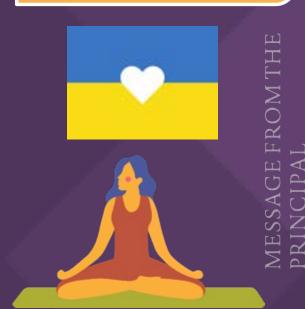


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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the first Avanti Park Post of the summer term. Thank you to all the parents who have supported the new Safer Streets Initiative. It has made a huge difference to the safety of children and families at the start and end of the school day. I know that change can be hard to adjust to, but the Town Council and staff at school really appreciate your efforts to make Avanti Park a safter school.

I also wanted to thank you for the lovely messages of support since sharing the news that I will leaving Avanti park at the end of the summer term. It has been an emotional time for me and I will miss everyone at the school hugely. I'm not sure it will properly sink in for me until the last day of the school year!

Finally, year 6 have their SATs coming up in the week beginning the 13th of May. They have all been working really hard and we know that they will do themselves proud! We wish them lots of luck.

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope that the sun shines for Bank Holiday Monday

With best wishes





Notices





REMINDER

Please can we remind everyone that pupils should not play on the climbing frame after or before school and must be supervised at all times.



Please do not allow children to play on this equipment outside of the school day. Before 8.45 and after 15.15, or any other time when it is unsupervised. Many thanks



Safer Streets Exemptions.

Thank you to everyone for their efforts not to use park Road this week as the Somerset Council Safer Streets Scheme entered its first week of their trial peroid. I think we can all agree that Park Road feels like a much safer environment for our children during school drop off and pick up times. We have had NO 'near miss' incidents all week which is a huge improvement. For your awareness there are some families within our school community who are exempt from the Safer Streets road closure, and will therefore be driving up park road and using the school car park. Families with children who have an EHCP and/or blue badge are automatically exempt from the road cloisure. Please can we remind everyone to be respectful of our families who have permission to use our car park.

> **Exemptions include:** blue badge holders, parents/ guardians of pupils with EHC plans, school staff, access to residential properties within the restricted zone, healthcare workers, users of Harry's Hydrotherapy Pool, school and public transport, emergency services, postal services, utilities, highways maintenance, street cleansing and waste collection

Notices







We had a very special visitor in to school this week! Mrs Atkins brought her beautiful dog Sennen in to meet the children. They had a wonderful time saying hello and giving her lots of cuddles. Hopefully she will make a return visit.

<u>REMINDER</u>

Please can we remind families that children should not be bringing glassdrinking bottles, or food containers to school. Thank you



Volunteers needed!

We have a new electronic library system that has been installed. As part of the process, we need to scan in All current books onto the system. Mrs Herrera is requesting parent volunteers to help with this process. The more people to help with this the better! Please contact AvantiPark@Avanti.org.uk if you are available.



Safer Streets













The wonderful Mojo Moves, along with staff from Frome town council, came to welcome children into school during the first week of the Safer Streets Scheme.

Year 2 DT















In their DT Mechanics Unit, Year 2 have been exploring the size of wheels and the positioning of axles, and considering how these affect the movement of vehicles.

KS3 Digital Leaders



Our KS3 digital leaders have been working hard to support both children and teachers in the primary phase with their computing knowledge. Well done to Jamie, Gryff, Sam and Leo on facilitating an engaging and fun lesson for Cedar class.

Spiritual Insight Day











During the year 3 and 4 Spiritual Insight Day, the children created artwork based on an emotion or feeling. They represented this in any way that felt personal to them.



SEND Newsletter



SEND Navigators

Link: SEND Navigators - Parent Carer Forum - Frome Town Council

Information on how to refer to the SEND Navigators service (can be self-referral if needed) and also the dates/times of the Drop-in offer based at Frome Town Hall, please see the FIND link above.

Frome Autism & ADHD parent Forum

Link: Frome Autism ADHD Parent Forum - Frome Town Council

Information about this group can be found on this FIND link, they run a thriving Facebook support group along with monthly drop in sessions at the Town Hall and activities in the holidays for families.

The Pod – JAMM

Link: JAMM - The Pod parent cafe - Frome Town Council Monthly support session runs by The Pod more information to be found here on their FIND page.

Unique – Frome ASD/ADHD/Additional Needs support group – South Parade Club Link: ASD,Adhd additional needs frome support group | Facebook

Local Offer

Link: Somerset's SEND Local Offer

Lots of information and guidance for families available on this website.



Parent Carer Drop-In Session Frome

Frome Town Hall ,10am -12pm No need to book.

Come and meet Tasha our SEND Navigator who is here to help families of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities in Somerset to:

- Access good quality information.
- Signpost to people who can help.
- Support parents to prepare for meetings and appointments.
- Help parent carers understand what help is available.
- Help parent carers by supporting with completion of forms such as DLA, PIP and applications for funding from grants.
- Help parent carers build confidence in understanding and supporting their child's needs.

2024 Dates

- Thursday 28th March
 Thursday 25th April
- Thursday 25th July
 Thursday 26th Soul
- Thursday 27th June
- Thursday 26th Sept
 Thursday 28th Nov





KS2 Anxiety Workshop

Dear Parents and Carers,

Place2Be is hosting a workshop for parents with children in Key Stage 2 (years 3, 4, 5, & 6), on the theme of anxiety and worry. Come along to learn more about anxiety, how it can impact children and how we can support them. A workshop for any parent wishing to know more! Place2Be is a national children and young people's mental health charity with almost 30 years' experience working with pupils, families and staff in UK schools. Come along to meet Lucy, our school Place2Be Mental Health Practitioner and Sarah, Place2Be Educational Psychologist To book a place please book your free ticket on the following eventbrite link ...

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/an-introduction-to-understanding-and-regulating-aworry-tickets-894198390457?aff=oddtdtcreator

Once your place is confirmed, please come to the school reception on the day.





Avanti Park Cross Country





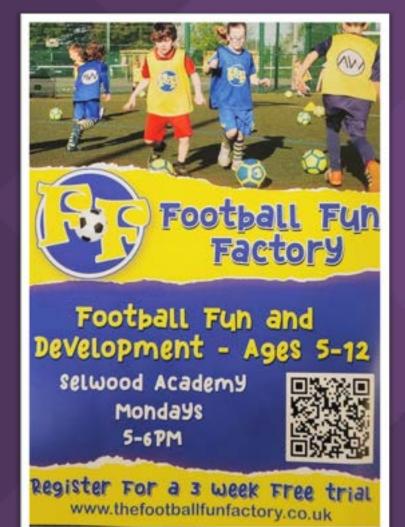
We are very proud to announce that on Tuesday 24th April, three pupils from Avanti Park were selected to run in the Inter Area Cross Country for Mendip Area Team at Yeovil/Mudford Recreation Ground. They formed the year 3/4 team who came second overall and yr5/6 who came first-1a-fantastic result! A very big congratulations to Willow Antell, Murphy Wood and Isy Hopkinson-Scott.



Events









BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 6TH OF MAY @ 10-12

BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY AND JOIN US FOR A MAGICAL MAY DAY CELEBRATION AMIDST THE BEAUTY OF THE WOODLAND!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: MAGIC WAND AND CROWN MAKING, SONGS AND STORYTELLING, MAY POLE DANCE, FREE PLAY AND EXPLORATION AND MARSHMALLOW TOASTING

MIKES MEADOW, NORTHEND, BATHEASTON, BATH, BA17EP





TICKET: £10 CHILD/£10 ADULT BOOKWHEN.COM/CREATIVEROOTS



We are a friendly, welcoming support group for families of children with additional needs. We offer a monthly group session where we can provide support, advice and signpost to other useful organisations.

> Dates for 2024 January 15th 10am -12pm February 15th 10am -12pm March 18th 10am -12pm April 15th 10am -12pm May 20th 10am -12pm June 17th 10am -12pm July 15th 10am -12pm October 21st 10am -12pm November 18th 10am -12pm December 16th 10am -12pm

Venue - Frome Town Hall Cafe

Come along for a cuppa, make new friends and share experiences in a private and safe space. We look forward to welcoming you!

> Any questions please emailfromeautism.adhdparentforum@gmail.com or join us on Facebook.

Co-Parenting Course





Having a straightforward co-parenting relationship with your ex-partner can be fraught with difficulties. This is where we can help.

5th June: 9.30am-11.30am @ Frome Town Hall https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/872370783497?aff=oddtdtcreator 25th June: 6pm-8pm @ Frome Town Hall https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/872367313117?aff=oddtdtcreator

If you are a separated parent, or a parent who are experiencing relationship difficulties are welcome to sign up. come and join us for a relaxed and supportive Cafe where we chat about how to successfully navigate co-parenting challenges. Whether you are newly separated, have been separated and co-parenting for a while, or experiencing relationship difficulties, this Cafe is designed to give you practical tips on dealing with the challenges, putting the well-being of your children at the centre. Ruth James, will be running the Cafe and will share top tips and advice to help you: 1.Develop a successful co-parenting relationship and reduce conflict.

2.Understand how you can stay connected with your children and support them with smooth handovers and transitions.

3. Find out more about practical tools to reduce conflict in co-parenting communications.

4. How to manage different styles of parenting in different homes.

There will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Please note that this Cafe is not appropriate if there is currently domestic abuse in your relationship. If you are in an abusive relationship, please go to <u>Somerset Domestic Abuse</u> for the support you need.

This is what a couple of parents said about a Cafe:

"Worth going to. Feels supportive - come out of hiding and speak with others."

"Safe space to talk, no judgements."

The Cafe has been organised by Melody Hunter Evans, Children and Young People's Project Officer, Frome Town Council and will be run by Ruth James, the Reducing Parental Conflict Coordinator at Somerset Council. Ruth has many years' experience of working with parents and is now working with

parents to reduce parental conflict.

We will be serving tea, coffee, and cake as this is a Cafe!

Places are limited so please book early to guarantee your place.

We look forward to meeting you.

Melody and Ruth

For more information about relationship support for parents please go to:

Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Somerset Parents And Carers Managing Relationship Conflict (cypsomersethealth.org)

Special Thanks

We are continuing our "Special Thanks" scheme in to the new year whereby parents, guardians, and carers are able to nominate and recognise staff for their efforts for supporting members in our Avanti community. This scheme was piloted at Avanti Park last year and made a real difference to our staff and their wellbeing.

To nominate a member of staff, please click on the following link:

https://avanti.org.uk/avantipark/parents/staffnominations-for-special-thanks/



Stay Safe, Be Well

Right of the week

Every child who cannot be looked after by their own family has the right to be looked after properly by people who respect the child's religion, culture, language and other aspects of their life.



