



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL



Family & Community Newsletter 9/9/22

A BIG WELCOME BACK to all our children and families of Avanti Gardens School Community. It has been a delight to see happy excited children entering and leaving the school on a daily basis. We are also delighted by how quickly our children have settled back into the school routine. We look forward to seeing them flourish as Avanti Gardens moves from strength to strength through **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, SPIRITUAL INSIGHT** and **CHARACTER FORMATION**.



We are sad to be **saying goodbye to Mrs Blackwell** our wonderful SENDCo and Assistant Principal. Mrs Blackwell will leave Avanti Gardens on the 23rd September to pursue further challenges. She has worked tremendously hard with children and families and shown passion and absolute professionalism in her roles. We will keep families informed of the school's recruitment of a new SENDCo and Assistant Principal.

Please see the school website STAFF tab for the current staffing structure. Future staffing changes will be communicated in the STAFF tab within the website.

www.avanti.org.uk/avantigardens/our-school/staff/

This year we have welcomed two new staff to Avanti Gardens.

Mr Ekers is our new Year 3 Teacher and will be taking on the role as **Leader of Music**. Mr Ekers has lots of ideas for making music provision a strength of the school and will communicate with families in due course about new musical opportunities at Avanti Gardens.

Mr Patterson is our new Year 1 Teaching Assistant. Mr Patterson is very sporty and is looking forward to helping Avanti Gardens enhance the sports provision throughout all year groups.



FREE Teacher led after school clubs will commence on Tuesday 19th September. Clubs will finish at 4.15pm for all children to be collected. Teacher clubs will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays only. **A full list of clubs on offer and details regarding days and year groups will be communicated to families early next week.** Families are then asked to book via the school office. This round of clubs will run through the Autumn term with the last club ending on Thursday 1st December 2022.



MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE

Meals will need to be booked at least 2 days in advance after next Friday, so please make sure that you are able to login to your Parentpay account. If you are having any issues, please check the Parentpay website for their help guides. To get help, click this link to access their [Knowledge Base page](#).

Thank you all for being so welcoming to Ms Jacobsen who is supporting us in the office until Miss Madan comes back after October half term.



Family Events

We are in the process of planning lots of events throughout the year to ensure families feel more involved in their child's development at Avanti Gardens. We have now created a new Calendar option as a link within our KEY INFORMATION Tab in our school website to communicate all events that parents/carers need to know about. We will also ensure that events are communicated in as many other ways as possible.

<https://avanti.org.uk/avantigardens/bulletins-and-letters/term-dates/>

ATTENDANCE



- Lavender – 98.7%
- Daffodil – 97.5%
- Foxglove – 97.4%
- Snapdragon – 97.1%
- Lily – 96.5%
- Sunflower – 95.8%
- Orchid – 95.7%
- Iris – 93%

It is so wonderful to see the wonderful happy, smiling faces of our children for another exciting year. As you know there are a number of changes this year, including a whole school focus on improving attendance. We now have the worst of covid behind us, which should help, but we need continued commitment from parents to bring their children to school punctually by 8.45am. There will be some exciting weekly, termly and annual rewards for classes with the highest attendance. Congratulations to Lavender class – you have won the bear and trophy this week! Well done!

WEB LINK OF THE WEEK:

#WeAreBristol Kids

<https://www.wearebristol.co.uk/mayor-marvin-reads-first-day-at-bug-school/>