



AVANTI GARDENS
SCHOOL
Family Bulletin

DATE	EVENT
Thursday 5th October	National Do Something Nice Day
Monday 9th October	School Portraits Day
Wednesday 11th October	School Disco 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Friday 13th October	PTA Market 3:15pm – 3:45pm
Friday 13th October	Last day of term
Monday 30th October	Inset Day
Tuesday 31st October	First day of Term 2

National Do Something Nice Day – Bee Kind!

October the 5th is National Do Something Nice Day, or Bee Kind at Avanti Gardens. Children are invited to come to school dressed in black and yellow.



A random act of kindness can be telling someone what you admire about them or even just giving them a friendly smile. On Thursday we hope to share random acts of kindness around the school. The kitchen will be serving Waffles and Beans and Chocolate cake – that sounds nice!

PTA



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

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.

If you have not given permission for any photographs to be taken of your children previously you have been emailed seeking your permission. Please reply to the office.

FLU IMMUNISATION

If your child received the flu immunisation today but did not come home with a leaflet you can access it here.

[Vaccine Information](#)

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?](#)

You can contact us at:

Education Welfare Service (CH)
PO Box 3399
Bristol City Council
BS1 9NE

education.welfare@bristol.gov.uk
(0117) 3521438



Who is a Parent?

(Education Penalty Notices
and Prosecutions)

Advice for Parents/Carers

Education Welfare Service

If your child's school attendance is considered to be irregular, or if they have had 8 or more sessions (4 days) of unauthorised absence within a 10 week period the Local Authority may be considering taking legal action against you, as the parent of the child. This could be by way of a prosecution, or Penalty Notice.

There is often confusion as to who can be considered to be a 'parent' in relation to education matters and this leaflet is intended to provide clarity.

EDUCATIONAL PROVISION

Section 7 of The Education Act 1996 states that:-

The parent of every child of compulsory school age shall cause him to receive efficient full-time education suitable –

- to their age, ability and aptitude, and
- to any special educational needs they may have,
- either by regular attendance at school or otherwise.

WHO IS A "PARENT"?

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.

WHO HAS PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY?

The Children Act 1989

Having parental responsibility means assuming all the rights, duties, powers, responsibilities and authority that a parent of a child has by law.

People other than a child's natural parents can acquire parental responsibility through:

- Being granted a residence order;
- Being appointed a guardian;
- Being named in an emergency protection order (although parental responsibility in such case is limited to taking reasonable steps to safeguard or promote the child's welfare);
- Adopting a child.

WHAT DOES "HAVING CARE OF A CHILD" MEAN?

Having *care* of a child or young person means that a person who the child lives with and who looks after the child, irrespective of what their relationship is with the child, is considered to be a parent in education law.

This could be shown by:

- Interaction with the school – attending meetings, making phone calls, being on the School's record as being involved (in whatever capacity) etc;
- Residence with the child where, for all intents and purposes, the person is part of the family;
- A man or woman married to a parent of a child

It is therefore those adults who are having significant input to a child's life who can be classified as, "parent", having "parental responsibility" or who have "care of a child" who we can take action against if they are failing in their duties to ensure the child is receiving their educational entitlement and the school can evidence that they have actively engaged them in efforts to improve the poor attendance.

COMMUNITY NEWS

COMMUNITY GARDENING CELEBRATION EVENT

**Saturday 30th September (1.30pm – 4.30pm) at
The Nest in Page Park *FREE***

We are celebrating nature and our community coming together in Staple Hill! Pop in for a cuppa, learn about fantastic pollinators and join in with lots of exciting activities, everyone welcome!

Take part in our FREE workshops;

- Make your own bug hotel
- Learn how to propagate plants
- Make a wildflower seed bomb
- Create a windowsill planter
- Decorate a terracotta plant pot

**-Expert talks with our guest Ecologist at 2pm & 4pm with
free goody bag!**

Find us in 'The Nest' community room next to the Bean Tree Café in Page Park. Drop in anytime This is an accessible indoor space, hot and cold refreshments provided, toilets available and gardening goodies for everyone to take home. Let us know you'll be there by clicking 'going' on the Facebook event - 'Community Gardening Social Event – 30th September' on Staple Hill Community Hub's Facebook page.

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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www.avanti.org.uk/avantigardens/



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