



Avanti Gardens School

PARENTS WEEKLY BULLETIN

06th November 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 11 th November	All Day	Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 12 th November	4.45 – 5.45pm	Kindergarten Lantern Walk
Wednesday 23 rd November	3.15 – 5.00pm	Class 2a 1:1 Parent Meetings

WELCOME BACK

We wish you a warm welcome back to Term 2 as the nights draw in. This term we will mark the season with a Lantern Walk for the Kindergarten children and parents, more information below. We shall be hosting a Winter Fayre on 7th December 2pm-4pm. This will be run by friends@ and relies on the input of parents. Please contact friends@steineracademybristol.org.uk if you wish to be involved or contact your class rep.

This term also marks the start of our journey as Avanti Gardens School. We will soon be changing our email addresses, correspondence, posters and the signage around the school. This is an exciting time in the life of our school and we look forward to working with you and our new colleagues across the Avanti family.

Appointment of Avanti South West Hub SEN and Safeguarding Lead

I am pleased to inform you that AST have appointed Peal Barnes to the post of South West Hub SEN and Safeguarding lead.

Pearl has extensive experience of managing and leading the development of SEND provision locally and nationally. She is a former President of NASEN (National Association of Special Educational Needs), a member of the Child and Family Education Board at the Royal College of Psychiatrists (formerly the Children's Emotional Wellbeing Group) and is currently a member of the Expert Inclusion Panel for the DfE providing advice regarding accessibility for individuals with SEND.

Pearl will start officially in January 2020.

SCREEN POLICY

The school has introduced a Screen Policy which is being sent out with this Bulletin.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURES TO AND FROM SCHOOL

To support morning supervision, we will be using the main gate on Oldbury Court Road for all pupil arrivals and departures, with the exception of class 1 pupils who have their own entrance.

The gate opens at 8:30am and closes at 8:45am.

To support the safeguarding of children, if you are accompanying your child onto the campus please remember to depart before 8:45am. Kindergarten parents may accompany their child into the building, all other parents please do not go past the bollards.

FESTIVALS – SUPPORT NEEDED

At the end of last term Lower School enjoyed celebrating Diwali in a special assembly.

We would like to continue celebrating festivals throughout the year to mark diversity, seasons and the rhythm of life. We are asking for parents to step forward to help us to make this happen. If you have an interest in supporting this please email info@steineracademybristol.org.uk and we can work on making these special events for the children in the school.

ATTENDANCE – Every Day Matters

Student Attendance on the last week of term was 92.5% up from 91% but still below our target of 96%.

Student Attendance this year to date is up 91.9%, this is down on our target of 96% and a small rise of compared to last week.



THUMBS UP AWARD

Five classes managed attendance of over 96% on the last week of term.

Class 3, Class 4, Beech, Class 1B and Class 2B

ONION SKINS PLEASE



Charlotte in Handwork would like your onion skins please. She just needs the papery bits from yellow and white onions.

If you have any donations, please could you bring them in to Reception.
Many thanks!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SPANISH CLUB



I will be doing 2 days a week. Mondays for homework and support and Wednesdays for stretch and challenge.

Please email info@steineracademybristol.org.uk if you wish for your child to attend and include permission for your child to make their own way home if you are not coming to reception to pick them up.

Gracias. Lara.

YOGACT CLUB

There are a few places left for the after school club Yogact. The class is a mix of drama, yoga and mindfulness and runs every Tuesday after school in the chapel from 3-4pm.

To secure a place please get in touch with Kate on 07989 562926 or Email katepenningkp@gmail.com.

It is £5 per session to be paid at the beginning of the term and will be running to Dec 17th.



ARTS & CRAFT CLUB



Bethan & Verity are running an arts and crafts after school club.

This will run on Mondays from 3.00 until 4.10 in the class 4 classroom, starting on Monday 11th November.

This is available for all children in the lower school with a maximum of 30 children on a first come first served basis. If your child is interested in attending please can you email

either bethan.griffith@steineracademybristol.org.uk
or verity.butterfield-west@steineracademybristol.org.uk

WOODWORK CLUB



Woodwork parent meeting Monday 11th November

I was very proud of all the children's efforts in woodwork last term. They've approached their lessons with great enthusiasm. A lot of the children are now asking me about pursuing their new interest at home and I've received a number of enquiries from parents about how to support them with this.

As a result I would like to invite any parents and children to a meeting about woodwork on Monday November 11th, all parents and children are welcome. Please be prepared to make something during the meeting! I will meet you in reception at 3.15 where you will need to sign in. The meeting will be in the woodwork room where I will explain what we've been making and how you could support your child at home with this interest. I expect the meeting to end at about 3.45, however it might be a little longer.

Woodwork club

The after school woodwork club will be starting up again this term on Monday 18th November - December 9th (no club in the last week of term). It will run from 3.15 - 4.10pm. The club is open to all children from class 1 - 8. Children will be taken to reception to be collected at 4.15pm. Please be there promptly to collect them, or supply a note if they are old enough to walk home.

To signup there will be a list available at reception from Thursday November 7th. Places are limited (14) so please signup as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

The club is free however if a child chooses to work on an unusually expensive project we would ask for a contribution to the cost or expect them to bring in the materials. I will offer projects for the children to work on, however, I'm very happy for them to work on their own ideas or continue with class projects. If any parents wanted to get involved with helping at the club please contact me.

Thank you
Nigel Pearce - The woodwork teacher

KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Kindergarten will be holding their Lantern Walk for the festival of Martinmas on Tuesday 12th November 4.45 -5.45pm.

This is for parents/carers to attend with their Kindergarten child. Please note that this is weather-dependent. If we have high winds and/or lashing rain we will have to reschedule.

Lyrics for the songs we will sing can be found below.

ALSO, Please can children bring hats, scarves and gloves to school as the weather is certainly getting chillier. Spare clothes bags - please check these for size and season-appropriate clothing.



Kindergarten Lantern Songs

Let us joyful and merry be

Let us joyful and merry be
Take our lanterns for all to see
Merry merry shining bright and clear
Now St Martin's time is here, now St Martin's time is here

Though the darkness round us spreads
Cheerful light our lanterns shed
Merry, merry shining bright and clear
Now St Martin's time is here, now St Martin's time is here

Hold your lanterns in your hand
Bringing light to all the land
Merry, Merry shining bright and clear,
Now St Martin's time is here, now St Martin's time is here.

I go with my bright little lantern

I go with my bright little lantern
My lantern is shining with me
In heaven the stars are shining
On earth shines my lantern with me
The light grows dim as we go in -
La-bimmel-la-bimmel-la-bim bim bim
The light grows dim as we go in -
La-bimmel-la-bimmel-la-bim bim bim

The Sunlight fast is dwindling

The sunlight fast is dwindling
My little lamp needs kindling
It's beam shines far in darkest night
Dear lantern guard me with your
light.

Glimmer lantern glimmer

Glimmer lantern glimmer, little stars a shimmer.
Over meadow, moor and dale, flitter, flutter elfin
veil.
Peewitt, peewitt, tick-a-tick-tick, roo-coo, roo-coo.

Glimmer lantern glimmer, little stars a shimmer.
Over rock and stock and stone, wander tripping
little gnome,
Peewitt, peewitt, tick-a-tick-tick, roo-coo, roo-coo.

CANDLES



Please be aware that, due to the danger of naked flames in paper lanterns, we will be using LED candles.

I hope that you appreciate that this is for the health and safety of the children.

FRIENDS OF SAB – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday 13th November



The Friends of SAB will be holding their AGM on

Wednesday 13th November at 6.30pm

Please email Sarah to confirm your attendance on
Friends@steineracademybristol.org.uk



As the nights draw in and the light begins to dwindle, it's time to come together and share our internal glow, whilst having a drink and some nibbles at the friends of/PTA social and AGM.

Wednesday the 20th November 6.30-7.30.

We are a collective of parents in the school, who have helped over the years with fundraising, organising events; fairs, craft evenings, community garden days and dances. Generally getting parents involved in the flow of the school, gently aiding in the steering of the ship.

Well now the ship needs new members on board, and the time is NOW. Please come and bring warmth, enthusiasm and strength to our next chapter as Avanti take us forward into a period of growth and much needed light.

Spread the word, come and be present to vote in new members and aliven our beautiful community.



PLEASE SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR WINTER FAIR





Steiner Academy Bristol

Winter Fair

Free Entry

**Saturday 7th December
2pm - 4pm**



**Details to
be
confirmed**

Oldbury Court Road entrance by the Sports Hall



friends@steineracademybristol.org.uk

