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MESSAGE FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to our first Avanti Park Post of Spring term 2. We have had an unbelievably busy start to term. Following our OFSTED visitors we moved seamlessly into our whole school festival and then onto World Book Day. Thank you so much to all the parents who came into school to support the festival day. It wouldn't have run so smoothly without you and so thank you for giving up your time to help out.

Next week marks the start of the Big Walk and Wheel fortnight and so as part of that we have had a visit from Dr Bike this week and the Smoothie Bike will be on site next week. The Big Walk and Wheel promotes sustainable travel to school and so as part of that please can I remind you about the importance of not parking on the single yellow lines outside of school. We have had a number of 'near misses' reported to us recently with pupils almost being hit by cars as they can't see to cross the road safely due to parked cars. Please be mindful of this and leave a little extra time so that you don't need to drive up Park Road and can walk instead. Thank you for your support in making Avanti Park safe for all of our families.

Have a wonderful weekend

Abby Atkins
Principal



Maple:
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Evie
Elska

Pine:
Harrison
Ada
Aila

Sycamore:
Jagoda
Luna
Miller

Rowan:
Rupert
Ada
Raphael

Chestnut:
Amelia
Toby
Aylin

Oak:
Florence
Joni
Wilbur

Ash:
Etta
-
Banba

Cherry:
Imogen
Marco
Merry

Cedar:
Alfred
Bror
Leo

Willow:
Hebe
Ayanna O-
M
Jacob W

Beech:
Molly
Malakai
Tiger-Lily

Hazel:
Alice
-
Lily-Mae

Holly:
Samson
Ellie
Alex S

Birch:
Mia
Greta
Ella H

Star of the Week W/C
19/02/2024
26/02/2024
04/03/2024

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EYFS/KS1 PE:
Thaia W
Kotaro C
Sorrell J

**EYFS/KS1
Yoga:**
Banba C
Freya N
Emily G

Walnut:
Ella W
Nell H
Reggie C-
H

**House points so far this
year....**

1st Harptree 16,564
2nd Thurlbear 15,507
3rd Blackdown 15,482
4th Dommett 14,971

Hawthorn:
Saraswathi
Lyrach T-B
Asha W-H

KS2 Yoga:
Ruby G
Jacob H
Emily G

KS2 Art/DT:
Jago C-H
Fynn S-A
-

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Elder:
Lula R
Islarose B
-

KS2 PE:
Dante AB
Kai Y
Felix J

Aspen:
-
Sophia W
Elliott N

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Notices



This digital Book Token can be printed and used. 1 token per child. These tokens can be used at hunting raven bookshop in Frome town centre.



£1 Book Token



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- Token is for children's individual use.
- Offer valid **15 February 2024 – 31 March 2024** inclusive.
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- The digital £1 book token cannot be redeemed online.

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To contact the World Book Day team, please email: wbd@education.co.uk





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Student Newsletter

Issue 15 of The Student Avanti Park Newsletter is now out! Copies will be available in Reception and in the Chantry entrance display area.

The Newsletter Club meets every Thursday at 15.20 - 16.30 in Room U1 in Craft Street : it is open to any child from Yr 4 and above. Richard Seccombe.

Parent Meetings for Reception – year 6 now bookable on the Arbor App. Dates of Tues 26th March and Thurs 18th April. Please only book ONE date.

Festival Day



Friday the 1st of March was our whole school festival day. Students in all year groups had a wonderful day Kite making/kite flying, Chapati making, Indian dancing, and older children also learnt traditional Indian songs. Thank you so much to all the parents who came into school to support the festival day. It wouldn't have run so smoothly without you and so thank you for giving up your time to help out.



Open Classrooms



Avanti Park hosted it's first 'Open Classroom' event of 2024 a couple of weeks ago. Lots of parents and guardians enjoyed the opportunity to have a look through their children's books and see what they have been working on in class. Our next Open Classroom will take place later in the year.

World Book Day



In the spirit of World Book Day, we have two fantastic websites which we would like to recommend.

The first is Books for Topics. Click on Reading for Pleasure and then Branching Out or follow the link:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/branching-out/>

Here you will find book recommendations for children who have been hooked by a particular series of author and are ready to branch out. For example, if your child loves Michael Morpurgo, there are 10 other titles they could explore.

The second is Guide Dogs UK <https://guidedogsuk.my.site.com/shop/s/>

Here you can buy custom-made books at the recommended guide price. Books can be customized to be printed using a range of fonts, including Dyslexia-friendly fonts; on coloured paper; the font size, line spacing and word spacing can also be changed.

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This morning, for World Book Day, Rowan and Cedar Classes took part in the Scholastic Schools Live **Horrible Histories: The Big Rotten Roman Quiz with Terry Deary**. The children got to test their knowledge of some interesting facts throughout the session. Terry Deary was at the British Museum where they have a new exhibition *Life in the Roman Army*, details of which can be found here: [Legion: life in the Roman army | British Museum](#)

World Book Day



Year 4 Sycamore had a wonderful time on World Book Day showing their creativity through their 'Rivers of Reading', which show books and other types of reading which have been important to them throughout their life. Thank you so much to parents for your support with this activity - without you discussing with your children at home, this just wouldn't have been possible!



EYFS Music Sessions



Huge thanks to parent Abi Bailey who has been visiting the school to run weekly music session with both Maple and Pine classes this term. It has been a real joy for the children to come together to sing and to get up close with the different instruments

Cross Country Team



Well done to the Avanti Park runners who took part in the latest cross country running event at Downside School. The children performed really well. A special mention to Isy Hopkinson-Scott who came 2nd in the upper school girls category.

International Women's Day and Plastic Free Period



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For International Women's Day, Frome Town are aiming to raise funds to make sure every Year 8 and Year 9 who need it have access to plastic free period products regardless of their financial situation. This is part of a Frome Medical Practice Lottery funded project. All items bought through the funds will be given to young people through Fair Frome (our charity of the year), Young Person's Clinic and various Frome Schools.

As part of the project, [Plastic free. Period](#) team members Charlotte Carson and Jo Morris have been visiting schools across Frome, spreading the word about plastic-free period products. Period pants offer greater comfort, can be worn for longer without changing, and are reusable, making them better for the environment too.

Donate to [this Just Giving page](#) Let's try and buy a period pack for all those who menstruate in year 8 and 9 in Frome, saving kids money and reducing our waste dramatically!

[Green and Healthy Frome](#) is a partnership between Frome Medical Practice, Frome Town Council and Edventure, focusing on the health of people and planet, and how they're closely linked.

Talk to Charlotte if you want to find out more or go direct to this page -

[Crowdfunding to give a free period pack to every Year 8 and 9 student in Frome who needs one - can you help? on JustGiving](#)



Recruitment

Premises Manager

This is an exceptional opportunity to join the Avanti Park site team. We need a Premises Manager to join our team at Avanti Park who will support ensuring the site and premises are safe, secure and well organised so that our children have the very best learning environment.

You can now preview the advert for the above vacancy with a closing date of 14th March 2024, at midnight, using the link below:

[Premises Manager \(eteach.com\)](https://www.eteach.com)

Casual Kitchen Staff

We are currently looking for casual kitchen staff. Please can all enquiries be directed to amber.wagstaff-sommer@govindas.com



KS3 English Teacher

We are seeking to appoint a talented and dedicated Part Time KS3 English Teacher for a Maternity Cover. The ideal candidate will be someone who is committed to forming positive relationships with our students as well as someone who is passionate about teaching and learning.

Please click on the link below to view the advert.

[KS3 English Teacher](#)

Please note – although the application/interview deadline has passed, the vacancy has not been filled and we are still accepting applications.

Big Walk and Wheel



Headline sponsor:
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Info sheet

11–22 March 2024

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.



15th Big Walk and Wheel challenge

Help us to celebrate the 15th year of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and make it the biggest one yet. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive to school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year the challenge will run from **11–22 March 2024**. It is free and easy to take part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. You can register your school for the challenge from January 2024 at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk.



How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school.

A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel certificate.



Prizes

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively.

In 2023,
3,096kg
of nitrogen oxide
avoided as a result
of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2023,
**1,890
tonnes**
of CO₂ avoided as a
result of the 10-day
challenge*

In 2023, pupils at
1,862
schools made
2,666,937
journeys to school by
foot, wheelchair,
scooter and cycle

*Based on the assumption the journeys logged in the challenge would otherwise have been made by car.



School resources

We provide a suite of fun and interactive resources to help make your challenge a success. These free resources include:

- Curriculum linked lesson plans
- Inclusivity guide
- School assembly presentation
- Top Tips
- Poster



FAQS

Who can take part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2024?

All schools in the UK can take part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel (provided they have a DfE or SEED no. or an IRN). If you do not have a DfE/SEED/Inst Ref number email bigwalkandwheel@sustrans.org.uk.

How do I register?

Simply fill in your school details on the [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel registration page](http://www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk).

How do I log journeys for SEN/ALN/ASN pupils?

If a SEN/ALN/ASN pupil is unable to take an active journey to school then one active journey within the school day counts in the challenge. These journeys are logged on the dedicated journey logging page. [For more information please visit the terms and conditions.](#)



What next?

1. Register for the challenge from January 2024 at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk
2. Put 11–22 March 2024 in your diaries
3. [View and download the free school resources.](#) Plan how you could use them in your school or lessons
4. Email the Big Walk and Wheel team if you have any questions: bigwalkandwheel@sustrans.org.uk



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Frome Kindness Festival



Frome Kindness Festival 16-22 March

Come and be part of the excitement at this year's Frome Kindness Festival! Get involved by writing down your own experience of kindness, we're especially excited to hear from children, drop it off at The Good Heart, Kind Bank or email to gemmathegoodheart@gmail.com.

Or join us for fantastic family events such as the Afterschool Toy Swap and the Family Assembly, or visit the family-friendly Kind Bank located in the HSBC building, open daily from 10-4pm throughout the festival. For the full program of events, visit www.thegoodheart.uk/2024-programme.



FAMILY EVENTS

SAT 16TH MARCH
Kindness Festival Market Stall 9-3pm People's Market
Skip, Swing and Stitch 10-12, Victoria Park
Frome Town Band 1-1.45pm, Boyle Cross
Tea Dance for Young & Old: 1-3pm, Rook Lane Chapel

SUN 17TH MARCH
Kindness Assembly for Families 2-3.30pm, Bennett Centre
Keys to Kindness: A Children's Piano Concert 2.30-3.30pm, Christchurch

MON 18TH MARCH
Babies and Children Clothes Exchange 9.30-11am, Wesley Methodist Church

THURS 21ST MARCH
Afterschool Toy Swap 2-4.30pm, Silk Mill

FRI 22ND MARCH
Scallop Shells Children's Choir: Songs of Kindness 4.30-5.15pm Christchurch
Festival Wrap-Up with Frome Street Bandits 6-9pm, Kind Bank

ALL WEEK! Kindness Storytime Mon-Fri 4pm, Frome Library
Visit Kind Bank By the Boyle Cross, 10 - 4pm daily

ALL EVENTS FREE OR BY DONATION
BOOK TICKETS AT WWW.THEGOODHEART.UK

Events



Here is the booking links for our Easter camp (fee paying):
<https://family.premier-education.com/add-course/879349>
The Link for pupil premium families will be sent by email
directly to eligible families

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.

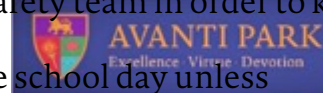
There are four drop off spaces and three disabled spaces that are for the use of pupils with access needs and these spaces need to be arranged with either the School Business Manager or the school SENDCo

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



Stay Safe, Be Well

Right of the week



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AIMS OF EDUCATION

Children's education should help them fully develop their personalities, talents and abilities. It should teach them to understand their own rights, and to respect other people's rights, cultures and differences. It should help them to live peacefully and protect the environment.



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