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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF KRISHNA AVANTI PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEICESTER

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Autumn splendour at Krishna Avanti Primary School

Message from our Principal:

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope all had a wonderful half term with some great family time. Thank you to all that have shared ideas and highlighted areas where we can better work together to improve what we offer - your positive collaboration is greatly appreciated and be assured, very soon various points will be actioned soon.

Next week is the opportunity for you to have up to ten minutes uninterrupted time with your child's class teacher where you should leave knowing where your children currently is; what their targets are for English and Mathematics; and the next steps/best ways for us to work together to reach those targets. If you have not yet made an appointment, please do so [before Monday](#) via the school website in the 'Parents' section. It is important to remember to stick to the ten minutes so others following are not delayed - minutes are strictly limited to ten minutes.

As mentioned in this newsletter, access arrangements in the morning appear to be much improved, so I am told. Please do help by adhering to our requests that we do not park up; overtake; speed; access on foot by the wrong gates etc... If you do, you will be challenged - we will keep children safe and I'd rather we did that by positively working together rather than refusing entry to those ignoring our requests. Sadly, Mrs Patel was verbally abused by a parent challenged for putting their children in danger. Thank you to all of you whom are positively working with us.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy the upcoming month and the celebrations that I am so looking forward to - we can never stop learning.

Warm regards
Denham Kite,
Interim Principal



Saturday 31st October: Open Day at School
Tues 3rd & Wed 4th Nov: Parents' evenings
Thurs 5th Nov: School Photographer
Tues 10th Nov: Diwali lunch - non uniform day and Parents invited to school to see their own Year group presentations for Diwali at the following times:
Yr 4: 8.15am, **Yr 3:** 9.25am, **Yr 2:** 10.35am,
Yr 1: 11.45am, **Reception:** 1.15pm

Diary Dates



Wed 11th Nov & Thurs 12th Nov: Diwali - school closed for 2 days

Fri 13th Nov: Govardhan Puja Festival in school - children to bring in offerings (fruits, flowers, sweets or savouries, fully vegetarian, no eggs, onion, garlic, mushroom and NO NUTS please)





Month of Kartik

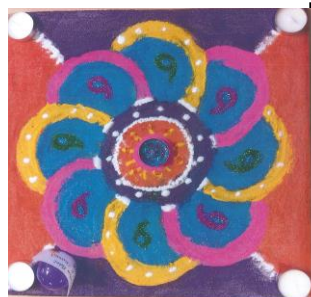
In the lead up to Diwali, the Festival of Lights, our Chair of Governors, Mr Pradeep Gajjar, shared an informative and fun assembly with the children, telling the pastime of Lord Krishna being bound up with ropes by Mother Yashoda. This pastime took place on the Diwali day he explained. Through out this month devotees offer lamps and sing prayers to Lord Krishna in His form as a young child. It is said that any good activities we perform this month will be multiplied 1000 times!!!

Poppies

Next week, from Monday 2nd November, Year 4 children will be taking a selection of poppies and other items for sale round to classes at breaktime. Proceeds are for the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Day.



Above: Year 3 children outside the Cathedral in Leicester as part of their visit, on the topic of King Richard 3rd.



Picture on the left: One of the many beautiful Rangoli patterns submitted for the Rangoli competition, by Prisha Patel from Year 2 Swans

Parking Safely & Responsibly

We are pleased that the new parking strategy is working well, with many parents choosing to drive into the school grounds in the morning and drop their children off.

A few concerns to be noted:

- If you need to park and bays are full, do not park on the grass, go around until a space is available
- Use the zebra crossing at all times
- Maximum of 4 mph speed limit within school grounds
- Drive cautiously especially when exiting through the gate at the bottom of the drive
- Pedestrians should only use the small gates – not the double gates which are for cars

Thank you to everyone for your continuing support.

On 5th November, School photographer will be in to take individual shots of the children - also siblings in school. Proofs will be sent out to parents for purchase if they wish.

Parentpay

Please ensure that you register with Parentpay and save your log-in details. You could miss out on important messages from school if you are not registered with this system.



Interfaith Event

Representatives from our school performed an amazing dance as part of a presentation at the Interfaith Event held at County Hall on the 29th October. Amongst the dignitaries present were Nicky Morgan – Minister of Education and the Lord Mayor of Leicester. The dance was expertly choreographed by Mrs Smita Vadnerkar of Nupur Arts, on the theme of World War 1 – children sang and danced to the Shanti Mantra.

Payments

Payments are now due for the 2nd half of Autumn Term. If you need a Bar Code for payments, please contact Aavruti in the Office on Friday mornings.