



AVANTI SCHOOLS
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Avanti Gardens School

PARENTS WEEKLY BULLETIN

20th November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 21st November	3.00pm - 6.00pm	Olympians / Titans Parent's Evening (Classes 6, 7a and 7b)
Saturday 7th December	2.00 - 4.00pm	Winter Fair
Friday 20th December	12:35pm	Last day of term. 1:30pm Close/Pick up time

JOSS

Some of you may have noticed that Joss has not been around as much this week. This is because she has been suffering with Labyrinthitis. As a result she is not able to be out and about around the school as much as she usually is or would like. The Leadership Team are ensuring the smooth day-to-day running of the school. Please contact them in the first instance if you have any queries. Joss is still working closely with Avanti and the Principals of the other Academies to ensure a smooth transition. We wish Joss a speedy recovery.

OUTDOOR CLOTHES

Please ensure your children come equipped for cold and wet weather. Children need to have warm clothes, a waterproof coat, waterproof trousers and wellington boots. If children come prepared for bad weather then we can support them to make the most of opportunities to be outside.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN DAY

The school will be running open days for prospective parents. A flyer is attached.

ADVENT SPIRAL

Information was sent to Lower School Parents this week about our plans for the Advent Spiral. It is attached for your information.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH BEHAVIOUR NEEDS: a message from the SEN team

As term 2 gets under way I am delighted to start up my regular parent Information Bulletin once again. I'm kick-starting this term with behaviour as it's been somewhat of a focus behind the scenes over the last few weeks with THRIVE screening and behaviour support plans being updated.

We see behaviour as communication, however sometimes children can present with behaviours that are challenging and hard to understand. We work closely with families and external agencies to try to plan to support our children but often the other children in the class don't know or understand and this can lead to them thinking that it is unfair or thinking that a child is 'getting away' with behaviour.

It is important to talk to your child and reassure them that some children need a bit more help, and to remind your child that if they think something is unfair to speak to their class teacher, somebody from the Safeguarding team or their trusted adults. This will allow us to be able to help the other child who is displaying upsetting behaviour. It's really important to remind them that retaliating with words or unkind hands and feet could make the child they are upset with more likely to act in the same way in the future. Remind them to say "stop, I don't like what you are doing" and to tell an adult if they continue. It's also important to remind your child that some children find it hard and need more help from the adults and their classmates.

If you are ever concerned about a child's behaviour, please contact your child's class teacher, whilst they won't tell you details about the other child, they will be able to reassure you that they are working with them and maybe give you some strategies so your child has a plan when they are worried. We always want to hear our children's voices, but we do know it's hard sometimes for children to tell us.

In the background, we have been training key staff in THRIVE and we are benefiting from fantastic support from a THRIVE trainer who is working closely with our staff to give them strategies, this will hopefully extend into term 3.

Thank you as always for your fantastic support.

The SEN team!

MENU This terms menu is attached. We are currently on Week 1.

FRIENDS OF STEINER ACADEMY BRISTOL

The Friends of Steiner Academy Bristol said goodbye at the final meeting and AGM last week. For the last five years they have loved and supported school, with all the families who have been part of our community.

The new Parents, Teachers and Friends Association will be in touch soon.

Thanks everyone for your time, energy and commitment.

Sarah Horne, George Rose, Linda Irwin and Grainia Pedersen

CHRISTMAS FAIR

The Christmas fair is a hot topic of conversation between the newly formed Parent Teacher Friends Association and there will soon be requests from class reps as to how your class can contribute to make it a joyful and easeful event, so please listen out for messages.

In the meantime we're asking for tombola contributions - please bring things into the office where there will be a tombola box that you can leave them in.

Prizes can be homemade or otherwise, something lovely that you would be pleased to win!

Many thanks.

PTFA

MESSAGE FROM PARENT AMBASSADORS

Please keep your comments coming to us... queries, concerns, feedback. It's useful to hear any positive suggestions and feedback too.

We manage to cover a fair bit of ground at each meeting, where focused discussions are leading to a better understanding of viewpoints.

Meetings will now be fortnightly to enable more time for effective communication of agendas and minutes between the school management team and the wider parent body.

Please email us on ambassadors@steineracademybristol.org.uk

Where possible, it is useful to have clear subject headings and keeping the content focused.

Also please note that this is a private email address which only the Parent Ambassadors have access to.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Chloe 7,4,2b, Hiroka 1a,Olive, Lily 4,2b, Tan 1a, Nicky 1b, Grainia 2b

Anyone wishing to join the Parent Ambassadors group to represent a wider parent body, please get in touch with Joss or Alex through school email. You will be very welcome. The meetings are bi-weekly on a Tuesday at 3.30pm. Next meeting is 3rd December 2019.

CAPOEIRA AFTER SCHOOL CLUB Thursday 3pm - 4pm (Class 2 upwards) £36 per term.

Apologies, last week the email address was incorrect. If you are interested in your child attending this after school club please contact bob@dmacuk.com for more info see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOo5iYBcn50>

ATTENDANCE – Every Day Matters

Student Attendance last week was 92.8% down from 93%, below our target of 96%.

Student Attendance this year to date is up 92%, this is down on our target of 96% and stays the same as last week.



THUMBS UP AWARD

Three classes managed attendance of over 96% last week.

Cherry, Class 1B and Class 3