



Summer Term - Friday 23rd April 2021

Krishna Avanti Primary School Croydon

Newsletter

Welcome to the Summer term!

Dates for your Diaries

Tuesday 27th April
School Photos

Monday 3rd May
Bank Holiday – School closed

Tuesday 4th May
Height and weight measurement for Reception children (School Nurse)

Friday 21st May
INSET Day – School closed

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June
May half-term

Attendance and Punctuality

Our whole school attendance has been 99.1% this week which is excellent.

The number of children who have been late this week has been 7.6%

Please can you ensure that your children arrive to school on time so they don't miss out on any learning.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to introduce myself to you as Mrs Pandya as Principal at Krishna Avanti Primary – Croydon.

We have had a great start to the first week back of a new term and all have been busy getting back into being back at school. It has been a real pleasure and privilege in being present at KAPSC, getting to know the children, staff and families!

The sunshine has certainly made a difference this week and it has been wonderful hearing the children playing, laughing and talking at playtimes and lunchtimes. We have had a great week of learning celebrating Ramnavami as a school on Wednesday. Mrs Soni will share more information about this later. Year 4 were also fortunate to take part in a Shakespeare workshop which was truly brilliant and the children thrived from the experience. Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 have some wriggle visitors in the form of caterpillars and will be learning about these and their life cycles over the coming weeks.

We are hoping that in time, as the lockdown restrictions continue to ease, we can gradually resume back to 'normal school-life'. We will of course follow Government and the DfE's guidance on this closely. We are hoping to revert back to the original school start and end times and reduce the need to stagger the start and end times of the school day, however details about this will be shared once we have more clarity in weekly newsletters.

Please feel free to have a chat with me whilst on the playground or you can make an appointment via the school office email on: kapscredon@avanti.org.uk

Have a safe and pleasant weekend.
Best wishes

Mrs Bijal Pandya
Principal



Covid Vigilance and Site Safety

Whilst we all rejoice in the gradual lifting of lockdown restrictions, it is imperative that we all remember that the Covid risk has not yet gone away and remain vigilant. Please can you do your bit by ensuring that you follow government guidance, that you take part in lateral flow testing programmes available locally, and that you keep children at home following any positive test results or signs of any symptoms. In addition, please can you help by remaining socially distanced during drop-off and collection time daily. We thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our year group curriculum meetings this week. It was great to have the forthcoming learning within each class being shared. If for any reason you weren't able to attend the Power Points and recordings are accessible on the Google Classroom area.

Help Wanted! Parent/Volunteers

Our topics this half-term are as follows:

- *Reception - Animals*
- *Year 1 - Superheroes*
- *Year 2 - Scientists and Inventors*
- *Year 3 - The Romans*
- *Year 4 - Shakespeare and Crime and Punishment*

If you or your family happen to know anyone who can share information or resources which lend themselves to our topic please get in touch via your class teacher or email the school office. This might include a short presentation, a question and answer session with the children about a particular job, role or profession e.g. scientists, medics, inventors, archaeologists, vets etc. We are really keen to collaborate more closely with our families and use your expertise in helping the learning for our children at KAPSC come alive!

If you also happen to have some spare time and would like to volunteer for specific jobs in and around the school, please let us know via the school office.

Yoga

Mrs Iyer, our yoga teacher, has asked for parents to please ensure children come to school in their PE kits on Wednesdays, as it is difficult for children to participate effectively in school uniform.

French Club *Change of times* *Wednesdays*

- *EYFS/KS1 - 3.30 to 4pm*
- *KS2 - 4 to 4.30 pm*



Ramnavmi



This week we celebrated the very important festival of Ramnavmi. Lord Rama appeared on this planet millions of years ago in Ayodhya, India, and His appearance is celebrated on this day. Lord Rama's tragic life - the losing of His kingdom, His wife Sita's kidnapping, and the inevitable war against Her kidnapper Ravana who was King of Lanka - is depicted in the ancient epic scripture called the "Ramayana" - a famous literature read across all Hindu traditions. Lord Rama is known for His adherence to dharma (duty) through all situations He faced and is celebrated as the ideal devotee, king, and husband.

The Children had a great time working in teams to re-create some of the pastimes from the Ramayana using props, drama skills and speaking and listening skills.

They had the opportunity to explore how Lord Rama showed all the Avanti Values and then decided on a pastime that embedded a particular value. They then worked in groups to create a play that showed the pastime.

