



AVANTI MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Message from our Head of School, Mrs Penney

Dear Avanti Families,

It has been another jam-packed week here at Avanti Meadows. I have loved eating lunch each day with the children and can now put a lot of names to faces, which is making life easier for everyone. We always have some great chats, sometimes venturing as far as 'big philosophical thinking' around the table and sometimes just 'what is your favourite flavour crisps?' Either way, the children always delight and entertain! I hope to see some of you around the table for the coffee mornings too.

We have been busy in school thinking about how best to use the playground areas at break and lunch time, now that our school is growing in numbers. A rota for 3 different areas has been devised, so that children mainly play with children of a similar age and everyone gets to use the MUGA. I have put in an order for some new goals and a range of outdoor equipment/games. Hopefully the children will enjoy these new experiences. Do let me know at the coffee mornings, if you have any specific feedback.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Jennifer Penney

Head of School

Avanti Meadows Primary School

Weekly updates

Year 6 (Oak Class)

We are so proud of our amazing Yr 6 pupils, who have now completed their SATs exams. It is wonderful to see that they have developed not only the knowledge and grit needed to complete these

tests, but also they have developed exam technique that will stand them in good stead for future exams. Well done Yr 6! My thoughts are echoed in this special message from Miss Bradley, our wonderful Yr 6 teacher:

Over the course of this week, all of the children in Oak Class have completed their KS2 SATs. We are incredibly proud of all the children. They have worked very hard this year and have made excellent progress. This week everyone showed determination, focus and a mature attitude when completing each paper. Throughout their time at Avanti Meadows, it has become clear that we have incredibly talented, kind, passionate and resilient pupils that we are all so proud of. Oak Class, remember the SATs can't test how amazing you truly are and all the wonderful things which make you unique. You all have so much to be proud of.

Well done to you all!

Miss Bradley

Reception (Elm Class) - changes to daily drop off/collection arrangements

From Tuesday 4 June 2024 Elm class will enter the school through the doors into the main school hall. This is to ensure a smooth transition into Year 1. Please find further details attached. <u>Getting ready</u> <u>for Year 1</u>

Mrs Penney

Driving on Avanti Meadows school site

It has been noticed by staff and other parents that some drivers are entering the school site sometimes too quickly - a reminder there is a 5mph limit, which is there for the safety of all children and adults.

Also, some children are evidently not strapped in correctly in cars using seat belts, or not in car seats at all. This is very dangerous, but also illegal.

And lastly, adults are using mobile phones whilst on the school site and driving. This leads to adults not being aware of surroundings and therefore could lead to possible incidents.

Please respect our school site for the safety of all involved by adhering to the law when driving into the school.

Mrs Allan

PE Days at Avanti Meadows



Reception: Elm Class - Tuesday & Wednesday & Friday (Field Friday)

Year 1: Hazel Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 1/2: Chestnut - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 2: Cedar Class - Tuesday & Thursday

Year 3: Maple Class - Tuesday (Swimming) & Thursday

Year 4: Birch Class - Thursday & Friday

Year 5: Willow Class - Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 6: Oak Class - Monday & Wednesday

Dates for your diary: School Calendar



May 2024

- Monday 20 May Friday 24 May: PTA Sponsored Read
- Monday 20 May Friday 24 May: Walk to School Week
- Thursday 23 May: Yr6 (Oak class), Crucial Crew Trip to St Barnabus Centre
 - Monday 27 May Friday 31 May: Half term

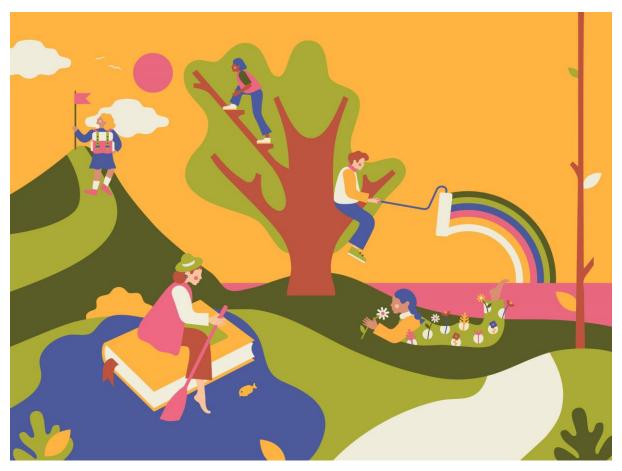
June 2024

- Monday 3 June: INSET DAY (5): school closed to pupils
 - Friday 7 June: Pupil Class Photos
- Thursday 20 June: New Reception Pupils (2024/2025), Parent Information Evening (5-6pm)

- Monday 24 June Friday 28 June 2024: Year 6 Retreat, The Vedanta
- Tuesday 25 June: Yr2 (Cedar class) and Yr5 (Willow class) Music Festival at South Mill Arts



PTA events and reminders



Dear Avanti Families,

Ready... Steady... Read & Listen

Our Sponsored Read Week is almost upon us!

You should have received a separate email with all the information and your children should have their sponsor forms and reading logs ready to go. If you are missing anything please do get in touch with us and we can help you out!

We have set a target of £1000 which will generously be topped up by a further £600 from Usborne books!

On a final note...

We will be calculating the reading time in minutes across the classes and the class with the most minutes spent reading will help to choose the books that are ordered for our younger children in Reception and Yr1 taking part in Ready...Steady... Read & Listen the class with the most minutes listening time will win a set of books for their class!

Have a fun week sharing stories!

AVANTI SUMMER FESTIVAL!

We are hosting our first summer event this year on Saturday 13 July from 11am-2pm. It will be a fantastic event for the whole family, with music games, summer treats and so much more! Also featuring a special appearance from our Cheerleaders, School Choir and the local fire crew in their shiny red fire engine!

Children must attend with an adult and you are welcome to bring along a picnic, (this must however not contain meat, fish, nuts or eggs in keeping with the Avanti ethos). A selection of snacks and drinks will be on sale. We are so excited to see you all there!

We will, as ever, require some wonderful volunteers to help us at the event so if you are willing to help out please drop us an email message or contact your WhatsApp Class Rep for further information.

Thank you for your continued support.

Avanti Meadows PTA

avantimeadowspta@gmail.com





Reminders





Update on mobile phone use in AST schools: outcome of parent consultation and next steps

Dear Parents/carers,

I am writing to you today to share the outcome of the recent consultation regarding the use of mobile phones and SMART watches by pupils attending AST schools. The consultation period began on April 15 2024 and concluded on Friday May 10 2024.

Firstly, I would like to express my thanks to all the parents/carers who took the time to participate in this important consultation process. Your feedback and engagement are invaluable as we strive to create the best possible learning environment for our pupils.

After careful consideration of the feedback received, it is clear that there is overwhelming support for the proposed approach to mobile phone use within Avanti schools. Out of 1028 respondents, a significant majority (close to 90%) expressed agreement with the following guidelines:

Pupils attending an Avanti school will only be permitted to use their mobile phones or SMART watches before or after school, but not on school premises. Sanctions will be in place for pupils who infringe these rules, including confiscation of their devices by school staff. Confiscated devices will be securely stored within the school, and parents will be promptly informed to arrange for collection. Infringements may lead to the withdrawal of permission for pupils to bring mobile phones or SMART watches to school, and repeated infringements may result in further sanctions as outlined in the school's behaviour policy.

Based on this feedback our schools will be proceeding with the implementation of the approach outlined above. Schools, where necessary, will make immediate amendments to their existing behaviour policies to incorporate these expectations. These changes will come into full effect after the upcoming half-term break.

Once again, thank you for your participation and support throughout this consultation process. Together, we are committed to fostering a positive and conducive learning environment for all our pupils.

If you have any further questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact your child's school directly.

Mike Ion

Education Director | Avanti Schools Trust

SPF sun cream and sun hats

Do remember to apply a strong, long lasting SPF product before school as the weather warms up and ensure the children have an appropriate sun hat with them in school.

Avanti Meadows: First Ofsted rating for Bishop's Stortford primary school at St Michael's Hurst is 'good with outstanding features'

Please see attached:

Bishop's Stortford Independent - published 30 April 2024

May – National Walking Month

Please see posters attached from HCC.

Parent Coffee Mornings

Our Parent Coffee Mornings will be taking place this term as follows:

Friday 17 May 8.30-9.30am

Friday 14 June 8.30-9.30am

Please do join us for these sessions. We are keen to work with you in terms of what information you feel, as a parent, would be most useful. Please can I ask you to email us <u>avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk</u> with suggestions for the focus of future coffee morning sessions.

Mrs Jennifer Penney

Sports Day - save the dates

Please be advised that the dates are set as below:

- Friday 5th July: Sports Day, Reception and KS1 (am) and KS2 (pm)
- Friday 12th July: Reserve date for Sports Day, Reception and KS1 (am) and KS2 (pm)

Extra Curricular - Summer Term

Please find the summer term timetable of extra curricular clubs attached.

Extra Curricular Club Information

New Collection Arrangements

A reminder, please, when driving into the school grounds, the 5mph speed limit must be adhered to at all times.

New Collection Arrangements

The Avanti Way

The Avanti Way is the route map for the Avanti family of schools. It sets out our purpose and vision, to make clear our highest expectations and commitment to inspiring spiritually compassionate changemakers. Please read more here: <u>The Avanti Way</u>

Lunch Bookings - ParentPay

Please be reminded that lunches must be booked a minimum of 48 hours in advance. Our catering providers **are not** able to accommodate meals selected/requested on the day. When a meal has not been pre-booked your child/children will be offered a jacket potato only. Please see guidance for booking meals <u>ParentPay How to book a meal</u>.

To support the catering services, we would kindly ask that you inform your child about their meal selection as we often have children who are refusing to eat the meal chosen for them.

Spring & Summer Menu 2024

Parent donations - old school uniform

Please can we kindly request donations of school uniform items, PE Kit and socks. We wish to keep a stock of clothing in school. Please can you hand any donations into the school office. We also kindly ask that if your child is sent home in a change of clothes from our spares that these items are washed and returned to the school office.

Communication with school and Email

There are always times when you as parents are keen to contact the school for many different reasons. Email is the quickest way to share information - there are four members of staff who cover the office inbox, including me. Please do not email staff directly as they are in class all day, and it will delay a response to you. Please use <u>avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk</u>

We do receive a large number of emails every day, so if the message is not deemed as urgent e.g. safeguarding, then it can take up to 48 hours to respond.

You can call the office, of course, on 01279 598575, and Mrs Anna Restivo will be happy to help.

School Office

We are always happy to deal with any queries at reception but can we kindly request that any non urgent queries are made after 10.30am please. The office is extremely busy between 8.00 and 10.30am as we complete important daily safeguarding processes, attendance registers and lunch orders. We appreciate your consideration. Please be reminded that the school office will open at 8.20am each Monday.

School Website

We are working to update the Meadows website so that it can be a source of information for you as parents as well as other people in the community and prospective parents. We have added a calendar page, updated the Pre-School information and we will be overhauling the curriculum information as well as many other pages. If you have any suggestions that you feel would be useful, please do email them to me through the school office.



Getting healthier is a **walk in** the park!

Did you know...

May is National Walking Month. Walking just 20 minutes a day can help you live longer. Swapping short journeys can help you be more active and reduce your exposure to air pollution.

Let's clear the all bear

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What's on.... / Club Information

Extra Curricular / Holiday Clubs

Premier Education Half Term Holiday Camp

Dates: 28 May - 31 May 2024

Times: 8.45am - 4.00pm

Price: £30 per day

Ages: 4-12 years old

Saffron Screen - Half Term at your Local Cinema

Please see attached flyer.

Saturday 18 May 2024: Bishop' Stortford College: Invite and Inspire

Please see attached information detailing an academic enrichment programme developed to spark intellectual curiosity and ignite a love for lifelong learning for Yr 5 and Yr6 pupils.

Wild Cats Girls' Football sessions - Birchwood High School on Wednesday evenings

Please see attached information about Girls Football sessions being held at Birchwood High School for girls aged between 5-11.

Wild Cats Girls' Football sessions



Avanti Meadows



YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP

Venue: Avanti Meadows Primary School, CM23 1FQ

Dates: 28th - 31st May 2024 (Daily)

Times: 8.45am till 4pm

Price: £30 per day

Whitsun half-term.

Ages: 4 - 12 years old

Additional info: Act fast and book now to secure a space!



activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

to keep your kids entertained over the

fun, and create wonderful memories! Every day is different, with a mix of fun

Book now for a half-term full of fun!

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Invite and Inspire

FREE workshops for Year 5 and Year 6 children.

Saturday 18 May 2024

9.00am — 12.00pm, Bishop's Stortford College

An academic enrichment programme developed to spark intellectual curiosity and ignite a love for lifelong learning.



BISHOP'S STORTFORD COLLEGE

- May Workshops:
- Experimental Approaches to Acrylic Paints
- Comic Book Character Design
- Mathematical Puzzles and Challenges



- Music
- Young Scientists
- Creative Writing



Medical and Welfare



Welfare and Medical Officer - Cathy McLornan

Please be advised that Mrs McLornan is our Welfare and Medical Officer, who has responsibility for providing the following:

Emotional Support

Child Protection

Health and Well-being Programs

Administration of Medication, Illnesses, Health Care Plans and First Aid

Mrs McLornan can be contacted via the school office, avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

Want to know more about the Public Health School Nursing team in Hertfordshire? Check out platforms available in the poster attached.

ELSA - w/c 4th March

We will be running intervention sessions for children to provide additional Emotional and Literacy support assistance (ELSA). These session will commence after half term w/c 4th March. The sessions will be weekly, both group and 1:1. Please see attached for further information.

Mrs Maher

ELSA - Emotional Literacy Support Assistant

Parenting Sessions

Please be reminded that after half-term Hertfordshire Family Support Services will be running parenting classes at Avanti Brook Primary School. If you feel that you would like to attend, please register with Herts Family Support Services using this link:

Register with Herts Family Support Services

Here is a link to the Hertfordshire Family Centre website if you wish to have a look and see what other services they may have on offer:

Hertfordshire Family Centre Service

Attendance - Is my child too ill for school?

Please see the NHS guidance **NHS Is my child too ill for school?**

Measles Information

Cases of measles are currently increasing in England. Children who missed the MMR jab as part of the childhood vaccination schedule can catch up at any time. Please contact your GP surgery for assistance.

Measles usually starts with cold like symptoms, runny nose, cough, conjunctivitis and a high fever may develop along with spots in the mouth. The distinctive rash of measles begins around day 3. A rash of flat red or brown blotches appear, beginning on the face, behind the ears and spreads across the body.

Any child thought to have measles **should not be** sent into school. Please contact your GP surgery or NHS 111 to seek advice over the phone. Please click the attached for further advice:

Measles - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Medical information / Immunisations

We would kindly request that the immunisations information for your child/children within Arbor is completed and kept up to date. This area can be completed from your Arbor parent accounts. If you have any issues accessing your accounts, please contact Miss Charlotte Hall.

Changes to contact details / family circumstances

Please be reminded that parent contact details, i.e. phone numbers, addresses, emails and collection arrangements need to be up-to-date and current within our school management information system,

Arbor. If you have any changes/updates please ensure you either enter these into Arbor directly, or, you contact the school office to advise of any changes. Please also be reminded that any changes to family circumstances must be shared with the school, either the class teacher or directly with the school office.





Public Health School Nursing team in Hertfordshire?

Check out our platforms:



Celebrations



Celebration Friday

Hazel (Year 1):

- Ava E Writer of the Week
- Evie M Learner of the Week

Chestnut (Year 1/2)

• Cinar C and Duru C - Learners of the Week

Cedar (Year 2):

• Mark B - Writer of the Week
• - Learner of the Week
Maple (Year 3):
• Valerie S - Writer of the Week
Leo I - Learner of the Week
Birch (Year 4):
Ralph P - Leaner of the Week
• Tristan L-M - Writer of the Week
Willow (Year 5):
• Bliss L - Writer of the Week
• Anya C - Learner of the Week
Oak (Year 6):

• Learner of the Week - all of Oak Class as they have worked hard when completing their SATs



Term Dates 2023-24

• Summer Term 2024

Half term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

Monday 3 June - INSET DAY (5) - school closed to pupils

Term Dates 2024-25

• Autumn Term 2024

Friday 30th August - INSET DAY (1) - School closed to pupils

Monday 2 September - Friday 13 December at 1.30pm/3.00pm for Pre-School

Reception and Pre-School staggered start (dates tba)

Half Term: Monday 21 October - Friday 1 November 2024

Monday 4 November - INSET DAY (2) - School closed to pupils

• Spring Term 2025

Monday 6 January 2025 - Friday 4 April 2025 at 1.30pm/3.00pm for Pre-School

Friday 31 January 2025 - INSET DAY (3) - School closed to pupils

Half Term: Monday 17 - 21 February 2025

• Summer Term 2025

Tuesday 22 April 2025 - Friday 18 July 2025 at 1.30pm/3.00pm for Pre-School

Half Term: Monday 26 May 2025 - Friday 30th May 2025

Monday 2nd June 2025 - INSET DAY (4) - School closed to pupils

Monday 21 July 2025 - INSET DAY (5) - School closed to pupils

Job Vacancies



HLTA - Avanti Brook Primary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: 15 hours per week

Salary/Grade: Grade 5, See Advert Details

For further information click here: HLTA - Avanti Brook Primary School

Closes: 27 May, 2024 at 11:59pm

Contact Us



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Mrs Sally Allan is Executive Principal for Avanti Brook & Avanti Meadows Primary Schools Mrs Jennifer Penney is the Head of School Mrs Alison McCulloch is Inclusion Lead for the Bishop Stortford Avanti Schools Mrs Claire Maher is SENCO for Avanti Meadows and Avanti Brook Primary Schools Mrs Palak Elavia is our Area Business Support Manager, Bishops Stortford Hub Ms Sam Ansell is PA to the Executive Principal Miss Charlotte Hall is our Senior Administrator and will answer queries about admissions Mrs Cathy McLornan is our Welfare, Medical and Attendance Administrator Mrs Angeline Taylor is the Administration Assistant for Pre-School enquires

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