

# The Lion

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF KRISHNA AVANTI PRIMARY SCHOOL, LEICESTER

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### Early Morning at Krishna Avanti School:

"Know that all beautiful and wonderful creations, spring from but a spark of My splendour"  
Shri Krishna, Bhagavad Gita (Photo: Alka Gosai 19.1.16 )

### Message from our Principal:

Dear Parents

The school year continues to fly past and every day is a valuable day on your child's educational journey. Thank you for the continued support and feedback. I believe that we have moved forward well over the past few months and shall continue to do so as we approach the summer term and the end of the academic year.

Next week is Parents' Evening, so I am looking forward to hearing how that goes and hopefully you will be pleased with the progress reported and what you see in books. I will be in meetings for much of the two events there as myself and Mrs Hunter (Interim Deputy) are sharing teaching in Year 4 Comets following the resignation of their teacher, Mrs Uppal. Sadly, Mrs Uppal has been struggling with her health to such an extent she was doing neither herself nor the class justice. With that in mind, please appreciate that myself and Mrs Hunter will be leading the class until we get a suitable replacement.

I trust all received the letter regarding World Book Day - it will be great to see the children dressed as a favourite book character and as detailed in the letter, possibly new books for the library for all children to enjoy.

Earlier in the week we had an interesting start to the morning when the gate would not open properly for cars, resulting in a last minute plan - a massive thank you to all for working with us positively in a situation nobody wanted to be in. I did hear the odd negative comment and witnessed some quite worrying driving from the very small minority without any regard for others. Please remember that staff, including myself, have no obligation to be outside for access or parking and do so out of good will - for the minority, please note that.

Please also remember that there should be no parking whatsoever in our neighbour's, St. Paul's, spaces. Every effort should be made to walk into school from Spencefield Lane and beyond. Please may I further remind you that there is no access for parents onto the site in the afternoons. We have unfortunately experienced many without authorisation. Mr. Kathrani and I will come out to regularly monitor this.

Punctuality has improved so thank you for your continued efforts with that. Please keep working on it, those that continue to arrive late; it really does disturb the class and learning that has already started. It may be we start to shut the gates early and all staff are in, including myself, by 08:00, so we can give our best efforts to those that do arrive on time. I do sometimes hear remarks that traffic is difficult and other excuses but if we switched the perspective and staff all arrived at 08:05, I am sure it would be deemed totally unacceptable, regardless of the traffic. If you are one that continually arrives late, please set off ten minutes earlier.

Finally, now all, appreciating the above, please do fill in the Parent Questionnaire on the website if you have not already done so. For those that totally agree with the comments, likewise, please complete the questionnaire so that we do get a balanced view.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Denham Kite, Interim Principal

### New Term Dates

Term Dates for Academic Year 2016-17 have now been posted on our school website: <https://krishna-avanti-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/Useful-information/> A hard copy is available from Reception should you need to pick one up.



## Dates for your Diary



Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Feb: Visit from High Sheriff of Leicester  
 Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> 3-6.30pm: Parents Evening  
 Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> 3 – 5pm: Parents Evening  
 Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March: World Book Day (non uniform)  
 Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March: Gaura Purnima Festival in school,  
 Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> March: Last day of Spring Term  
 Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April: Summer Term begins

## School drop off & pick up reminders:

- School gates open at 7.35 am
- All children to be in school by 8am
- School gates will close by 8.00am. Thereafter parents need to accompany and sign in children at reception
- 2.45pm is the afternoon pick up time – no cars are allowed in the grounds unless authorised. Parents arriving late to pick up children will be issued with a letter, on the third letter they will be fined – this is to cover the cost of staff giving child care
- Please always use the **pedestrian gates** to walk in and exit for you and your child's safety - **do not use the car exit as a pedestrian entry or exit.**

Thank you to everyone for your continuing support.



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### Community Garden Project Award

Wonderful news! We have been granted £10,000 for a community garden project at the school from the Big Lottery Fund.

This project will be for the school and community, providing space that is inclusive and a stimulating environment for children to share new experiences, overcome barriers and develop confidence. The fund will specifically fund sessional workers, plants, paving, sand, soil, leaflets and promotion.

The project is to be completed before the end of the calendar year. We will keep you updated with progress and opening dates.

### Possible Closures due to Weather Conditions

In case of severe weather conditions, please follow these guidelines to find out if the school is going to be closed – lets hope we are over the worst of the bad weather now!

- Tune into BBC Radio Leicester – Digital or 104.9 FM – they will have updated information of any schools that are to be **CLOSED**.
- Log onto [www.bbc.co.uk/leicester](http://www.bbc.co.uk/leicester) - this will give up to the minute information on any closures.
- Check our website for further updates: [www.avanti.org.uk/kapsleicester](http://www.avanti.org.uk/kapsleicester)

### Jewellery in school

Due to health and safety considerations, kindly note that children are not allowed to wear jewellery for PE, Yoga or swimming sessions. This includes earrings. It is no longer acceptable for them to be taped up they but **MUST** be removed. This is for the safety and protection of all children. Your co-operation is most appreciated.

### Magical Maths After School Club

**(NOTE: registration is now closed for this block of 6 sessions)**

This new club runs for 6 consecutive weeks from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, parents need to register directly with Magical Maths - sign up at: [www.magicalmathsclub.com](http://www.magicalmathsclub.com) or by telephoning 0116 202 9943. Cost is £39 for 6 sessions – paid directly to them. It is for Years 1-4. The club will run straight after school from 2.55 to 3.55, parents to pick up children at 4pm from school.

### After School Clubs & Music

If your child is currently attending an After School Club or music session we will assume that they are going to continue in the Summer term and will add them to the new registers. If your child is **NOT** going to continue, then please inform us in writing or by email in the school office by March 14<sup>th</sup>. Payments will need to be made on Parentpay by 20<sup>th</sup> March to secure your child's place. If there are any spaces available, they will be offered to those children currently on waiting lists and we will inform parents.

### Parentpay

Payments for 2<sup>nd</sup> half Spring Term, for lunch and bus payments are now overdue. Please make your payments promptly.

**Changes to Parentpay:** when you log-in you may be prompted to change your user name to a verified email address, and then to verify this. Please follow the instructions otherwise you may be unable to access your Parentpay account.



On Feb 9th, all the children took part in **Safer Internet Day**. They had access to a number of activities to learn about how to stay safe online. You can find out more at: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>