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MESSAGE FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

Unbelievably we are already on the countdown to Christmas at school! The primary aged children will all be rehearsing soon for Christmas performances and so please make sure you have the dates in your diaries. You will find the dates in this edition of the Avanti Park Post.

This week has been 'Anti Bullying Week'. This is a national campaign which we are proud to take part in. The emphasis is on speaking out and not accepting bullying as well as celebrating everyone's differences. Please do spend some time talking with your children about this important topic.

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Avanti Park Post.

Have a wonderful weekend

Abby Atkins



Maple:

Annika
Ona
Alfie

Pine:

Robin
Leonora
Hudson

Sycamore:

Jago
Oscar B
Whole Class

Rowan:

Sylvia
Lucas J
Hector

Holly:

Baxter
Felix J &
Cleo T-B
Harriet

Willow:

Chantelle
Samuel G
Uma

Oak:

Tanashe
Ivy
Marlow

Ash:

Ezra
Jesse
Leon

Cherry:

Henry
Rosie
Charlie

Cedar:

Winter
Rosie
Issei

Hazel:

Jago L
Griff
River

Chestnut:

Dylan
Rue
Bonnie

Beech:

Ruby
Bella
Sky

Birch:

Rory
Theo
Herbie

Star of the Week W/C
30/10/2023
06/11/2023
13/11/23

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EYFS/KS1 Art:

Rory W
Sol H
Elodie W

EYFS/KS1

Yoga:

Jasmine R
Ezra F-G
Rose M-R

Walnut:

Ben
Shalin
Deki

House points so far this year....

1st Harptree 6,889
2nd Blackdown 6,533
3rd Thurlbear 6,467
4th Dommett 6,010

Hawthorn:

Iris
Emily
Tom

KS2 Yoga:

Rue J
Theo H
Thomas B

KS2 Art/DT:

Marco J-M
Ava O
Bonnie M

Star of the Week W/C
30/10/2023
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EYFS/KS1 PE:

Frida M
Arlo A
Charlie W

Elder

Rubens
Sarina
Kyle

KS2 PE:

Sylvia S
Jacob H
Lucas J

Aspen

Ruby
Moe
Gryff

AVANTI PARK SCHOOL

Attendance Guide for Parents/Carer's

Attendance expectations at Avanti Park: Parents guide.

What **YOU** must do:

- Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.
- Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and provide the school with appointment cards/letters.
- If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.
- Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.
- If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What **WE** will do:

- Check your child's attendance every day.
- Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.
- Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.
- If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

We know that sometimes our pupils cannot come to school because they are really unwell - and that's the right thing to do for them and other students. Medical advice is clear however that children with mild illness will often be well enough to attend - for example if they have a cough, or cold, without a temperature. The NHS guidance [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/when-to-call-the-doctor/) is designed to support parents in their decision making about mild illness.



Notices



Christmas Performance Dates:



EYFS : 12th Dec 2pm

Year 1: 7th Dec 9.00-9.45am

Year 2: 8th Dec 10am

Years 3 & 4: 13th Dec 1.25-2.15pm

Years 5 & 6: 13th Dec 2.25-3.15pm

SCHOOL UNIFORM SWAP + JUMBLE SALE!



**Avanti
Jumpers
£6 each!**

WHEN

**Wednesday 22nd Nov
3pm - 4pm**

WHERE

Outside main gate

**We have lots of nearly new
branded Avanti Uniform for sale
for £2-£6 per item.**

**ANY AVANTI
UNIFORM ITEMS
ACCEPTED**

BLUE TOKENS
For swapping branded
uniform items

PINK TOKENS
For everything else!

**1 token = 1
item to swap**

**ALL FUNDS TO
THE PTFA**

**Swap for free
or buy on the
day for £1/£2**

LABELS!!

We have 489 children at the school. If a jumper/cardi does not have a name, or if the name is illegible due to washing off, we cannot return the items to their owners. These items will end up being donated to the 2nd hand uniform swaps. Lots of names are being washed off or becoming illegible. Please check ALL of your child's school items (including coats, water bottles and bags) and re-label where needed

In the classroom.



Children in Rowan class used different materials to keep an egg protected-like the rib cage protects our internal organs and the skull protects the brain! They then dropped the egg from a height to see if it would break!



Be Bright Day



On the 1st of November, Years 1 – 6 had a short presentation from Emma and Katie at Frome Town Council about the importance of being visible now that the evenings have got darker. On the 8th of Nov invited children across all year groups to design/wea/attach something that makes them more visible. There were some very creative ideas, and everyone had a great time 'reflecting' on their creations.



Congratulations



Congratulations to the Avanti Park cross country team who ran their second race on the 7th of November at Collete Park. A huge well done to all who took part and a special mention to Isy H-S who still came 6th even after losing a trainer in the mud and running back for it!! They looked fabulous in their new Avanti Park T-shirts.

Recruitment



SEND TA role:

closing date 26th November 2023

We are looking to appoint a caring SEN Teaching Assistant to join our supportive and friendly team.

You will be working with children with specific special educational needs. The successful candidate will need to be enthusiastic and dedicated to making a difference to children's learning. You will need to enjoy working with children and be passionate and committed to helping children develop as independent and confident individuals.

[Job Advert : SEN Teaching Assistant - Eteach](#)



Higher Level Teaching Assistant:

closing date 26th November 2023

We are looking for a highly motivated, skilled individual to take on the role of HLTA. The successful candidate will have a passion for helping children achieve their full potential in a team which values creativity, innovation and commitment, focusing on enabling children to learn well in engaging ways.

[Job Advert: High Level Teaching Assistant - Eteach](#)



Christmas Shoebox Appeal



Thank you so much to all those who have helped to make our Christmas Box Appeal so successful! These lovely boxes will shortly be making their way across Europe and will make a huge difference to vulnerable people, young and old at this special time of year. The boxes are going to be collected early next week so there is still time if you would like to donate to this very special charity event.

For further details and labels, please go to [Christmas Box 2023 is on! - House of Opportunity](#)



Events



Students and parents at the lantern workshop, busy making beautiful lanterns.



FROME LANTERN PARADE

*& Christmas light
switch-on*



Come and join in with the annual Light the Night festival in Frome on Friday November 24th! Assemble by St John's church at 6pm if you want to be part of the parade or simply turn up to enjoy the spectacle! As in previous years, the parade will be led by the amazing Jamma de Samba! Hot drinks and other stalls will also be available.

What's on ...



WEDNESDAY IS OUR FAVOURITE DAY OF THE WEEK!
JOIN US 4:30-5:30 @ FROME LEISURE CENTRE



SIGN UP VIA THE QR CODE
OR EMAIL FROMEDODGEBALL@GMAIL.COM



CREATIVE MAKERS



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

Over the four 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 soon as possible at creative-makers.co.uk
The art camp is a great opportunity for your child to explore their creative side and fun during the holidays



Dates: 19th, 21st December
2nd, 3rd January



HAF Christmas Camp



CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

PREMIER HOLIDAY CAMPS

Premier Education INSPIRING ACTIVITY

SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION
or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

★ Trustpilot 4.7/5
Based on over 19,000 reviews

YOUR NEAREST HOLIDAY CAMP...

Venue: Avanti Park School, Frome, BA11 1EU

Dates: Monday 18th until Thursday 21st of December 2023

Times: Full day 9-3pm - (Half day 9-12pm - 4 year olds)

Ages: 4-12 years

Additional info: stirim@premier-education.com

PLEASE BRING

- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing
- Loads of energy!

With great value sports, performing arts, and games to enjoy each half term, we have plenty for your children to get stuck into in the school break.

Over the winter break, there will be lots of festive fun to enjoy too.

Our Holiday Camps keep children entertained, safe & on the move during the school holidays.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

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or visit premier-education.com/holiday-camps

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Holiday Camp at Avanti Park School this coming Christmas!

Children who are eligible for free places have already received an email from Avanti Park with booking instructions.

Here is the link to the **fee-paying** course and booking: <https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/866227>

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/staff-nominations-for-special-thanks/>



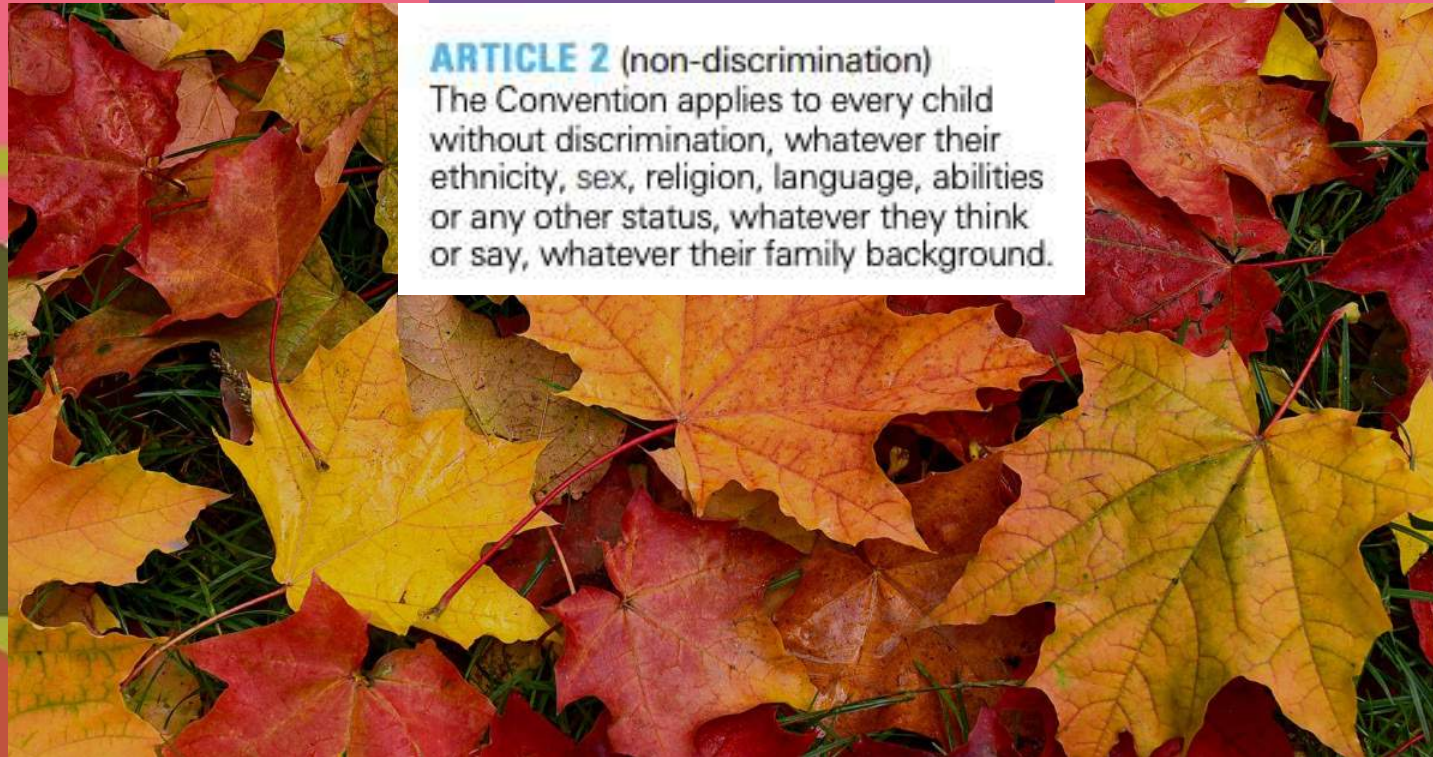
Stay Safe, Be Well



Right of the week

ARTICLE 2 (non-discrimination)

The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.



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