

AVANTI HALL SCHOOL

Friday Flier

ISSUE 2, FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2019

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| Mon 11 th Nov | Martinmas Festival (KG, Oak, Sycamore & Cedar) | Sat 30 th Nov | Advent Fair |
| Tues 12 th Nov | Holly & Ivy Group Parents' Evening | Fri 6 th Dec | Flu vaccinations |
| Tues 26 th Nov | Careers South West visit to Upper School | Fri 6 th Dec | Reception open morning |
| Thurs 28 th Nov | Upper School Creative Arts Day | 9 th – 20 th Dec | Class 10 mock exams |

LIGHT AND DARK



This term Class 6 is looking into the science involved with Acoustics and Light. We are designing and developing our own instruments to demonstrate our understanding of volume and pitch. We are also investigating light and how we can see the amazing colours and tones around us. Our first light experiment meant we had to first create darkness, then introduce gentle natural light and experience the effects of a beam of light in a darkened room. It was a special experience for us all. **Deborah Cruickshank**, Class 6 Teacher

WOODLAND MANAGEMENT



We are extremely lucky to have a wooded area to the back of our school, however In the past this has been over used and much of the shrub land has been effected. Through woodland management we intend to encourage the return to its natural state to enhance its biodiversity. We are going to conduct an ecological impact survey to identify areas of use and educational interest. This will allow the woodland to flourish whilst providing an enriched learning environment for the children to experience the natural world we live in.

The intention is to encourage its use throughout our curriculum to all ages giving access for controlled use for all teachers to conduct nature walks to support and reinforce understanding through the natural world. The walled garden is progressing as the cover is now on the polly tunnel and the green manure is starting to grow.

Steve Forrest, Landcraft Lead

You are all invited to come to our School Community Work Day this Saturday to help create and improve some of our wonderful spaces around the school. Everyone is welcome, no DIY experience required as there a jobs for all abilities, and the day is a great chance to get to know other parents at the school.



SCHOOL COMMUNITY WORKDAY

SAT 9TH NOVEMBER 10AM – 3PM

Unfortunately the weather forecast is not looking brilliant. However, we still have various jobs that we would really like to do around the the site and we are hoping that there are still some of you who are prepared to dress appropriately for the weather to carry out the outside jobs; You will also be pleased to know that we have some mostly indoor jobs that need doing, so hopefully there is something for everyone to get involved in.

SCHOOL COMMUNITY WORKDAY



We ask that if you are bringing any power tools that they are checked over by Stuart before you use them, and that you show us that you are competent and it is safe to use them for the proposed task. Each task will have someone supervising everyone else on that task, please do not attempt tasks that you are unsure of, and note that not all tasks will be suitable for children to be present. Please wear clothing suitable for the task and weather conditions on the day (forecast is for rain).

Please note children need to be supervised at all times, and remain the responsibility of the adults that bring them. No dogs please.

Please report to the Main Hall on arrival and sign in, and don't forget to sign out on departure. Please drop off any vegetables and food to share for lunchtime at the Main Hall. Tea and coffee will be available in the Main Hall throughout the day and lunch is at 1pm.

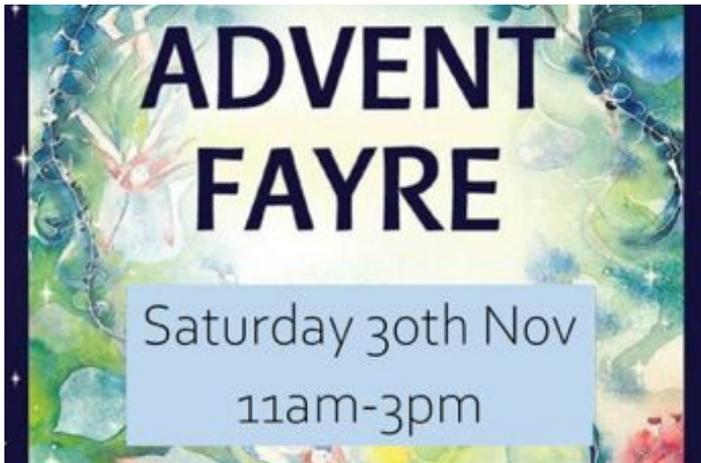
We look forward to seeing lots of you on Saturday, and don't worry if you can only stay a couple of hours, that's fine too... and remember many hands make light work.

Alice, Stuart and Natalya

Facilities Team



PTFA FAYRE ANNOUNCEMENT



We are really excited about welcoming all families and friends of the Avanti Hall School, as well as the wider community to our magical Advent Fayre on 30th November. As usual, the Advent Fayre relies on many volunteers to each contribute an hour or two to make this a really special event and the event which raises the bulk of our community funds. Funds which wholly or partly pay towards all kind of educational enrichment and support for your children. Past examples of PTFA funding have included: school trips bursary, the kiln, the nurture yurt, musical instruments, library books, kindergarten toys. But we really need YOU now!

I've had lots of people asking me "What can I do?" So, next week, following our Fayre meeting on Monday, we'll be preparing and sending out this year's Parents' Fayre Guide, with even more concise info about what you can donate or do to make this event amazing. For now, though, PLEASE come to the Fayre meetings if you can and PLEASE take a look at the bookwhen volunteering sign up and give an hour of your time on Friday or Saturday: www.bookwhen.com/ptfaavantiHall

Please, please, please get involved by:

1. Coming to our Fayre planning meetings on Mondays 11th, 18th, 25th November, 9:15am, where you can share your ideas for this fayre and help us to plan a smooth and beautiful event.
2. Speak to Sophie Headlong-Moore (Chair), Megan Smales (Secretary) or Matt Banks (Treasurer) about your ideas for the fayre. Sophie can be contacted through the facebook parents' group or via chair.ptfa.sae@gmail.com
3. Volunteer to LEAD/ CO-ORDINATE a part of our fayre- at the moment, we need leads for: candle dipping, preloved boutique, café/ tea room, pizza, wreath making.
4. Volunteer for an hour! Imagine if all families just gave one hour- how easy it would be for all! More roles will likely be added after this coming Fayre meeting, but there are plenty already up for grabs. You can sign up for many roles here: www.bookwhen.com/ptfaavantiHall
5. If you can't make the fayre, there are lots of things you can do beforehand:
 - Display a flier in your car, or local shop, café or community centre
 - Make 10 small gifts for the lucky dip apron
 - Source a raffle prize or donate a prize to our parent hamper
 - Make a food item and drop off on Friday afternoon on 29th November (details of food requests to be released next week)
 - Donate preloved clothes, books, toys- details of drop-off points released next week.

Thank you so much!

Sophie Headlong-Moore
PTFA Chair



Class 1 Martinmas

BEHAVIOUR POLICY REVIEW

Dear parents, guardians and carers,

Alongside my role as Designated Safeguarding Lead, I hold responsibility for the Behaviour Team and behaviour policy at Avanti Hall School. It is from this position that I am writing to you all. As you know, our behaviour policy was created over March 2019. At that stage, the school was in a very different place to where it is now and we needed to act quickly to address failings in our support of staff and students. It was always a best-fit model and not necessary perfect for our wonderfully unique environment.

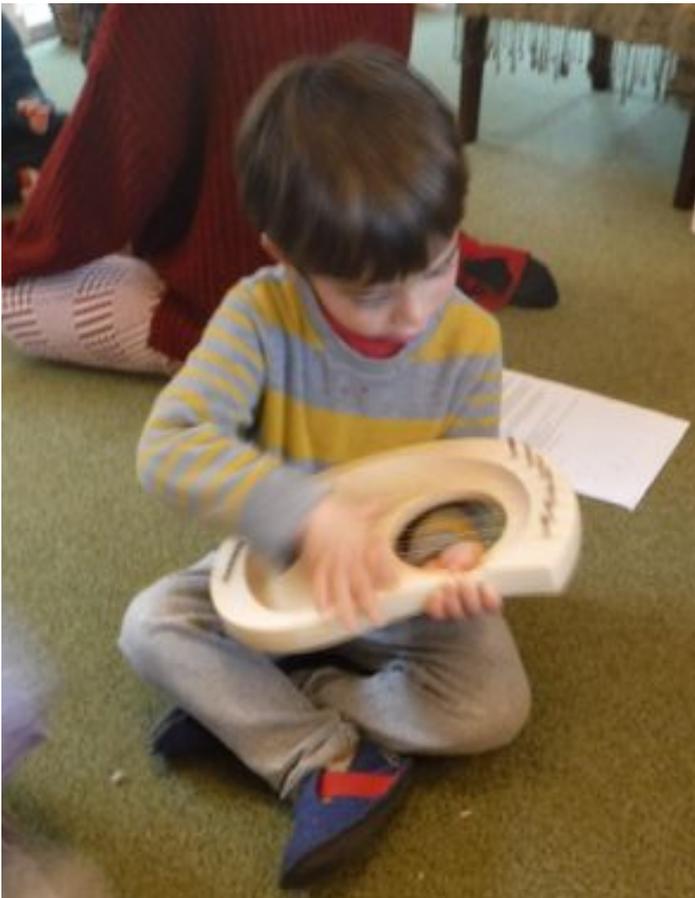
We are now in a position to address this issue and create a behaviour policy that reflects the differing needs of our student body. Our intention is to create an attachment friendly, trauma-informed policy that will uphold the highest expectations of respect and behaviour, while simultaneously allowing our young people to feel safe, secure and protected. This will lead to an improved experience of school life for them and better personal, educational and social outcomes when they leave us.

With a community as engaging as ours, we would love your involvement in its development. As such, I would like to invite you to a parent forum on Monday 18th November to meet with Paul Hougham, Anna Coleman (Behaviour Lead) and me. We will run two identical sessions, the first between 12pm and 1.30pm and the second between 6pm and 7.30pm. If you are available for either of these sessions, we would love to meet with you and hear your views and answer any questions you may have.

Billy Lee, Designated Safeguarding Lead

BEHAVIOUR POLICY PARENT FORUM

Monday 18th November,
12noon & 6.30pm



Kindergarten Lyres



Class 8 Sea Urchins