

AVANTI PARK

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The Avanti Park Post

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In this edition of the Avanti Park Post you will find lots of photographs of the wonderful summer events we have run. The sports days were particularly special this year with all the children competing in at least two events. One of my particular highlights was the parents races! You are all so competitive, and what made me laugh most was all the dads limping out of the school gate the following day after pulling a hamstring! The staff will be training each week next year for the tug of war staff vs parents rematch next summer! Particular thanks to Marie Watts and Rachael Cornish who organised the events so brilliantly.

The summer festival last week was a real celebration of the Arts with the pupils being given the opportunity to take part in some very high-quality arts workshops run by volunteers from our very talented parent community. Particular thanks to Caroline Till ,Wendy Hubbard and Alison Armstrong for arranging such an inspiring day. We are hoping to repeat the workshops for pupils who missed out due to the strike day before the end of term, but this depends on the availability of the wonderful volunteers. We are keen to build on this years success and so if you have a talent to share with our children and would like to run a workshop next year then please do contact Caroline, via the PTFA email (avantiparkPTFA@gmail.com).

I hope you have a good final two weeks of the school year, and we will see you all refreshed and relaxed on Wednesday the 6th of September at 8.40am!

With best wishes

Abby Atkins





Notices





Staffing Update

We are delighted to have appointed Kate Corcoran to replace Shannon Coggins as Business Support Manager. We all know that Shannon is irreplaceable, however we are very pleased to welcome Kate who will being a huge amount of experience and knowledge to the post. Kate has previously been BSM at Trinity First School and also Aspris Education Trust which run special schools in Somerset and Devon.

We have also appointed some very talented new Teaching Assistants to join our team. Jemma Pearson - Year 3 Class TA working with Chloe Joyce in Cedar Class. Alex Gooch, Diana Smith, Emily Fraser, Ellie Chapman, Vanessa Winkler, Gemma Mundy and Elizabeth Thomas. - will all be working with new pupils we have attending from September with EHCP's

UNIFORM ORDER DEADLINE

Ordering DEADLINE for uniform to arrive in time for September is 21st JULY 2023

https://www.brigade.uk.com/

As part of the Frome Festival, Miss Simmons (Cherry Class teacher) is part of the Hidden Gardens (her first time!) She will be selling cakes and tea to raise money for Fair Frome. Maps to all the gardens are on sale now and the gardens are open on the weekend of the 14, 15th and 16th July.

Maple Class Visitor







A huge thanks to Henrik Jensen who kindly visited Maple class to introduce them to the Double Bass. It was a fantastic experience and the children loved the beautiful sounds that the Double bass made.

Year 4 Mr Egypt Visit











Year 4 had a stunning experience this week with a visit from 'Mr Egypt', also known as Egyptologist, Phil Harris. Phil brought a wealth of experience, incredible artefacts and a fascinating and engaging presentation style from his home in Luxor. The day was full of information about Ancient Egyptian life, food, clothing, lifestyle and mythology, along with time spent cracking the hieroglyphic code for letters and numbers, mummifying and Egyptian dance. An incredible day, which really brought the history curriculum to life! Thank you, Mr Egypt - hoping to see you again next year.

Design Technology





















SPORTS DAY













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House results:

Year 7 1.Thurlbear 2.Blackdown 3.Harptree 4.Dommett

Year 8 1.Dommett 2.Blackdown 3. Harptree 4.Thurlbear

<u>Top Athletes</u> Year 7 – Kayden, Cosmo K, Sarina, Islarose

Top Athletes **Year 8** – Gaius, Joe, Millie, Ava







Top athletes L- R: Ava, Millie, Islarose, Gaius, Joe & Kayden

FESTIVAL DAY

















Year 6 Production









Year 6 have been practising their production of OLIVIA which they will be performing at school next week . OLIVIA is a play loosely based on the Charles Dickins story of Oliver Twist and stars lots of other Dickens Characters. Luckily this story has a very happy ending!



Avanti Vs Oakfield Football and Rounders



18 students went to Oakfield to take part in a rounders match and a football match on Thursday 22nd June. The students, although were nervous were fantastic and played very competitively to come out with a loss and a draw in the football and a very close loss in the rounders. As this was their first competitive game for the school in these two events we are immensely proud of how they got on. They were able to work on tactics and strategies as a result of seeing Oakfield play and have learnt some valuable lessons for future matches. We hope to continue to organise fixtures against other schools in the next academic year.

Well done to Bella, Ava, Millie, Jack, Cosmo B-M, Tallis, Florence, Iris, Lilly, Sam and Sarina (player of the match) in the rounders and Denys, Joe, Kaspar, Kayden, Robin, Max and Will in the football.





Year 8 Shakespeare workshop











Year 8 were treated to a Shakespeare workshop hosted by Charlie Day from 'West End In Schools'. Pupils enjoyed reenacting scenes from Romeo Romeo and Juliet.

Year 8 STEM at Frome College



The Year 8s represented Avanti brilliantly at the STEM event at Frome College. The students rose to the high level of challenge, creating a wind turbine and solar panelled house. They had to work as a team to decide budgeting, location of the turbine etc and then create a presentation which they delivered to everyone..









New Peripatetic Music Lessons













Children from years 2 -5 were treated to a demonstration of various brass and stringed instrument today. We are very lucky to have additional peripatetic music teachers joining the Avanti Park team in September.

FOR SALE..... Furniture







Avanti Park has some school furniture for sale. These pieces are available for sensible donations to the school office. (No set price). Everything to be gone by Wednesday 19th July.











Summer Holiday Activities

Premier Education Multisports Holiday camps.

Location: Avanti Park school, Frome. When: during the 1st, 3rd and 4th weeks of the summer holidays. Please click on the link for more information and bookings. <u>https://www.premier-</u> <u>education.com/parents/venue/courses/24114-</u> <u>835065/</u> Families who are in receipt of Pupil Premium, please contact the school for a separate booking link to secure your **free** place.



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Dear Parent/Guardian

Somerset Cricket Foundation have partnered with Somerset Activity Sports Partnership to deliver a Street Games holiday programme. Our session will consist of All Stars Cricket alongside other fun sports activities.

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed 6 weeks of jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so.

Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies. Your child's pack will include:

Backpack

- Cricket bat
- Cricket ball
- Personalised t-shirt with your child's name

At the moment we are looking for expressions of interest to see how many might be interested in this opportunity.

The sessions details:

All Stars Cricket (S-8 year olds)

Where: 16th and 17th August Teme: Starn – 2pm Where: Frome Cricket Club, Rodden Road, Frome, BA112AH COST: FRUE COST: FRUE

To book your place: https://edu.chdspark.ak/AlStars/BookCourse/b64297e8-95fe-4267-9609 #851175305e

And enter this voucher code when requested: DGBREZ

When you click on the link - you will see the programme is listed as £40. However, once you enter the woucher code on checkout, this will change it to £0

Please book by the 31" July

If you have any questions, please contact steve gass@somersetoricketfoundation.org

Yours faithfully

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Summer Holiday Activities



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



Summer Holiday Activities



Summer Forest Club







Your children can take part in games, shelter building, fire making, cooking delicious food over the fire, wood crafting, storytelling and more, while being curious about what the woodlands have to offer.

Dates: 31 July, 1st, 15th, 28th, 29th & 30th August Venue: Ammerdown Woods, Nr Frome Time: 9:30am - 4pm (or can be extended to 8:30am -5:30pm for extra charge) Ages: 7+ Max group size: 10 Cost: £35pp/day or five day pass £150

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Rocktopus at Frome Festival!





Avanti favourites Rocktopus, co-led by our very own music teacher Andy Hawkings, are taking their family friendly show The Rocktocademy to the Merlin Theatre as part of this year's Frome Festival. Their fully interactive show, taking place at 2pm on Saturday 15th July, will have every child learning the 10 steps to becoming a true rockstar! Having shared the Rocktopus workshop experience with the children earlier in the year, Andy is thrilled at the prospect of showing them the other side of the band and giving them a live music experience they'll never forget!

To book tickets, visit the Frome Festival website by following this link: <u>https://fromefestival.co.uk/?s=Rocktopus</u>

Please note - the Frome Festival Brochure has printed an incorrect date for this event. The event is on Saturday 15th July NOT Friday 14th July.



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

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-HAPPY-SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Right of the week

article 31 (**leisure, play and culture**) Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

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