

Krishna Avanti Primary School Croydon

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KAPSC Newsletter



KRISHNA AVANTI
PRIMARY SCHOOL

02 March 2018



Welcome back Mr Burton!



We also welcome back Mrs Visavadia who was on a leave of absence for a couple of months. She is continuing to support the Reception class on a part time basis.



A huge well done and thank you to all parents that have made it in this week. Despite the snow and the challenges, it throws up, an overwhelming majority of pupils and staff came in. This I hope will have taught our pupils **RISILIENCE** which is key part of the national curriculum, that despite adverse circumstances one try's to keep going and succeed.



A Star to all pupils who still came in yesterday in their character for World Book day! All the children looked fantastic.

Workshops

In order for you to be able to support your child at home with mathematics Mr Burton will be holding workshops for parents. These will involve children doing the maths and Mr Burton explaining the process - a similar format to the Guided reading workshops held by Mrs Pandya. The first sessions will be on Wednesday 7th March and Wednesday 14th March, from 08:10 to 08:40 and 13:55 to 14:25. They will take place in the Office Reception area. As space is limited in the office area there will be a sign up sheet in the office for you to choose the date and time you wish to attend. Do not worry if you cannot attend the first one; there will be more dates for these workshops, which you will be informed of.

Please contact the school if you cannot make a workshop. Due to constraints of space we can only accommodate those parents who have pre- booked. Thank you in advance.



Thank you to all of you who completed the second Parent Survey (38 parents). We appreciate your continued support and happy to see that the school has made the necessary improvements. We will share the results of this survey with you in due course and will be conducting another pupil survey with the children in Reception and Year 1. One of the points the school is actioning is using the homework book and the reading log to communicate with you.



Following our email from the other day under no circumstances can Parents or Carers be walking around the Minster School premises without supervision by a member of KAPSC staff and or authorisation from the School Office. When we have events in The Nest in future, we will ask parents to come directly there from Warrington Road side at the specified time. Thank you for your cooperation.



A very happy and colourful Holi to all of our parents, pupils and friends that are celebrating it. Here is some information about Holi for those of you that are not familiar with the festival of Colours! <https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/holi-festival-celebrated-throwing-coloured-powder/>



Mrs Tyagi is on Maternity leave now and we are pleased to announce she has delivered a beautiful baby girl. All of us at KAPSC congratulate her on the birth of her baby.



Mrs Shay has unfortunately had to leave due to an emergency family matter. We wish her and her family, all the very best. We will miss her! We thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the School.

Software for Home Learning



We are looking at joining Mathletics after positive feed back from staff, parents and pupils. More information will follow. Information on Lexia home trials will be sent home soon. You can start to use "Phonics Play" and "Oxford Owls" which are free websites to help develop childrens spelling and reading skills.

School Trips



The Fire Trip was postponed yesterday due to health and safety at the Station and the Fire Services attending to emergency call outs yesterday. Sincere apologies to any parent who were inconvenienced but thank you again for your help and understanding. The visit has been re-scheduled to Friday 9th March at 10:30am at the school. Of course parents are invited.



We have another visit to Southbridge Place booked on Thursday 8th March at 10 am for Reception and 10:30 am for Year 1.



The Reception class are having a visit from Wiggly Wild Show on Monday 19th March at 9am to 11am which is in line with their topic of Mini Beasts. We have opted for the longer session to get value for money. Can we please request for an optional donation of £2.00 on Friday 9th March 2018? Thank you for your continued support.



We will be visiting **ISKCON** Temple on 20th April 2018 to reach there at 10am – More Parent Volunteers still needed.



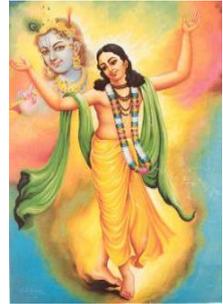
Please inform the School if you are paying for cool milk for your child as we need to keep a register. A copy of your invoice is needed by the school. Please contact cool milk customer service directly to make any changes to your account.

Dates to remember:

Easter Break - 30th March to 13th April 2018

Collective worship Themes for Spring 2 are:

- Self Discipline
- Respect
- Gratitude
- Humility
- Courage
- Integrity**
- Empathy



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Mrs Vyas - Administration
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Mrs Varma – Year 1 TA

Mrs Visavadia – Reception TA

Mrs Patel - Midday meal
supervisor



Yesterday was Gaura-Purnima, or the full moon day on which Lord Chaitanya appeared on Earth. Avanti's spiritual ethos is based upon his teachings and so here is a little bit about this most incredible personality...

Lord Chaitanya was born in the year 1486 AD in Nadiya, then East India's epicentre for learning and scholarship. He was named Nimai (since he was born under a Neem tree) and was later given other names such as Visvambhara (one who maintains the universe) and finally Krishna Chaitanya.

At an early age he founded what quickly became the region's foremost school, widely renowned for its teaching in logic, grammar and rhetoric. He went on to lead an early civil disobedience movement, contesting religious sectarianism. In later life, he turned his attention to spiritual ideals that transcended social and religious boundaries and thus paved the way for a great spiritual renaissance. What to speak of the historical context of the world then, even for today's state of the world this was much-needed and ground-breaking stuff.

He taught that the essence of education is to appreciate how everything has a special relationship with the divine. Such understanding culminates in a profound spiritual realisation of love, compassion and selflessness - the original, pure nature of every being. He emphasised spiritual equality and advocated that humanity can be united through a shared love of God, expressed through the singing of God's many names, specifically, the chanting of the Maha-Mantra (or the Great Mantra): Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.

The many scriptures of ancient India predict and describe Lord Chaitanya as the manifestation of God for our current age. Due to unfortunate and degraded nature of this age, the process of spiritual realisation is made most easy by him – simply chanting God's names. This is in stark contrast to the very severe and austere practices of bygone ages. Lord Chaitanya is Lord Krishna come in the role of his foremost devotee, Sri Radha. Thus he takes on her golden hue and mood of loving service to Krishna. In this way, through his own example, Lord Chaitanya chalks out the path of loving service to God.

During his life of 48 years, he spent approximately 24 years in the town of Jagannatha-puri, famous for its Krishna temple, which even to this day conducts the largest street procession in the world (Ratha-yatra), attracting millions of people – and which we replicate in our schools on a slightly smaller scale. Many of the most famous temples of India were either intimately connected with Lord Chaitanya, founded by his disciples or have commemorations of Lord Chaitanya from the time he toured India and inundated the country with the chanting of God's names.

There were many miracles which formed part of Lord Chaitanya's life, such as the miracle of singing and dancing with the wild animals of the Jarikhanda Forest. Historical records also evidence extraordinary philosophical and interfaith dialogues which in simple language explain the most profound truths.

Chaitanya's exemplary life heralded the dawn of an inclusive spiritual resurgence that continues to inspire people all around the world.

Happy Gaura-Purnima!

Nitesh Gor - CEO of Avanti School Trust



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