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## Family Bulletin

# Avanti Gardens School

11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **Message from the Principal:**

Dear Families,

I write to you at the end of an extremely exciting week for staff and pupils at Avanti Gardens School. All pupils have now experienced their first full week back after a substantial amount of time away from school due to COVID'19. We are continuing to prioritise the safety of our pupils by ensuring there are clear routines and hygiene standards throughout the school day.

The weekly bulletin will be published at the end of each week to aid the partnership between families and school, helping to shape a community of learners where families have the opportunity to discuss children's week at school.

Mr Milum

Principal

### **Updates from classes:**

#### **Orchid**

We have had a fantastic couple of days Settling into reception at our Stay and Plays.

We have been creating our friendship tree using our handprints and getting to know one another.

Next week children will be dropped off just as you enter the black gates where myself and Mrs Palinska will be waiting.

Gentle reminder that children need waterproofs, wellies and spare clothes bag (all labelled), these will be kept in school.

Water bottles and blue book-bags will come in and go home daily.

Mrs Osborn

### **Daffodil**

Hello Year 1 parents, we have had an exciting and productive week.

The children have settled in well to school life. We we're greeted with some footprints and a turned over table, we speculated who it could be... Year 1 have been busy immersing themselves in the story of the Three Little Pigs, through drama, oral storytelling and art work. The children will be taking home a copy of their story map which I'm sure they are looking forward to sharing with you.

In Science we have been exploring animals and writing a letter to the zoo about animals we would like. We have been sorting and counting in maths and taking some to relax in yoga.

Children are entitled to a piece of fruit from the school, if your child does not eat fruit they may wish to bring an alternative healthy snack, no crisps or chocolate please and nut free.

Next week we will be experimenting with exploring alternative characters and ways to end the story.

Miss Jackson

### **Sunflower**

Hello Sunflower class parents.

This week children have been very busy with their learning.

In phonics we are revisiting Set 2 sounds and reading and spelling words every day.

In maths we have been learning how to read and write double digit numbers with lots of maths games.

We've also had a visit in our classroom from an unknown monster! The children have had fun imaging what it might look like and have given some wonderful descriptions.

In music we have been learning body percussion. This is as part of our topic learning on 'What Makes Me Special'.

Miss Roberts

## **Peony and Iris**

In year 3 this week, we have been learning the story of The Papaya that spoke. We have been acting out the story based on our story map (see picture below).

In History, we started learning about the Roman Empire. Here you can see a picture of them marching like Roman Soldiers to the beat of the drum. They were excellent at changing their pace in line with the tempo.

Finally, in maths we have been counting in 10s and 100s and learning to partition 2 and 3 digit numbers.

The children have shown great enthusiasm at being back in school.

Miss Griffith and Miss Butterfield-West

## **Foxglove**

This week Foxglove / Year 4 class have been:

In English we have been learning to recall a story (the narrative) using a combination of words and sign language. This is a new whole school initiative called "Talk for Writing".

The children have really enjoyed retelling the story of "The Mango that Spoke" to one another and the class. Please ask your child to perform the story to you.

In topic we have been exploring the continents of the world. We have discussed the countries we have visited and where our relatives live.

In maths, we have been revising place value and how the value of a number changes when it moves column. Next week: We will be exploring number lines.



Mrs Painter

**Snapdragon:**

It's been lovely to have all the children back in school, there are a few tired faces by the end of the day, me included! Everyone should have brought a reading book home by now, please if you can mark in their reading diary that your child/ren have read, it would be fantastic. Our maths this week has been based around place value and rounding numbers, we are developing that on next week into learning about negative numbers and solving word problems involving rounding.

We have started a new way of teaching English which involves retelling a story using movement and actions and then mimicking the style of the story. The aim is to enhance descriptive language and I have seen some fantastic imaginative work so far.

Our science topic is about materials and their properties, we have 2 lessons a week, I'm aiming for one being a practical lesson and the other a write up of what we did. Next week we are looking at how to separate materials. Within topic we are looking at climate change, it's a topic which seems to have got a lot of reaction from the children which is fantastic. I'll be sending home a single use plastic diary to keep for a week on Friday and we will be doing a letter or email to Boyan Slat (he has invented a way in which to remove plastic from the ocean.) The children have already come up with a fantastic range of questions for him.

I've been really pleased with the start to the year and it's been lovely to speak to some of you this week, if you have any problems or questions please get in touch.

Mr Youngs

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**NOTICES:**

**TERM DATES 2020/2021:**

**Term 1:** Tuesday 1 September 2020 - Friday 23 October 2020 (39 days)

*Autumn Break 2020: Monday 26 October 2020 - Friday 30 October 2020 (5 days)*

**Term 2:** Monday 2 November 2020 - Wednesday 16 December 2020 (33 days)

*Christmas Break 2020 Thursday 17 December 2020 Friday 1 January 2021 (12 days)*

**Term 3:** Monday 4 January 2021 - Friday 12 February 2021 (30 days)

*Spring Break 2021: Monday 15 February 2021 - Friday 19 February 2021 (5 days)*

**Term 4:** Monday 22 February 2021 - Thursday 1 April 2021 (29 days)

*Easter Break 2021: Friday 2 April 2021 - Friday 16 April 2021 (11 days)*

**Term 5:** Monday 19 April 2021 - Friday 28 May 2021 (29 days)

*Late spring break 2021: Monday 31 May 2021 - Friday 4 June 2021 (5 days)*

**Term 6:** Monday 7 June 2021 - Friday 23 July 2021 (35 days)

**STAFF INSET DAYS:**

Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Friday 23rd October 2020

Monday 22nd February 2021

Friday July 2 2021

**Teacher names:**

It is important the community support the change to teachers being referred to by their Title and Surname. The school are making improvements to ensure there is a professional relationship between the school and community - this small but important change will aid this process. I ask that all families respect this change henceforth.

**Flu Vaccination:**

All children should have returned home with an information letter about the Flu Vaccination being offered on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and a Consent Form.

If you have not received one there are a few spare ones available at Reception. Please return to the school by Friday the 25th September. Either return to your child's teacher, leave at reception or post into the black post box on the gate on Oldbury Court Road.

No children will be vaccinated without a consent letter signed by their parent. If you have further questions after reading the letter, please contact the Sirona Immunisation Team [sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net](mailto:sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net) or telephone on 01275 373104.

**Attendance:**

<b>175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR</b> <b>175 days to spend on family time, holidays and other appointments</b>					
190 School days for each child's education	10 days of absence 180 days of Education	19 days of absence 171 days of Education	29 days of absence 161 days of Education	38 days of absence 152 days of Education	47 days of absence 143 days of Education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
<b>Good Best Chance of Success</b>		<b>Serious Concern Penalty Notice Considered</b>		<b>Severe Risk Prosecution / Court Action</b>	

w/c	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
07.09.20					
	89.2%	92%	97.5%	92%	91.3%

**Timetable:**

Next week, families will be sent our new timetable to enhance the partnership between home and school.

**Nut Free School:**

We are a nut free school due to pupils having sever allergies to all nuts. Under no circumstance must nuts be allowed onto our school site.

**Snacks:**

For pupils in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 – pupils will receive daily fruit for their snack.

Key stage two pupils should bring in a daily snack.

**Staff Carpark:**

Our staff and visitor car park is to be used by school staff, visiting colleagues and staff using the rented workspaces. These gates will be closed throughout the day for this reason. This is to safeguard our site further.

**Wellbeing help:**

Public Health England have released the 'Better Health – Every Mind Matters' campaign that provides NHS-endorsed tips and advice to help children and young people's mental wellbeing, and equips parents and carers with the knowledge to support them.

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/childrens-mental-health/>