BA11 188 Silk Mill, Merchants Barton, BA11 1PT

OPENING TIMES:

Exhibition opening Friday April 21st 6-8pm Saturday April 22nd 10-4pm Sunday April 23rd 11-2pm

Year 3 Craft Workshop











KS3 Interhouse Sports Champions

The whole of KS3 took part in an interhouse sport event on Thursday afternoon. They competed in their house teams in Basketball and Benchball to win the Interhouse Cup. It was a competitive and fun afternoon of sport!



The Final Overall results were: **1.Thurlbear** 2.Dommett 3.Harptree 4.Blackdown







KS3 Network Rail Workshop







Fire Fighter Visit (year R, 2 & 5)







Frome Firefighter Lee Dredge, visited children in Reception, year 2 and year 5 to talk about fire safety. The children enjoyed asking lots of questions and made fire safety action plans.





Big Walk & Wheel 20th – 31st March View Development





There was a great turnout for the Mojo Moves walking bus last week. Mojo Moves treated everyone to a mini 'dance off' at the gates before the start of school.





Big Walk & Wheel 20th – 31st March VIII AVANTI PARK



Dr Bike









In case anyone missed out on Dr Bike on Thursday, there are more free sessions coming up around town for all bikes including children's – details here: <u>https://www.fromebikeproject.org/whatwe-do/events/</u>



Silver Award – Rights Respecting School



Members of the school council with our new banner!





Student Newsletter















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Students have been working hard over the last few weeks in Newsletter club to produce the fabulous Student Newsletter. Here are a few pages from the most recent edition.

Red Nose Day 2023













Fundraising



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Events



There is a great opportunity for all girls who are new to Tennis to attend a discounted Tennis course at Frome Tennis Club. Please see the link below to sign up and the flyer attached.

https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/donnawestCoaching/BookCourse/9423040c-8ae6-4c11-950d-3fba1dec36ff https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/donnawestCoaching/BookCourse/99ff29f4ee60-4be0-9d40-590412d2dab7





Let's get cycling!

Free events to support cycling in Frome:

- Dr Bike free bike safety checks
- Bike maintenance classes learn simple bike repairs
- Cycle confidence classes cycle safely on roads
- Community group rides join us for a social ride

To find out more and book visit www.fromebikeproject.org/what-we-do/events

All profits supporting Frome's Missing Links

www.fromebikeproject.org 0774 367 1131

What's on ... Half Term Activities



£5





What's on...Half Term Activities



EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

WITH LA TENNIS COACHING

FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-16 LTA Accredited Coaches Equipment Provided First Aid Trained Fully Insured DBS Checked

STOKE ST GREGORY- 4 & 11 APRIL YEOVIL TENNIS CLUB - 5 & 12 APRIL SOMERTON TENNIS CLUB - 6 & 13 APRIL CHARD TENNIS CLUB - 14 APRIL

Coaching | Drills | Games | Matchplay | Multisports | Prizes

9AM - 3PM £20 PER PERSON 5% sibling discount available

Bring your own lunch and wear appropriate sport clothing

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE

Contact Luke Andrews: 07437 404242 / Latennis@hotmail.com

Payments to: A/C 21460919, Sort Code: 40 22 07

Visit us online: clubspark.lta.org.uk/LATennisCosching



Activities for families in need of support.

Mon 3 rd April - 10am-1pm	The Key Centre	Easter art and crafts
Tues 4 th April + 10em-1pm	Trinity Hall	Family cookery
Tues 4 th April - 1.30-4.30pm	Trinity Hall	Family cookery
Wed 5 th April - 10am 1pm	Football Club	Indoor accessible multisports
Wed 5 th April - 1.30-4.30pm	Football Club	Drama workshop 6-11yrs
Tues 11 th April - 10am-1pm	Trinity Hall	Family cookery
Wed 12 th April - 2.30-5.30pm	The Key Centre	Green and healthy games
Thurs 13 th April - 10em-1pm	Football Club	Drama workshop 6-11yrs
Thurs 13 th April - 1.30-4.30pm	Football Cub	Indoor accessible multisports

Suggested donation of £2 per child

Free Fair Frome hot meal served one hour before end of session?

BOOKING ESSENTIAL - contact lenkagrimes@purpleelephant.org.uk to book a place or ask your school or support worker to refer you

Adults to accompany and remain responsible for their children at all times.

Family support workers available at all sessions.









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www.pro-coaching.co.uk

Scan QR code to book or goto website below, and follow the link to playwaze. FREE for those on free school meal related benefits Ask your school for a discount code

info@pro-coaching.co.uk

Clubs





Football club:

Wednesdays 3.25 to 4.15 – For years 3 – 6.

To book for next term (term 5) please click on the link: https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/ avanti-park-school-clubs/

Drama Club (Dramakarma)

Mondays 3.15 to 4.15 - For Ages 8 – 13yrs.



The Play Is The Thing!

This summer term, we will be starting a new 6 week project called "The Play is the Thing".

All our age groups will experience and experiment with the joy of improvisation. Together we will create something new and unique celebrating our individuality.

And as always there will be a heavy dose of fun and laughter on offer!

At 3.15 – 4.15pm at Avanti School starting on Monday 17th April 2023 for 4 weeks. Final session Monday 22nd May 2023. This is the booking link: <u>https://dramakarma.co.uk/avanti/</u>

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/



Stay Safe, Be Well

Right of the week

ARTICLE 5 (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities) Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.



