



## Newsletter      Sept 2017

**Message from Miss Thomas:** It's been a really positive start to the new school year. The children have all settled into their new classes well and every time I walk the school, the children are happy and engaged in their learning. We have welcomed a large number of new starters into the school over the last 2 weeks and they have adapted well to life at The Avenue. Our new reception children also started school on Monday, looking very smart and grown up in their new uniforms! They are enjoying getting to know each other, the staff and their new environment. Thank you to all the parents who attended 'Meet the Teacher' last Wednesday and thank you all for the support you are giving your children. I am sure this will be the start of a successful year for all of us.

### **Dragons and Castles in India, China and Australia:**

India, China and Australia classes have made a fantastic start to the new school year. The children have come in to school independently every morning with big smiles on their faces ready for the day, which is great to see. Long may it continue!

Year 1 children are making great progress so far in their transition from Reception class and the Year 2s are already showing the great maturity that we expect from them being the oldest children in Key Stage 1. Well done everyone, keep it up!

We kicked off our first topic of the year, 'Castles', by designing and painting our own dragons. The children then described them and did some amazing pieces of writing. India class even went on a dragon hunt around the school grounds! We have lots of exciting things in store; reading stories, learning about castle life and are looking forward to our school trip to a real castle in a few weeks' time!



### **World War 2 in Norway, Sweden and Russia!**

Year 5 and 6 started off the new academic year with a bang, or more of a 'wail' (an air raid siren to be precise)!

On Monday morning Miss Hurley, Miss Woffenden and Mrs Kilminster introduced their classes to the first topic of the year - World War Two. They were joined by Ray, who is an expert on all things related to WW2. He showed the children a range of interesting artefacts, including his Vintage Car and talked about what it was like to be in an air raid. He also explained what the job of an air raid warden was. It was a brilliant morning and the children all thoroughly enjoyed it.

There are lots more exciting things coming up in the next few weeks, including evacuee week. At some point during the week the children are going to be evacuated to Dilton Marsh - watch this space!!

### **Changes in Europe!**

Over the summer France and Germany classes saw some changes to their classrooms. Germany class expanded and now have a new improved area. The changing rooms have become additional spaces and the corridor outside Germany class transformed into an extension of the classroom which has a brand new wall and door. Miss Hackeson and Mrs Wickett worked hard over the summer to make the new classroom a great space to learn in! You may also have noticed that there is a new wooden fence which is going to become our outdoor learning area. We hope to work on this over the coming months.

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**Terrible Tudors!**

Year 3 & 4 children have had a fabulous start to the new school year. All three classes have been introduced to our topic “The Terrible Tudors”. The children were fascinated by the video clip showing Hampton Court Palace and were extremely excited to learn that they are going to visit Hampton Court, where Henry VIII lived. Linked to our topic, the children have made Tudor Roses using drawing and collage skills. In literacy, we have started reading “Tudor Tales” and are using the story to create diary entries for the different characters. Mrs Hopkins, Miss Larcombe and Mrs Savva are all very pleased with the start that the children have made and are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

**Welcome to our new starters:** Wow! What a fantastic start to the year. Thank you to all the nursery and reception parents who have come in to meet their child’s teacher. It was lovely to see you all. We are so pleased with how our children in USA, Brazil and Canada (Nursery) have come into school and are so impressed with how independent and confident they are. We are enjoying getting to know them all better and they have already started to make new friends.

This week in USA & Brazil we have been exploring our learning environment and learning our new routines. We met our class guinea-pig “Coco” and children have given him a stroke and will learn how to look after him throughout the year.

In nursery, our new children are settling really well and our established children have proved themselves to be very helpful and sensible role models to the younger children. They have been learning about transport and dinosaurs (taken from children’s interests) and have also been planting to improve the look of our outdoor area.

We are all looking forward to an exciting term.



**New Class Pages on the web:**

Check out our new class pages on the school website. These give lots of details about the topics that your child is learning about each term and important class messages. The calendar also gives details of important school events / dates throughout the year.

**House Points:** Congratulations to these children for achieving the following awards at the end of last year:

**GOLD:** Letila Josefata, Harvey Curtis and Sophie Percival **SILVER:** Kelsey Gray

**BRONZE:** Emily Roberts, Georgia Bannister, Oliver Grant and Lauren Dunt.

**Holiday Club:** We are now taking bookings for Holiday Club for the October half term, we will be open from Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October. Bookings are done on a first come first serve basis, spaces are limited. Anyone wishing to book please see either Chris Graham or Fran Wickes in the Children’s Centre. Or phone 01985 214413 (option 2).

We have received complaints from local residents and Warminster Hospital about a few of our parents parking in the Avenue and blocking the access road. Please could we ask that you don’t park here in order to drop your children off at school. Thank you.

**Diary Dates**

**September**

18<sup>th</sup> – clubs start

25<sup>th</sup> – Yr 5/6 dress up day (evacuees)

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> – trip to Farleigh Hungerford (KS1)

29<sup>th</sup> – Friends event - Just Dance (for Reception & Yr 1)

**October**

5<sup>th</sup> – Hampton Court (Yr 3/ 4)

13<sup>th</sup> – Friends Movie Night

17<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos

17<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening

17<sup>th</sup> - **End of Term 1**  
(18<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Training Day)