



Parents Bulletin

Monday 18th September, 2023

Principal's Update

Please accept our apologies for sending the parent bulletin via a PDF newsletter – we are still experiencing back-end technical issues with our website which means that we are not able to save any updates or additions.

I would like to take this opportunity to raise awareness and express my sincere appreciation to Dipak Patel. He has been nominated for a Pride of Britain award for the work that he does within our community in his role as a SSC Chair and member of our PTFA. To read further about this nomination, [click here](#).

Tomorrow evening, we are looking forward to welcoming Year 6 families for our secondary open evening. We still have a small number of tickets available for the evening, so if you know of any families that might be interested in attending, please have them [register here](#). We are also holding open morning tours next week, and tickets can be [reserved here](#).

Over the last few months we have sadly lost three children in the city. As a result of this there may be some questions or anxieties in our school communities. Schools have been asked to share the attached letter with our communities to ensure support is available. The Local Authority Educational Psychology Service, Social Emotional and Mental Health Team and Public Health colleagues are all available for on-going advice and support to schools when dealing with these issues.

Calendar Updates

Secondary Calendar

- Tuesday 19th September: Y6 Open Evening (4:00 – 8:00 pm)
- Wednesday 20th September: Y11 GCSE Drama trip: curve Theatre (14:00 pm)
- Thursday 21st September: Behaviour Information meeting online zoom (17:30 – 19:00pm)
- Friday 22nd September: Y11 1:1 Careers guidance
- Wednesday 27th September: Y10 Music trip : curve Theatre
- Wednesday 27th September: E – Safety Evening
- Thursday 28th September: Y7 meet the Tutors Evening (4:00 – 7:00 pm)

Primary Calendar

- Thursday 21st September: Parents Evening registration deadline
- Tuesday 26th September: Y1 Parents Phonics workshop (3:00 – 3:30 pm)

Primary News

What a great week it has been. Year 1 pupils have gone on their first trip, a local walk as part of their history project, Nursery pupils have been getting musical with instruments and Reception have started their new book; Owl babies and have begun looking at owl habitats!



To hear more about your child's learning do not forget to follow us on **Twitter: @AFSPprimary**.

Year 1 Parent Phonic workshop

All Year 1 pupils will take a Government Phonics Check in the summer term. To support and learn more about the phonic screening check, all parents are invited to attend an afterschool workshop on the *26th of September 3.00pm-3.30pm*. If you would like to attend, please go to the school office at 3.00pm on the day of the workshop.

Half term

All Primary pupils have a two-week half term as stated on the academic calendar; *Monday 16th October-Friday 27th October*.

Nursery pupils only

Nursery pupils have an extra 1-week entitlement. This means Nursery pupils can attend school *Monday 23rd October- Friday 27th October*. We recognise that not all parents will want to bring in their child during this week and therefore we ask ALL parents to complete the following form to indicate attendance:

<https://avanti.wufoo.com/forms/m340aoz1fntpe7/>

Please can ALL Nursery parents complete the above form by Thursday 5th October.

Nursery 23-24 - October half term attendance form

Please complete to indicate if your child will/ will not be attending the week: *23rd October- 27th October*

Secondary News

Parents behaviour meeting

Our approach
to behaviour

SAVE the DATE

21st September

5:30pm – 7:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84016784775?pwd=SmVrcWlxZGk2YkVDSkpgWkl1aTI0UT09>

Meeting ID: 840 1678 4775
Passcode: 462249



As publicised in the most recent parent's information evenings, please do join us online and remotely on Thursday 21st September at 5:30pm – 7pm for a highly informative session from behaviour and relational practice expert Hannah Hall and the acclaimed evidence informed practise work of Paul Dix 'When the adult change seismic shift in behaviour'.

This session will inform on

1. The key approaches we as a school are taking to deliver our behaviour policy effectively.
2. Practical steps parents can take to adopt and deliver a consistent approach at home with their child, to strengthen our approach to positive behaviour in school.

Zoom Link Parents behaviour meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84016784775?pwd=SmVrcWlxZGk2YkVDSkpgWkl1aTI0UT09>

Meeting ID: 840 1678 4775

Passcode: 462249

Code of conduct for online events

1. Please **do not** share this link with anyone else.
2. When you join, please put your camera on
3. When you join, please mute your microphone function.
4. When you join, please clearly display your full name.
5. Please do not tamper with any of the display slides during the presentation.

Careers Fair

Please find attached information regarding our upcoming **Careers Fair** on **Wednesday 11th October**.

It is recommended that **all Year 11** students attend the event and **Year 10** students are optional.

All students attending the event **must** be accompanied by an adult.

Please click on the link below to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ks4-careers-fair-2023-tickets-717121629097?aff=oddtcreator>

PTFA News

Avanti Fields PTFA (Parent, Teacher, Friends Association) is a registered charity and consist of volunteer parents who work together to arrange these types of events to raise money for the school and provide fun opportunities for the school and wider community to get together. If you would like to join us or find out more about what we do, please email avantifieldsptfa@gmail.com.

We are also looking for sponsors for events to keep our cost down so if you would like to contribute individually or through a company then please get in touch.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

BHAJANS WITH BHAVIK – Saturday 23rd September

He's back! After a hugely successful musical weekend in March, which featured the renowned singer and musician, Bhavik Haria, performing live at our school auditorium, we're pleased to announce that Bhavik is coming back for another special concert – this time even more interactive with the audience. Tickets are on sale now, his shows last year sold out and tickets are selling fast – [Click here to book](#)



Bhajans with Bhavik
Live

Saturday 23rd Sept 2023 • 7pm
Avanti Fields School, 21 Furrow View, Leicester, LE5 0BX

Book your tickets: www.bhavikharla.com

GARBA CLASSES (Authentic & traditional dance with a Local Tutor) & ACCREDITED CORSE WITH INDIA'S GARBA KING, JIGAR SONI

If you take a keen interest in Garba, Gujarati music and dance, then you will surely have heard of Jigar Soni, the king of Garba, co-founder of Soni School of Authentic Garba Dance. The talented dancer and choreographer is coming to us all the way from Mumbai to get us ready and up to date with the latest and best Garba/Dandiya moves to impress the crowds this Navratri.

PTFA will be offering a Weekly Class – with a local tutor, Urvi Modha, who will teach you authentic garba dance moves. £7.50 per class or all 4 classes for £25 (**Friday evenings 8TH Sep to 29th September 7.30pm – 9pm**)

And then on **Sunday 1st October**, the PTFA is proud to host:

Grade 1 intensive 4-hour course 12pm – 4pm, (Accredited with a Certificate) with Jigar Soni himself. Book early to secure your place! Over 12s only. The prices are:

£30 for Jigar's Accredited Course Only

£32 Course + 1 Weekly Class

£38 Course + 2 Weekly Classes

£43 Course + 3 Weekly Classes

£46 Course + 4 Weekly Classes

£50 Course, 4 Classes + Interactive Garba Session

Plus, Interactive 1.5 hr Garba Session on 1st October (4.14pm – 5.45pm) WITH JIGAR SONI £7.50 Adults / £5 Children (under 12)

Limited Availability on the above Garba sessions so book asap to confirm your place! [Click Here to Book](#)

[Garba Workshop, Course & Interactive Session](#)

NAVRATRI – October 20, 21 & 22 (Oct Half Term)

Watch out for details about our Navratri events, which we're bringing you bigger and better than ever before!

FOUR events of full-on celebration and dancing, with something for everyone!

Friday 20th Oct – Daytime 1.30pm – 5pm – Children's special session with live music by Jungle Band from India

Friday 20th Oct – Evening Disco Dandiya Nite (7pm – late) with Live DJ – don't forget your glowsticks!

Saturday 21st Oct – Daytime Navratri event 1.30pm – 5pm with live music by Jungle Band from India

Sunday 22nd October – Daytime Navratri event 1.30pm – 5pm with live music by Jungle Band from India

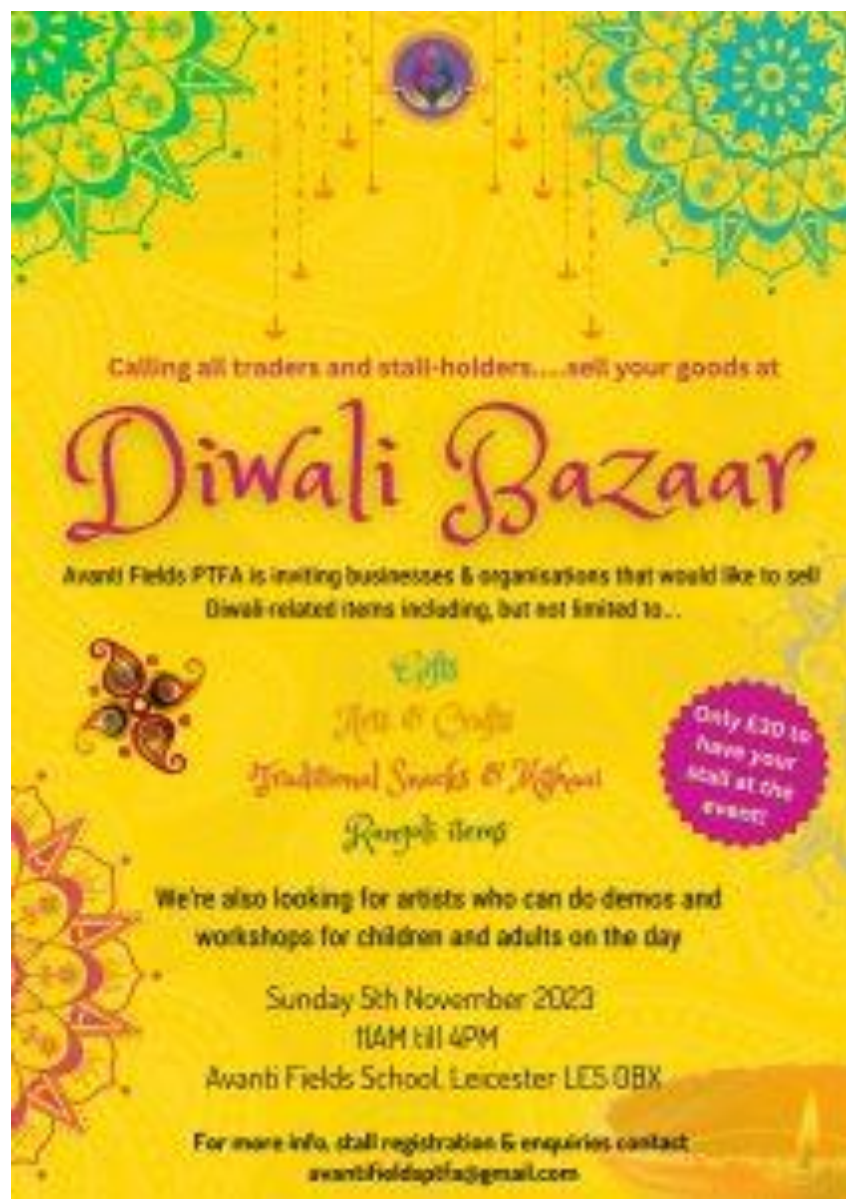
Tickets are £5 each for all Navratri events and a limited number of package deals for Fri Evening, Sat & Sun at £12 for all three. **Navratri at the school is extremely popular, and we expect to sell out to capacity very quickly.**

[Click Here to Book Tickets](#)

[Navratri2023_fridaydisco](#)

Diwali Bazaar

For the first time ever, the PTFA is proud to bring you a special Diwali Bazaar at the school. There'll be a wide variety of stalls selling Diwali-related items such as gifts, sweets, snacks, arts and crafts, rangoli, fashion, etc. There'll also be special demos and workshops on the day. Free entry! If you'd like to have a stall at the Bazaar, please get in touch with the PTFA on avantifieldsptfa@gmail.com.



We will also be arranging our popular **HANUMAN CHALISA** after the Diwali Bazaar on the 5th November, more details will follow soon. As you can see, we have been extremely busy arranging the above events, we strongly urge you to book asap as we expect all of the to sell out.

Contacting the School

Communications

Wherever possible please use the contact form on our website to get in touch. This is detailed on the website at <https://avanti.org.uk/avantifields/contact-us/>. The appropriate member of staff will pick up the message and get back to you as soon as possible.

Absence

To report an absence to the school, parents should contact us by 8:00am (primary) and 8.30am (secondary)

Email: attendance.afl@avanti.org.uk

Phone: 0116 326 6813 (Option 1 to leave a voicemail)

Please remember to state your child's full name, tutor group and reason for absence. If your child is unwell, please could you give a brief description of the symptoms.

All education research highlights how crucial it is to a child's academic progress and wellbeing they attend school, on time, all of the time. Therefore, a reminder that it is important that families organise events or holidays outside of school time to ensure that their child is at school as often as possible.

The school works closely with the Education Welfare Officer at LCC, and we do seek to ensure that any requests for authorised absence are dealt with on a case-by-case basis, in a sensitive manner. However, the school can never authorise a family holiday or a trip abroad to visit family members during term time.

This academic year, families will have two weeks at the October half-term, three weeks at Christmas and two weeks at Easter for extended family holidays. Please do ensure that if booking holidays, they fall within the holiday periods.

Thank you,

Vanessa Bardsley

Principal