



AVANTI MEADOWS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Newsletter 05.07.24

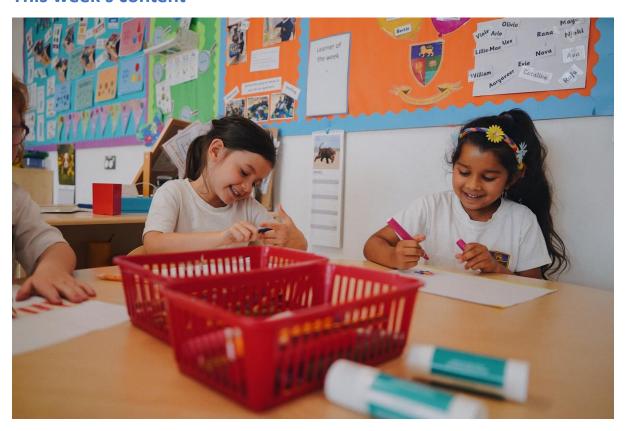
1. Message from our Head of School, Mrs Penney

2. Weekly updates

3. PE days at Avanti Meadows

- 4. Dates for your diary
- 5. PTA events and reminders
 - 6. Reminders
 - 7. Celebrations
- 8. What's On... / Club Information
 - 9. Medical and Welfare
 - 10. Term dates 2023-24
 - 11. Term dates 2024-25
 - 12. Avanti Trust Job openings
 - 13. Contact us

This week's content



Message from our Head of School, Mrs Penney

Dear Avanti Meadows Families,

I am writing the newsletter feeling rather disappointed that we did not have our planned Sports Day
- many apologies to you all as I know we were all looking forward to it. Let's hope the great British
weather brings us the gift of sunshine on the **12th July**! In the meantime, while we wait to hear about
the weather, children can practise for one more week. We hope you can join us on the day.

On the topic of weather patterns, we had an exciting assembly this week led by none other than our Avanti Eco Leaders. They carefully researched and curated everything themselves, to produce a very informative assembly including a video, poetry and some top tips. Well done to Poppy, Tyra, Harriet, Meadow, Jiya, Liam and Summer. They spoke clearly, worked as a team and delivered this important message articulately. We are very proud of them.

Please take a few moments to check over the dates section as there are lots of things happening in the last few weeks of term.

Have a lovely weekend.

Jennifer Penney

Head of School

Avanti Meadows Primary School

Arrangements for September 2024

The last few months have seen us working with the Trust and Herts CC, agreeing to open further classrooms in September 2024 - there will be an additional Reception class (Ash Class) and an additional Y3/4 mixed age class (Sycamore Class). I sent a letter out to all parents earlier this week. I have also sent a Q&A to all parents of Reception and Year 1 children, who will be moving into Years 1&2. We have attached them both here as well.

<u>September 2024 - Teaching Update</u>

Questions and Answers surrounding KS1

Our school continues to grow rapidly - this year, we have welcomed over 100 children and families to Avanti Meadows. We expect to welcome another 100 next academic year. As a result, we have to continue to evaluate our procedures and systems in school to meet the needs of a growing

community. To this end, in discussion with the Trust and the site team, I have made the decision to change arrangements for the collection and drop off from September 2024. Please do read the letter carefully and you will need to consider the changes that may affect you and your child.

It is an exciting time for us all to see the community growing so quickly.

Please also note we have several vacancies for Teaching Assistants to start with us in September, please see our Job Vacancies section below for full details, and pass on to anyone who you think might be interested.

Sally Allan

Executive Principal

Avanti Brook & Avanti Meadows Primary Schools.

Weekly updates

Morning Drop off at MUGA gate

Please be reminded that there is no one to supervise children before 8.15am (unless your child is attending breakfast club) so please do not leave them unattended on site. There is an exception for our oldest pupils, but if they are waiting alone, we expect them to do so sensibly and safely. We have had a few incidents this week where Y5 and Y6 children have been unsupervised before the start of school and being silly and dangerous. Most children have been very sensible, which I have thanked them for this morning. Children in Y5 and Y6 are expected to line up calmly and wait to be let in at the MUGA gate each morning. Many thanks for your support with this.

A few uniform reminders:

- Earrings- small studs only and these will have to be removed for PE.
 - No Smart watches please
 - No trainers unless a PE day, Black school shoes are required.

- Y6 need to wear a tie.
- I have allowed the Y6's to wear their 'Vedanta' Hoodie but only on PE days please.

Thank you for your support.

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



July 2024

- Friday 5 July: Sports Day, Reception and KS1 AM and KS2 PM POSTPONED TO 12th JULY 2024
 - Monday 8 July: Reception (Elm class) visit to Discover Children's Story Centre
 - Tuesday 9 July: Pre-School (Blossom class) Sports Afternoon 1.45-2.45pm
 - Thursday 11 July: Stay and Play session for New Reception families
 - Friday 12 July: Sports Day, Reception and KS1 AM and KS2 PM
 - Saturday 13 July: PTA Summer Event (date change) BOTH CHOIRS PLEASE MEET AT THE

 AFTERSCHOOL CLUB ROOM (OUTSIDE DOOR) AT 11.30am for a warm up. We will perform

 at 11.45-12.00. CHOIRS PLEASE WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS.
 - Tuesday 16 July: Stay and Play session for New Reception families

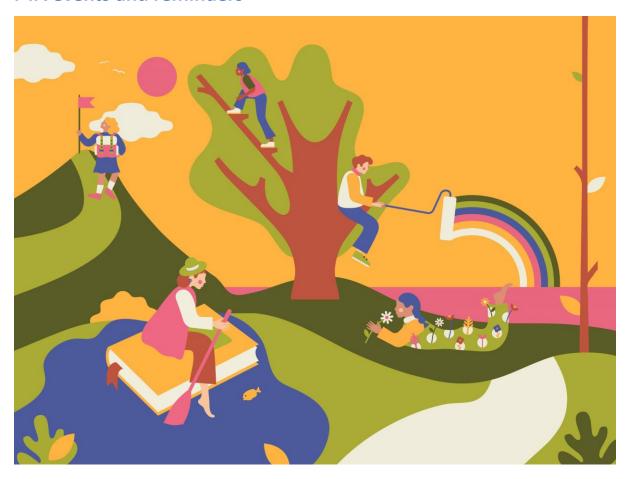
- Tuesday 16 July Yr5 (Maple class) and Yr6 (Oak class) School Production Show 1 (Parents and Carers Invited) 2:00 3:00pm
- Tuesday 16 July Yr5 (Maple class) and Yr6 (Oak class) School Production Show 2 (Parents and Carers Invited) 18:00 19:00pm
- Thursday 18 July Yr6 (Oak class) Leavers' Assembly (Parents and Carers Invited) 2:00pm 3:00pm
 - Friday 19 July at 1.30pm: End of term (including Pre-School)
 - (INSET DAY 30th August)

September 2024

FIRST DAY BACK FOR PUPILS - 2 September 2024 (staggered starts for Pre-School and Reception) - full uniform for all pupils please unless a PE day.

Monday 30 September to 4 October - Year 5 (Willow class) PGL Trip

PTA events and reminders



Dear Avanti Families,

AVANTI FEST!

Saturday 13 July 11.00am-2.00pm

Music, games, crafts, snacks and stalls for a fantastic family day out with appearance from our cheerleaders, school choir and the local fire crew in their shiny red fire engine!

Advance Tickets are now on sale through our PTA events page. Please use the QR CODE or visit www.pta-events.co.uk/avantimeadowspta You may also purchase tickets on the

day at the gate, if you want to avoid the queue please book in advance!

Only children 2years+ require a ticket. Adults are FREE but **must** attend with their child (even those in Y6). Tickets are £5.00.

We really need some more parents to volunteer on the day, at least 5 more. We are looking for support with setting up, support during the event and support packing away. If you can support for any amount of time, we will be very grateful. Unfortunately, if we do not have enough volunteers we will have to cancel the event. Please email or WhatsApp your Class Rep if you can support with any of the above.

Extra fundraising tools

We are affiliated with a couple of companies that will help towards our fundraising efforts.

Easyfundraising

A cashback shopping site that will pay us for you simply clicking to donate through selected retailers when online shopping this is of no cost to you, it is paid by the company you shop with based on the amount you spend! With a £5 sign up bonus and the chance to win £500 for the PTA we have made over £100 already! Check the details below on how to sign up.

STIKINS

A personalised label company will pay us 30% of whatever you spend ordering their fantastic stick on labels for school clothes and equipment! Check the image below on where to visit and don't forget our code at the checkout!

Thank you for your continued support.

Avanti Meadows PTA



Child Ticket £5 Adults & UNDER 2's FREE

Available online or on the day

Games Tokens
10 for £5

20 for £10

Available on the day only Scan QR code to book



www.pta-events.co.uk/avantimeadowspta

Onsite parking permitted

Avanti Meadows PTA



Who we are and how can you get involved

We are a small friendly group who are always happy to stop and chat, our dedication in our first year has proven highly successful and we are beyond excited to be finally putting funds into the school to further enrich the children's experiences and resources at school.

Parentkind Member Association Did you know? Throughout the country, 3.9mil children benefit from having a PTA in In our first year we have raised approximately £6500!!!

Things funds are being spent on

- 1. Yr 6 leavers Hoodies
- 2. Book vouchers for WBD
- 3. New library books
- 4. Transport for Yr 2 trip

We have been totally amazed at the growing response to our fundraising efforts this year. We have put on discos, a movie night, weath making, Raffles, an easter egg hunt, reading challenge and an upcoming summer festival!

A class communication rep for Reception 24/25 needed!

GET IN TOUCH!If you would like anymore information then please contact:

Charlotte Collison Chair of AMPTA

Avantimeadowspta@gmail.com

MEET THE TEAM!







Charlotte Chair

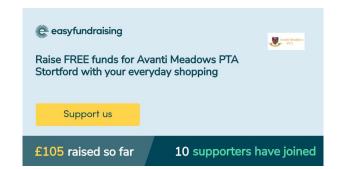
Guluzar Treasurer

Kelly Secretary

Why not get involved?!

We have parents who work full time, part time, or not at all. So don't be put off if you feel you don't have the time, or unsure what to expect, there is so many ways in which parents can help. From being a helping hand at the odd event, attending meetings and sharing ideas, to taking up a distinguished role within our PTA. We have several positions available, if you would like to find out more please do speak to us, and we would be happy to share more information with you. If a role is not for you, but you would like to volunteer at our events, or help with preparations for them, we welcome any and all, time and skills parents can dedicate to us. It is a great way to meet other families, and build community connections, that will be with you and your child, throughout their schooling years.









Reminders





Pupil Photos and Social Media

Please be reminded not to share any photos on social media, if they contain children other than your own.

Uniform

We understand that this is not a great time of year to invest in new school shoes, etc. however please note that from September every child is expected to be in full uniform including proper black school

shoes, logo jumper or cardigan, proper school trousers/skirt, etc. No hoodies can be worn unless it is a PE day. The standard of uniform has really slipped this year and we want to get back on track - please purchase your items so they are ready for September. Remember that a tie must be worn once children are in Year 6. Please prepare your child for this before they come back after the summer holidays. We will be reminding children and giving you a call to discuss this in September, if there are any issues regarding uniform. Thank you for your support - we really want to be a smart and well presented school. On the subject of uniform, there are at least 50 navy jumpers/cardies in lost property! Please do take a look.

<u>Brigade Uniform Suppliers</u> - for delivery before the start of the new school term please ensure orders are placed by 26 July.

Home Start Hertfordshire - Pathway to Work - Volunteer with us!

Looking to return to work? Interested in a career working with children and families? Please find further information in the poster added below.

Birthday Party Invitations

We have had a number of children upset recently about birthday party invitations. It might seem a silly thing, but when you are a child, a party invitation can mean the world! We hope you all enjoy wonderful birthday celebrations but we ask that you are mindful of how and when you give out invitations. Please do it in a way that is sensitive to those who have not been invited. Many thanks for your support.

Reports

Teachers are busy writing the end of year reports for all our pupils and these will come to you on the 12 July. They are being sent electronically this year and will be sent in batches, so please don't worry if yours doesn't arrive at the same time as someone else's. They should all be released by 6pm. I look forward to reading them before they come to you - there is so much much we can celebrate.

Punctuality

Please make sure your child is in school by 8.25am - we are seeing an increasing number of pupils arriving late, which really impacts on learning and how children settle in and get ready for the day ahead. Thank you everyone.

Water bottles

Please ensure your child comes to school with a filled water bottle. We encourage children to drink water throughout the day as it helps to keep children healthy and also helps them to concentrate.

Please avoid any bottles that spray water mist - these are not suitable for school. Thank you for your support.

School Uniform

For the last half term before we break for the summer holidays, please help us by making an effort with correct school uniform. We are increasingly noticing that children are coming in wearing non uniform items, jewellery, colourful trainers, nail varnish etc.

If you need to replenish uniform, please do make sure you buy from our suppliers with the Avanti logo for specific items .

End of term change

Please be advised that the end of term finishes on Friday 19 July at 1.30pm this is for the entire school including Pre-School. Thank you for your understanding.

Art Competition

Please find attached information regarding an exciting creative opportunity!

CPRE Hertfordshire has launched its Children's Art Competition 2024 for all primary school children in Hertfordshire. The theme this year is: **Why I love the Hertfordshire Countryside.**

The closing date for entries is Friday 12th July!

Art Competition

Enjoy getting creative!

Mrs Devey

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:

Getting ready for Year 1

Presentation from Miss Hewitt

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

Extra Curricular - Summer Term 2

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

Extra Curricular Clubs Summer 2

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: The Avanti Way

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 **ParentPay How to book a meal.**

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 avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk

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.





Contact us today for more information:
For an informal chat about this opportunity please call us
on 01438 367788 or email admin@home-startherts.org.uk
www.home-startherts.org.uk





What's on.... / Club Information

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

Woodland Rangers

Forest School experience based in Millennium Woods, near Bishop's Stortford. Please see attached flyer.





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, <u>avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk</u>

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.



Celebrations



Celebration Friday

Hazel (Year 1):

- Bea H Writer of the Week
- Rana P J Leaner of the Week

Chestnut (Year 1/2)

• Avia G - Leaner of the Week

Cedar (Year 2):

• Tito P - Writer of the Week
• Sebastian D N - Learner of the Week
Maple (Year 3):
• Ivy B - Writer of the Week
• Sonny E - Leaner of the Week
Pirch (Voor 4)
Birch (Year 4):
• Elohor O - Writer of the Week
• Eloise P - Learner of the Week
Willow (Year 5):
• Jayden W - Writer of the Week
Riley I - Learner of the Week
Oak (Year 6):
• Liam P - Learner of the Week
• Katie T - Writer of the Week

Term Dates



Term Dates 2023-24

Half term: Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May

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

Friday 19 July at 1.30pm: End of term (including Pre-School)

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

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

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

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



Teaching Assistant - Avanti Meadows Primary School

Contract Type: Fixed term contract

Hours: Full time

Salary: See Advert Details

For further information click here: <u>Teaching Assistant</u>

Closes: 9 July, 2024 at 11:59pm

Teaching Assistant - Avanti Meadows Primary School

Contract Type: Fixed term contract

Hours: Part Time

Salary: See Advert Details

For further information click here: <u>Teaching Assistant</u>

Closes: 9 July, 2024 at 11:59pm

EYFS Teaching Assistant - Avanti Brook Primary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full Time

Salary: See Advert Details

For further information click here: **EYFS Teaching Assistant**

Closes: 9 July, 2024 at 11:59pm

Teaching Assistant - Avanti Grange Secondary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full Time, Part Time

Salary: See Advert Details

For further information click here: <u>Teaching Assistant</u>

Closes: 10 July, 2024 at 11:59pm

Lead Teacher for the Specialist Resource Provision - Avanti Brook Primary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full time

Salary/Grade: UPS1-3 with potential SEN allowance of £2,539

For further information click here: <u>Lead Teacher for the Specialist Resource Provision</u>

Closes: 10 July, 2024 at 11:59pm

Data Manager and Exam Officer - Avanti Grange Secondary School

Contract Type: Permanent

Hours: Full Time

Salary: See Advert Details

For further information click here: <u>Data Manager and Exam Officer</u>

Closes: 11 July, 2024 at 11:59pm

Contact Us



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

Mrs Sam Ansell is PA to the Executive Principal

Miss Charlotte Hall is our Senior Administrator and will answer queries about admissions

Mrs Anna Restivo is our School Receptionist

Mrs Cathy McLornan is our Welfare, Medical and Attendance Administrator

Mrs Angeline Taylor is the Administration Assistant for Pre-School enquires

Our contact email address is avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk

Avanti Meadows Primary School

Farnham Road

Bishops Stortford

CM23 1FQ

01279 598575

avantimeadows@avanti.org.uk

Visit us on the web at https://avanti.org.uk/avantimeadows/

More information about Avanti Schools Trust can be found here: https://avanti.org.uk/

Social Media Accounts: Avanti Meadows

Please do follow us on the following accounts:

Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/AvantiMeadows</u>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/avantimeadows/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/AvantiMeadows