



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL
Family Bulletin

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday	PTA Market 3:15pm – 3:45pm
Monday 9th October	Picture Day
Wednesday 11th October	School Disco <i>Reception and Year 1</i> – 4pm – 5pm : <i>Years 2 to 6</i> - 5.15pm - 6.15pm
Thursday 12th October	Celebrating Black History Month
Friday 13th October	Last day of term
Monday 30th October	Inset Day
Tuesday 31st October	First day of Term 2
Friday 10th November	Avanti Gardens PTA AGM 3:30pm in the Dining Hall

Black History Month

On Thursday next week your children will be involved in a range of activities focusing on Black History Month. This will include a visit from an African drummer which was kindly organised by the wonderful PTA.

PTA



Please take the time to read the PTA Newsletter for further information about how to get involved, the School Disco and PTA market and AGM

CONSIDERATE PARKING

We have had further complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up. Please park considerately and never block drives or access. Thank you.

UPDATES

SCHOOL PORTRAITS

Children will be having their portraits taken on Monday 9th of October. If they have a sibling in the school, they will also have their photograph taken with them.

Children's Flu vaccination (nasal and injection) catch-up clinics are available for all students who did not receive their vaccinations at school. Please book an appointment at <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2023/book> If you have any queries please contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 124 5515 or email sirona.sch-imms@nhs.net

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is absent from school please inform the office by 9:30am by emailing absence.agb@avanti.org.uk You need to inform the office every day that your child is absent. If you are unsure as to whether your child is well enough to attend school you may find the following link useful

[NHS : Is my child too ill for school?](#)

Important—legal document!

If English is not your first language or you do not fully understand this leaflet, you need to ask someone to explain the contents to you.

If you would like a copy of this leaflet in large print please contact educationpenaltnotices@bristol.gov.uk

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پانگنانهامه ی یاسانی

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गुरुकुल आइवीपत्रिका

यदि अंग्रेजी आपका प्रथम भाषा या अल्पभाषा भाषा नहीं है, तो आपको इसे पढ़ने में मुश्किल पड़ेगी। आपका प्रथम भाषा या अल्पभाषा भाषा का उपयोग करके इसे समझने के लिए पूछना होगा।

E RËNDËSISHME DOKUMENT I LGJOR

Nëse anglishtja nuk është gjuha juaj amtare, ose këtë dokument nuk e kuptoni plotësisht, duhet t'i kërkonit dikujt që t'ju shpjegojë përmbajtjen.

IMPORTANTE DOCUMENTO JURIDICO

Se o inglês não é o seu primeiro idioma ou não compreende bem este documento, precisa de pedir a alguém para lhe explicar o conteúdo.

WAŻNE DOKUMENT O TREŚCI PRAWNEJ

Osoby, dla których angielski nie jest językiem ojczystym lub które nie rozumieją w pełni tego dokumentu powinny poprosić kogoś o wyjaśnienie im jego treści.

महत्वपूर्ण कानूनी दस्तावेज़

अगर अंग्रेजी आपकी पहली भाषा नहीं है या आप इस दस्तावेज़ को पूरी तरह से समझ नहीं पा रहे हैं तो, आपको किसी से इसके विषय-वस्तु समझाने के लिए पूछना होगा।

重要的

法律文件

如果英文不是您的第一语言，或您不能完全理解本文件，您需要找人将内容解释给您听。

QUAN TRỌNG TÀI LIỆU PHÁP LÝ

Nếu Anh ngữ không phải là ngôn ngữ chính của bạn hoặc nếu bạn không hiểu đầy đủ tài liệu này, bạn cần hỏi một ai đó để giải thích nội dung cho bạn.

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Education Penalty Notices

What you need to know



What is an Education Penalty Notice? Education Penalty Notices were introduced in 2003 as an alternative to prosecution with the aim to improve school attendance. It does not require a court appearance.

Who issues Penalty Notices? The Local Authority issues them through the Education Welfare Service (EWS) to parents. They are issued at the request of the school.

How much is a Penalty Notice? The penalty is £60 (per parent, per child) if paid within 21 days, it rises to £120 if paid between 22 and 28 days. **Failure to pay within 28 days may result in prosecution.**

Why have I been given a Penalty Notice? Penalty Notices are used where a pupil has 8 or more unauthorised absences within the previous 10 week period, for example:

- Unauthorised holiday (G), a parent has taken their child on holiday term time without authorisation from the school.
- A pupil regularly arrives late for school after the register has closed (U)
- Odd days off which have not been authorised by the school (O)
- The pupil is present in a public place during school hours whilst excluded from school

If you think your child does not fit any of these categories, contact the school and discuss the matter with them.

Is a warning given? In most cases a warning about the possibility of receiving a Penalty Notice is provided by the child's school. However, in cases where a leave of absence (holiday) in term time has been taken without advance notification to the school a warning may not always be given.

Both my partner and I have been issued a Penalty Notice for our child. Is this right? Yes. Both parents have responsibility for making sure your child attends regularly. If either Penalty Notice is not paid you may be prosecuted under Section 444 of the Education Act for failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school.

I am a step-parent/other carer/grandparent. Why have I been issued with a Penalty Notice? In education law the definition of a parent is broad as it not solely dependent on the person being the child's biological parent or legal guardian. Section 576 of the Education Act 1996 defines "parent" as:

- All natural (biological) parents, whether they are married or not;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has parental responsibility for a child or young person;
- Any person who, although not a natural parent, has care of a child or young person.

This definition includes step-parents, carers, a partner of a parent, grandparents and other relatives. It is for the school and the Local Authority to decide who comes within the definition of parent in respect of a particular pupil when using the legal measures.

I have a query regarding my Penalty Notice that has been issued, who should I contact? If you want to discuss payment or anything regarding the administration of your Penalty Notice, contact the Education Welfare Service on educationpenaltnotices@bristol.gov.uk

How is it paid? Information on how to pay is included with the Penalty Notice.

I want to pay by instalments, can I do this? All Penalty Notices should be paid in full within the specified deadlines on the Penalty Notice. How and where you can pay is explained in the Penalty Notice information.

Where does the money go? When the Penalty Notice is paid, the sums received are used by the Local Authority to issue and enforce the Penalty Notices and prosecute recipients who do not pay. Any surplus must be paid by the Local Authority to the Secretary of State.

What happens if I don't pay the Penalty Notice? Failure to pay can result in prosecution under Section 444 of the Education Act 1996 for the offence of failing to ensure your child's regular attendance at school. You have up to 28 days from receipt of the Penalty Notice to pay in full. If full payment is not received within this time the Local Authority may commence proceedings in the Magistrates Court. If proven, this can result in fines of up to £2500 and/or a range of disposals such as Parenting Orders or Community Sentences. **You will have a criminal record if found guilty of the offence.**

Can I be prosecuted if I pay the Penalty Notice but my child is still absent from school? You cannot be prosecuted if you pay the Penalty Notice as payment of the fine discharges your liability for the period which the Penalty Notice covers. However, depending upon the circumstances, a prosecution might be considered for further periods of unauthorised absence not covered by the previous Penalty Notice. It is vital that you work closely with your child's school and any support agencies such as the Education Welfare Service to improve attendance.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

The Avanti Gardens second hand uniform shop has loads of new items listed and we are looking forward to receiving orders.

We have two volunteers processing orders and we hope to do this weekly on Thursdays, so we will let people know when the orders are ready:

<https://app.uniformd.co.uk/items/avanti-gardens-school>

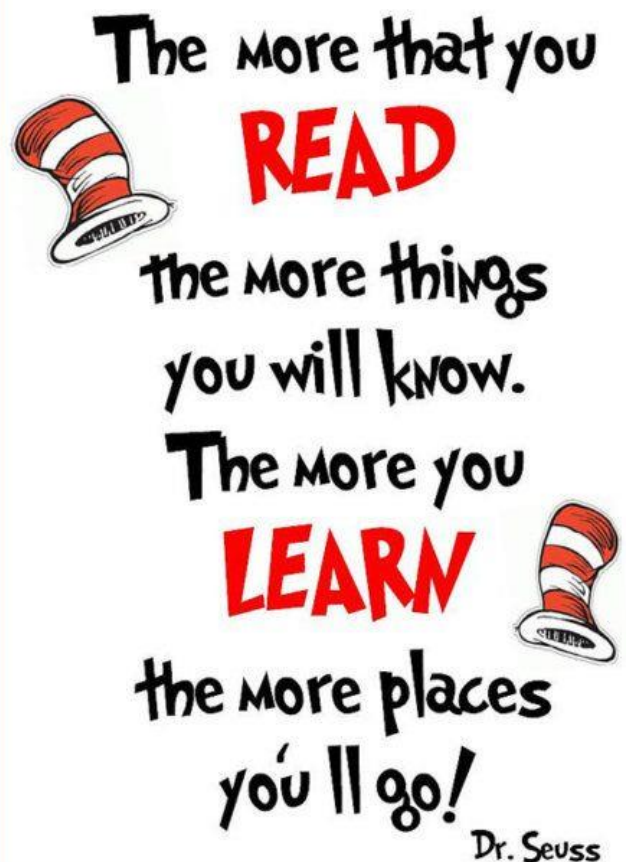
Please also consider donating good condition used uniform to us also to keep the clothing cycle going!

Adventurous Readers Half Term Challenge

Dear EYFS families,

We would love to kick off the year promoting a love of reading and books. Welcome to the adventurous readers challenge! Please can you find some adventurous places to read your favourite stories. This could be in a tree, under a table, in a homemade den or fort, or hanging from monkey bars. These can be emailed into school or handed to class teachers when you come back. Let the reading adventure begin!

Thank you, and we look forward to seeing some adventurous reading!



The more that you
READ
the more things
you will know.
The more you
LEARN
the more places
you'll go!

Dr. Seuss

A vibrant Halloween-themed illustration of a night scene. In the center is a large, glowing pink disco ball. To its left is a black silhouette of a haunted house with several lit windows. The background is a dark teal color, decorated with colorful hanging ornaments (green, blue, yellow, red, purple) and several black bat silhouettes in flight. Bare, black trees are silhouetted against the background. A witch on a broom is flying across the scene to the right of the disco ball.

Avanti Gardens PTA

HALLOWEEN DISCO

WEDNESDAY
11.10.2023

DJ + GAMES + SNACKS

RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 PARTY FROM 4 - 5 PM

YEARS 2 - 6 PARTY FROM 5:15 - 6:15

WEAR YOUR SPOOKIEST COSTUME AND GET READY FOR SOME FUN!

Wishing you all a fun weekend. We really look forward to seeing you all next week.

From the whole Avanti Gardens Team



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