



AVANTI GARDENS  
SCHOOL  
Family Bulletin

DATE	EVENT
Every Friday	PTA Market 3:15pm – 3:45pm
Friday 10th November	Avanti Gardens PTA AGM 3:30pm in the Dining Hall
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd socks day for Anti-bullying week
Saturday 2nd December 12 – 3:30pm	PTA Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Y2 Performance 09:30- Gates open at 09:15 EYFS Performance 16:00 - Gates open at 15:45
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Performance 09:30- Gates open at 09:15 Y2 Performance 16:00 - Gates open at 15:45
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Y1 Singing 09:30- Gates open at 09:15 KS2 Singing 16:00 - Gates open at 15:45
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day and School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Singing 09:30- Gates open at 09:15 Y1 Singing 16:00 - Gates open at 15:45

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## LETTER FROM MR PENNY

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Dear families of Avanti Gardens,

Welcome back to the start of Term 2, I hope that you had a restful and enjoyable half-term. It has been a great start back! The INSET day for teachers was an informative trust-wide day of Continued Professional Development (CPD), led by guest speakers but also by our brilliant colleagues from around the Avanti Trust including our very own EYFS lead Ms Corcoran. It has also been brilliant to see so many of you joining teachers for Parents Evening discussions. We have a really exciting term ahead of us planned, so please look out for further communications.

I would like to highlight that I am aware of a number of children who have access to WhatsApp, which has a minimum age of use in the UK and Europe of 16 years old. WhatsApp's main purpose is to send messages to friends – it isn't public in the same way that Twitter is, and people can only message friends normally who have contacts added to their phones. This is however not the case with groups, which allows over 500 people to chat in one conversation stream. I appreciate that as parents you can't always control if your child is added to a group chat; but I would ask that you remind children that they are always in control of their own participation; that they can leave a group whenever they want; and ask that you monitor the content of these group regularly. I would like to signpost you to the following website which has further information:

[NSPCC KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE. IS WHATSAPP SAFE FOR MY CHILD?](#)

I am sure you are all aware of the recent and ongoing events in Israel and Palestine, many people within our community have close friends and family who are being directly impacted by the conflict. Whilst as a school (following advice from the DfE) we remain non-political, we have chosen this week to educate our children about the current events and to discuss the impact this has on the people who live there in an age-appropriate way.

With the colder and wetter weather now very much upon us, I would ask that all children come dressed appropriately for the changing weather. We endeavour to make the most of our outdoor spaces in all but the most extreme weather conditions (as we know how important time outside is), however appropriate clothing is vital for this to happen. A reminder also of the ongoing expectation that all children should be wearing school uniform. It is part of our identity as part of the Avanti

Trust and therefore by attending Avanti Gardens families are part of that identity. A reminder that we have extensive second-hand uniform available in the school office; you can purchase an Avanti Badge which can be attached to a blue jumper; we are happy to meet with individuals to discuss SEND related adaptations to uniform; and we can help financially with any family in receipt of Pupil Premium funding.

Our School Website will soon have class specific pages which will contain specific year group information about term. These pages will be primarily as a point of information but also for celebrating the amazing learning that is happening in classes – therefore any feedback once they are up and running about how these could be made more informative is always welcome.

Every week as a school we explore Spiritual Insight through the sharing of a 'Big Question'. These questions provide the stimulus to meaningful and stimulating, positive and enjoyable conversations which help us to understand our own views about ourselves and others, our relationships, and our lives and beliefs. You will find these 'Big Questions' in the weekly bulletin and we encourage you to discuss them with your children at home.

Best wishes for a restful and enjoyable weekend,

Mr Penny

**Big Question - Wc. 31/10/23**

**“Do you think that people are on the planet for a reason?”**

# UPDATES

## CLUBS

Unfortunately, the Yoga Club and Musical Theatre afterschool clubs will not be running this year due to the external team letdown. Instead, we now have Yoga Club for Key Stage 2 on Thursdays 3.15-4.15pm, starting 16<sup>th</sup> November, you can book this here:

[Yoga Space - the calm club](#)

We are also organising TA ran clubs, more info to come next week. We apologise for not running the clubs, as we know a lot of children were looking forward to them, We did what we could, however, it was beyond our control.

Clubs that still have spaces are:

The Calm Club

Kids with Bricks

Artikids

If you are a parent and would like to volunteer your time to run an after school club please contact the office.

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

If you would like to book a stall at the Christmas Fayre on Dec 2nd please use this link.



[BOOK A STALL AT THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE](#)

## CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Metro Mayor for the West of England would like to invite the pupils to take part in the annual Christmas card competition. All children have had a Christmas card sheet to take home, and you can find a copy attached to this email to download.

If you would like to take part, please complete the drawing with your children and send to the address found at the bottom of the drawing sheet. Please don't return them back to school.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## FELIX ROAD ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND

### Diwali and Bonfire Party

Sunday 5 November, 1 to 5pm



## Make & Take



## Christmas Gift Sewing

**Starts: Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October-Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10am-12noon**

**Oldbury Court Children's Centre, Frenchay Road,**

Come and join this free festive course and learn how to sew using a sewing machine. We will be making Christmas decorations and gifts for family and friends. All materials provided.

Eligibility aged 19+ with few or no qualifications

Contact: [Catherine.landon@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:Catherine.landon@bristol.gov.uk) 07785 702454 to book

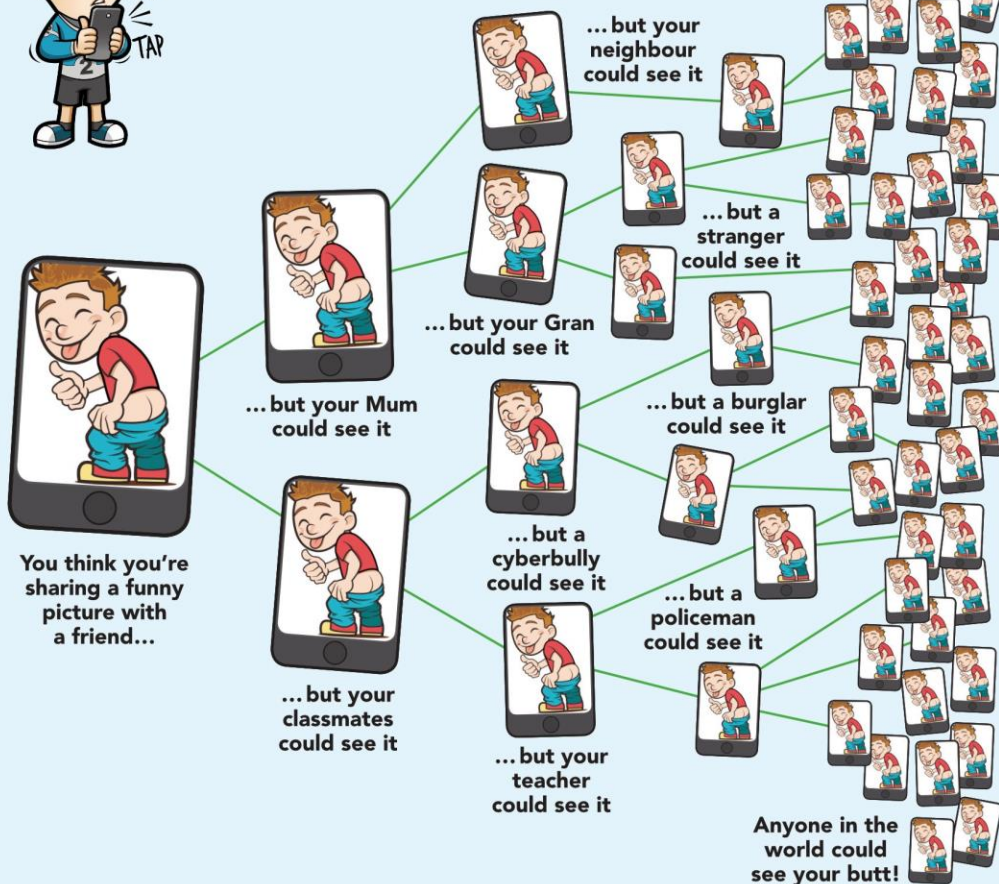




### Parent Guides to Online Safety



**THINK before you send!**



scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online



### If you share it, you are involved

**If you have, or forward an indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.**

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

Skips Educational Email: info@skipsed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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# Bright Green Homes

## FREE energy saving measures for your home



The Bright Green Homes project is here to help you lower the cost of your energy bills. Funding is available to cover a wide range of energy efficiency measures.

Get in touch with us today to see how we can help.

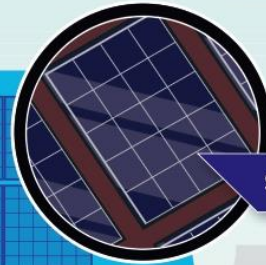
To qualify for funding, you must meet all the following criteria:

- Owner occupier and privately owned properties only
- Combined annual household income on or below £31,000
- An energy performance certificate rating of D, E, F or G. If you don't have one, please still apply
- The property must **NOT** use mains gas central heating
- You must live in Bristol, North Somerset or Bath and North East Somerset
- You may automatically qualify for funding based on your postcode, regardless of your income.

Loft Insulation



Solar PV



External Wall Insulation



Cavity Wall Insulation



Air Source Heat Pumps



Underfloor Insulation



For more information, please contact the domestic energy team on **0117 352 1180** or email us at **domestic@bristolcityleap.co.uk**

[bristolcityleap.co.uk/domestic/bright-green-homes](https://bristolcityleap.co.uk/domestic/bright-green-homes)



Bristol City Leap to deliver £11 million of energy efficiency upgrades for fuel poor homes Over 500 households in Bristol, North Somerset and Bath & North East Somerset (BANES) are to receive funding for energy efficiency and renewable upgrades to help tackle fuel poverty and cut carbon emissions. The 'Bright Green Homes' project will be delivered across the South West, by Bristol City Leap, an innovative new partnership between Bristol City Council and Ameresco, designed to bring in investments of nearly £500 million in low carbon energy projects and create over 1000 jobs in its first five years. Energy efficiency upgrades will be determined on a case by case basis and will range from insulation measures like loft and cavity wall, to the installation of renewable and low carbon technologies such as solar panels and heat pumps. Households can apply via the Bristol City Leap website where they will complete a short questionnaire to determine their eligibility. Home improvements for eligible households will be installed by Bristol City Leap partner, Ameresco from March 2023 and continue until 2025. The three councils successfully bid for funding from phase 2 of the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's home upgrade grant which has already provided over £1.1 billion to low income households living in the worst quality, off-gas grid homes in England. The latest round of funding will help to reduce the carbon footprint of homes, while providing support to hundreds of households in the south west struggling with energy bills. David White, Operations Director for Bristol City Leap, commented: "We are delighted that Bristol has been successful in the most recent round of the Home Upgrade Grant scheme. We were able to make a much larger bid than in previous funding rounds due to the additional delivery capability that Bristol City Leap can bring to bear through the partnership between Bristol City Council and Ameresco. As a result, our Bright Green Homes project will help reduce the energy bills of over 500 families in Bristol, Bath and North East Somerset and North Somerset, whilst also tackling the climate emergency and creating local jobs." The



The announcement by Department for Energy Security and Net Zero's marks the third time in three years that Bristol City Council has received funding for residents in low energy efficiency and low-income households and builds on the hundreds of homes already benefitting from improved energy efficiency. Councillor Kye Dudd, Cabinet Member for Climate, Ecology, Waste and Energy in Bristol, said: "I know many people are deeply concerned about the cost of heating their homes and rising energy bills, so I'm glad that we have secured even more funding through the government's Home Upgrade Grant "This funding is an essential part of Bristol's commitment to become a carbon neutral city and it will also make a real difference to eligible residents in the city – saving them money on their household energy bills and making their homes more energy efficient through upgrades like better insulation. "If you think your household meets the eligibility criteria, then I urge you to complete the online questionnaire. If you have any questions about the project or eligibility criteria, please get in touch with Bristol City Leap." More information on the scheme, including eligibility and how to apply can be found on our Bright Green Homes page or by contacting the Bristol City Leap team on 0117 352 1180.



## ATTENDANCE

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

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM

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

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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