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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

# The Avanti Park Post

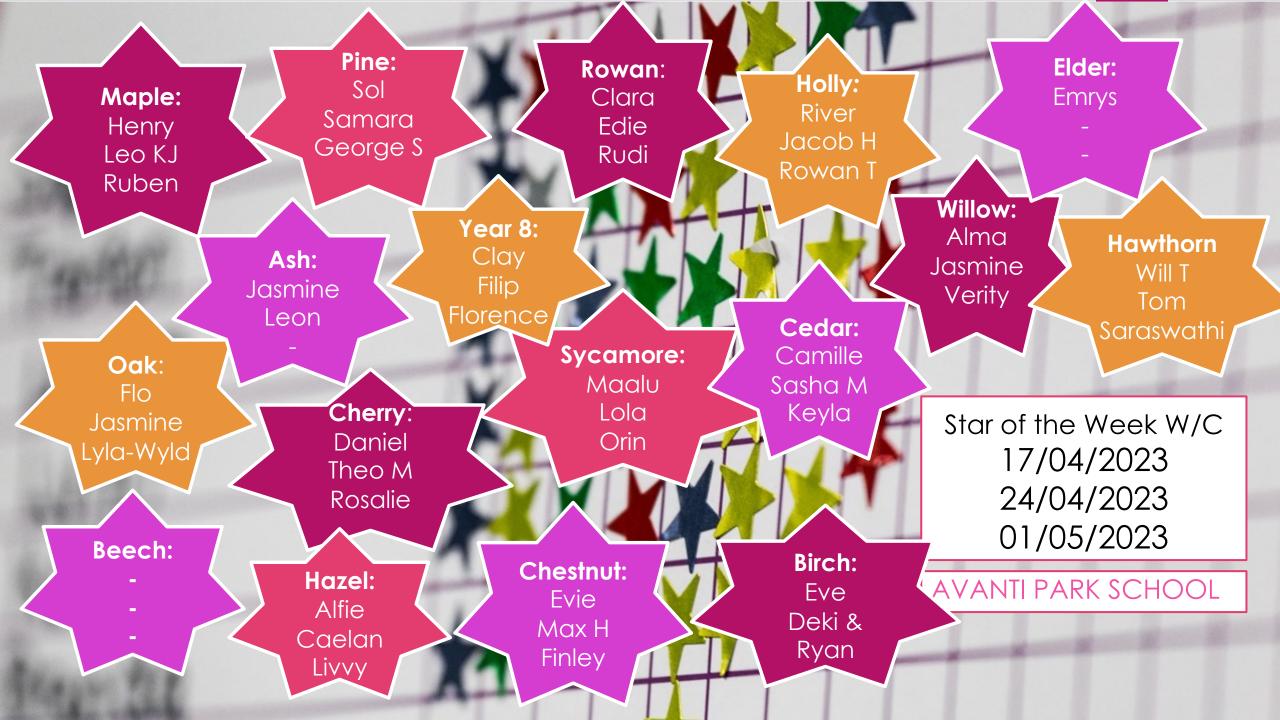
Dear parents and carers,

I want to say a huge thank you to you for the support you have given the teaching staff who have been involved in the Industrial Action recently. I do understand that this has meant, for many of you, arranging additional childcare and we really appreciate your understanding.

I also want to thank those of you who completed the recent parent survey. Around 30% of the parent community responded, which is over the average of around 20% for these types of surveys. We will be sharing the results of the survey once the Trust have analysed them. But we have already set up a parent focus group to look at communication between the school and home. We will meet in early June for our first meeting. Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to give up your time for this.

I hope you all enjoyed your second bank holiday weekend.

With best wishes, Abby Atkins





### **SEND Update**







#### **Inclusion Coffee mornings**

The SEN team would like to invite you into school to find out more about the work we do with your children.

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 10am meet Aurora Reid, the Avanti Schools Trust lead for Inclusion
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 9.15 –
   Supporting pupils with ADHD
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2pm Emotionally based school avoidance





#### A warm welcome

We are delighted to welcome Clair Cotton to Avanti Park in the new role of SENDCo Assistant. Clair has many years of experience working as a teacher in a range of Special and Mainstream schools and is looking forward to working closely with the SEND team at Avanti Park.



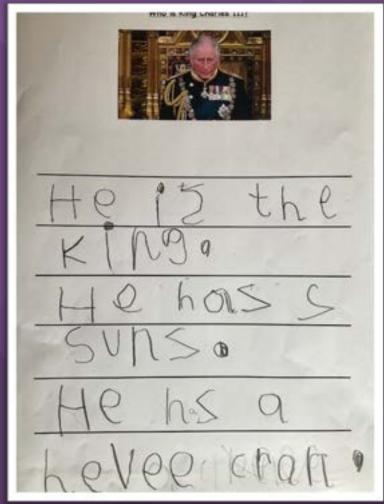
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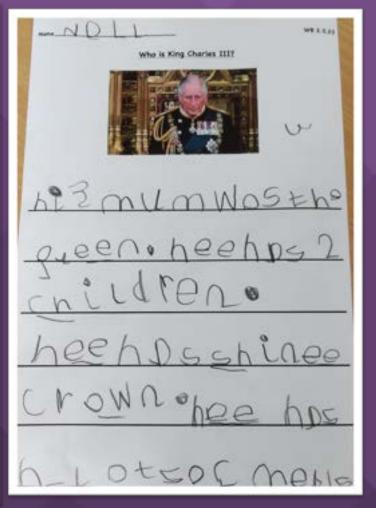






Children in Maple class have been practicing their writing skills by making up sentences about King Charles, and creating wax resist space art.





# **KS1** Coronation tea party













# **Rock Steady workshop**













Students from reception to year 6 were treated to a visit from Rock Steady. They were introduced to some great rock instruments and enjoyed snippets of popular music.

#### **NOTICES**







#### LOCAL RETAILERS STOCKING SUSTAINABLE PERIOD PRODUCTS

Oakville (3 Badcox, BA11 3BQ) – bamboo pads and tampons, menstrual cups and Natracare products

**Denude** (4 Bath Street, BA11 1DH) – menstrual cups, reusable pads

Frome Wholefoods (8 Cheap Street, BA11 1BN) - Natracare products

Shop Next Door (17 Stony Street, BA11 1BY) – Natracare products and menstrual cups

Acorn Pharmacy (95 Locks Hill, BA11 1NG) – organic tampons

Boots (10-11 Market Place, BA11 1AB) - menstrual cups

Sainsburys (Wessex Fields, BA11 4DH) - plastic free tampons

Oxfam (7 Market Place, BA11 1AB) – menstrual cups

#### **DISCOUNT CODES. LOCAL STORES AND ONLINE**

The following local shops are offering a **10% discount** on purchases of plastic free and reusable menstrual products. Ask "**Plastic Free. Period**" discount at the check out.

- Oakville
- The Shop Next Door
- Acorn Pharmacy

You can also use the following online discount codes:

Revol Undies - period pants - FROME15 for 15% discount

EcoFemme - washable pads - FROME15 for 15% discount

AllMatters (formerly Organi Cup) - menstrual cup - FROME25 for 25% discount

Cheekypants - period pants & washable pads - FROME15 for 15% discount

For more discount codes from Women's Environmental Network click here <u>GRAB AN ENVIRONMENSTRUAL</u> <u>DISCOUNT CODE!</u> - Wen



Welcome to **FIND Frome.** Frome's Family Information **Network Directory**, an easy to use, and up to date platform for you to find the information you need for your family all in one place. https://www.frome towncouncil.gov.u k/find/

## **PTFA Coffee Morning**





# FRIENDS,

Avanti Parent, Teacher & Friends Association

Please come join us for a coffee and a cake to say hi and find out more about the Avanti Park PTFA.

Friday 12th May at 9.10am after drop-off in the wrap around care room.

See you there.



#### **NEW MEMBERS NEEDED.**

The PTFA are looking for new members to help with the running of fundraising and social events. Please come along to to the coffee morning on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May to find out more about the PTFA and ways in which we support the school. Even if you don't think you can commit at this time, please feel free to pop along and say hi!

## School trip fundraising event.





Our current Year 6's have a big trip scheduled for when they go into year 7 in September. They will be staying at the amazing Vedanta which is Avanti's very own retreat centre. In order to raise funds for the trip to reduce the cost for everyone there will be a few fundraising events coming up. **The first is on the 24<sup>th</sup> May:** 

#### A-Z of Frome: An illustrated talk by David Lassman

18.00-19.30 (including Q&A) [Suggested donation £5 adult/ £3 child] (all proceeds to the Avanti Park School's Year 7 September 2023 trip).

Book a seat here:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-z-of-frome-an-illustrated-talk-by-david-lassman-1800-1930-including-tickets-621864783307

Discover Frome's fascinating, but at times dark, past with local historian and author David Lassman. From the town's founding by St **Aldhelm**, to the **Zion Chapel**, this illustrated talk will transport you through the centuries to find out what has made Frome the way it is today. Also included will be famous Frome people, riots & rebellions, listed buildings, UFOs, and especially for this talk, a brief history of the Avanti Park School site, complete with its own ghost! There will also be a Q&A. You will never look at Frome in the same way again.

Find out more about David Lassman here:

BIOGRAPHY: https://www.amazon.co.uk/David-Lassman/e/B005BKOJWE/

DAVID'S LATEST BOOK: <a href="https://www.amberley-books.com/frome-murders-and-misdemeanours.html">https://www.amberley-books.com/frome-murders-and-misdemeanours.html</a>

## **Fundraising**



One of year 7 students plays Tennis under a scheme called 'reaching out'

Reaching out is looking for additional funding to be able to continue the scheme.....

For more info visit

https://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/frome-tennis-club-launch-reaching/

Since 2017 the club has been running "Reaching Out". This is a scheme that enables children from low income families to receive tennis coaching and free club membership. An opportunity to play this wonderful sport of ours, that they would not otherwise receive. The coaching is funded by various grants that the club has obtained and the membership is funded by the club. The scheme is growing in popularity and we now have 18 children who are enjoying their tennis because of the scheme (including some Ukrainian children). Because of this we are in urgent need of further funding otherwise tennis for these children will cease. We have sufficient funds to continue the scheme at the current level for only about a year. and grant support is very difficult at the moment.

If you own a business or run a business, it could benefit from sponsorship of the scheme and association with it.

If you would like to know more, please contact John Price for a chat. Contact details: projects@frometennis.net / 07713 737890.

### **Holiday clubs**





#### **BATTLECAMP**

Every day is packed with exciting games and skills development:

- Wrestling games
- •Survival and navigation skills
- Fort and den building
- •Teamwork games
- Physical and sensory games
- Confidence building
- •Fun games like SpikeBall and Dodgeball
- •We have limited spaces left so please book soon to avoid disappointment!
- •Book the whole camp or just single days!
- •DATES:
- May-June 31st-2nd // 3 Days
- •Summer Holidays July 31st August 4th // 5 Days
- •BOOK HERE <a href="https://www.battlecats-">https://www.battlecats-</a> wrestling.co.uk/holiday-club-battlecamp-pay-now

During May/June half term IG Sports we are running a *free* girls football camp in partnership with SASP. This will be for girls aged 5-16 and will run on Thursday 1st June

10:00am-2:00pm. IG Sports are aiming to build girls football in Frome and so this camp this is a great way to introduce girls to the sport.

Please click on the link for booking <a href="https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/may-june-half-term/">https://igsportscoaching.co.uk/may-june-half-term/</a>.



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#### CREATIVE MAKERS





Great news! Creative Makers is running a three-day art camp for children aged 5-10 during the summer holidays at Avanti park chool. The sessions will be run by a qualified and experienced Art and Design teacher.

Over the three days, students will explore the work of various artists and create works that are inspired by them. They will also work in groups and use a range of materials to create paintings, prints, sculptures and large installations pieces. At the end of each day, all students will have creative work to take home. Each day is a fresh project, so you can attend one or all days and still have a unique experience.

All materials needed for the Art camp will be provided.

The camp will run from 9am -3pm each day

Places are limited, it is recommend that you sign up as soon as possible by emailing Rebecca Knee beccalouknee@gmail.com. The art camp is a great opportunity for your child to explore their creative side and fun during the holidays

Email: beccalouknee@gmail.com
Dates: 25th, 26th, 27th July
Cost: £35 per day, per child







#### 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**

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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/



# Stay Safe, Be Well





