



A WEEK AT AVANTI HOUSE PRIMARY SCHOOL



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On behalf of all staff, I would like to wish you all a very peaceful break. Take this time to enjoy the moments you create as a family and make some very special memories. Many thanks for all the lovely gifts, cards and messages.



We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

Christmas Performances

Thank you to all the parents/families who attended our various Christmas performances. They were without a doubt a performance not to miss.

Through song, dance and drama our children had the opportunity to learn about the true meaning of Christmas and how it is celebrated across the world. They also made links to Hinduism and discussed similarities and differences between Christmas and Diwali. In addition to this, they were able to reflect on their learning and think about all the things they are grateful for.

Website

The school will send out diary dates for spring term By Tuesday 7th January 2020. We will place all workshops and events on the website. Please book Via this portal, we will of course send reminders and signpost you accordingly.

Deadline for Reception applications.

Just a reminder on reception place applications, deadline is Wednesday 15th January 2020 for children born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016.

Santa Clause was in town!

A huge thank you to members of FOAH for inviting Santa to our school, particularly during this very busy time. Santa and his crew had a lovely time with the children, who all left with a special gift.

The A Factor

This year we auditioned 65 children for the A Factor competition. It was incredibly tough, as always, to decide on the finalists. The finalists have been informed and we look forward to the competition which will be held on Friday 24th January 2020. **See list of finalists attached and watch this space for more information.**

School Council Update

The new School Council have been working on improving lunch times, this project amongst others, will continue in the new term. They have already devised a questionnaire and received them all back. Next step is to analyse the results and to decide on the next steps. Watch this space for the analysis and strategies to make lunch times even better.

An invitation to join us for Collective Worship

A reminder that this is an open invitation where you, as parents, can join the whole school for Collective Worship and to take part in the assembly that follows. Doors are open every Monday morning from 08:15am to 08:45am.

I look forward to seeing you then.

Playground Installation.

You will have noticed that the playground has now had a revamp. We have a climbing frame as well as three games where children can practise their bowling for cricket, basketball and target throwing. In addition to this we have purchased two new goals for football including new footballs, skipping ropes and rackets.

Children will also be able to play snakes and ladders, hopscotch and various other games due to the new playground markings.

We are all looking forward to experiencing the new equipment in the new term.



Ofsted

Last week we experienced a Section 5 Ofsted inspection. This was a full two-day inspection where three inspectors were looking into policies, practices and the overall quality of education. During the two days they spoke to leaders, teachers, teaching assistants and most pupils, including parents. They spent time in all lessons and delved into learning by scrutinising children's books. We will hear of the outcome in the new year.

I would like to thank all the parents who completed the parent survey on the Ofsted portal, we received a phenomenal amount of responses. It was overwhelming to see that amongst some negativity, our parent community fully embrace our school and are positive about all that we do.

Thank You!