



Newsletter Sept 2017

Message from Miss Thomas:

The new academic year is now well and truly underway. I hope you have now all had a chance to read our Ofsted report and are as pleased as we are that your children are part of a good school and receiving a good education. We continue to work on our areas to improve so that we provide the absolute best we can for all our children. This week I have been interviewing several of our year 6 children who have applied to be student leaders/house captains. It's been very interesting hearing their ideas on how to make our school even better and I am impressed by the thought they have put into their applications and the maturity they have shown – choosing the student leaders/house captains will be a tough decision! Watch this space!

Evacuee week in year 5 and 6:

The children and staff arrived dressed in WW2 clothing on Monday, at the start of evacuee week- everyone looked the part! Having filled out their identity cards and sat in rows (just like in a school of the time), they learnt a little more about what it was like to be an evacuee. As the week went on the children waited in anticipation, to be evacuated.

Finally on Thursday a letter was delivered to each class, explaining that they were to be evacuated on this day – 28th September 1939. The children then gathered up their belongings and were escorted by their teachers to the train station where they were then evacuated to Dilton Marsh. Upon arrival at Dilton Marsh they were greeted by the strict billeting officer. At the village hall children were met by 'host families' who selected children to become part of their family for the duration of the war. A truly memorable day- which helped the children to understand a little of what it must have been like to be a child in these times.

Everyone entered wonderfully into the spirit of the day and the week. Thank you to everyone for making this week possible and to parents for organising costumes.



Castles, Dragons and Knights in KS1:

KS1 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Farleigh Hungerford castle last week, where they learnt lots of interesting facts about castle life and had the opportunity to dress up in clothes similar to those worn at the time. They took part in an amazing discovery workshop, led by English Heritage staff and found out about the lives of different people who would have lived in Farleigh castle; such Lord and Lady Hungerford, the spit boy, servants and jesters. The children were amazed to discover the battlements and remains of a moat, and were all extremely brave when they visited the underground crypt which is over 500 years old! They had a great day and were lucky that the weather stayed fine which enabled them to picnic in the walled garden.



OPEN MORNINGS

**We are holding Open Mornings
for parents of children starting school
in September 2018.**

Dates are:

Thursday 12th October at 9am & 11.30am

Tuesday 7th November at 9am & 11.30am

Please contact the school for more details.



Diary Dates

October

5th – Yr 3/4 to Hampton Court

10th – Wilts Times to take photos
of Reception class

12th – Opening Morning for
prospective parents

12th – Avenue Academy Council
Mtg

13th – Friends Dance-a-thon
(Yrs 2,3, & 4)

17th – Class Photos

17th - Parents Evening

17th - **End of Term 1**
(18th – Teacher Training Day)

30th – Start of Term 2

November

2nd – Yr 5/6 to Fleet Air Arm
Museum

3rd – Friends “Monster Ball”

7th – Open Morning for prospective
parents

Staffing Update:

We are delighted to announce that we have now appointed 3 new members of staff to our TA team. Mrs Pearson joined us this week and is working in USA/Brazil class, Mrs Eglin will continue with her role in Canada class and Mrs Lumpkin will be joining France/Germany class. Congratulations to them all on their appointments and a warm welcome to ‘Team Avenue’.

If you are interested in working at The Avenue, please check our website regularly for details of any further vacancies.

Clubs: If your child has been given a place at an afterschool club and they no longer wish to attend, please could you let the office know – as there are children on waiting lists for all the clubs we offer. If your child regularly does not turn up for the club, their place will be given to another child as we want as many children as possible to take part in our extra-curricular activities. Thank you for your help with this.

House Points: Congratulations to these children for achieving the following awards:

PLATINUM: Joshua Miller **GOLD:** Tyler Lund, Flynn McNamara, Amin Bangura and Luisa Josefata. **SILVER:** Ethan Matthews, James Houghton, Brooke Lappin and Fraiser Warren. **BRONZE:** Tobey Beazley, Ruby Moore, Cerys Reddy, Amelia Coleman, Scarlett Moore and Avner Toloj.

Holiday Club: We are now taking bookings for Holiday Club for the October half term, we will be open from Wednesday 18th to Friday 27th 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).

Please note, from 11th October we can no longer accept the old £1 coins.

**Please remember to check the
website calendar for upcoming
dates/events and look at your
child’s class pages
(also on the website) for
important updates.
Thank you.**