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## **Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> September 2018**

### **MESSAGE FROM MISS THOMAS:**

The first few weeks back have been extremely positive. We have welcomed new families and staff to The Avenue family and all are settling in well. Across the school, children are getting to know the expectations of their new classes and working hard. Our new Reception children are settling into routines, getting to know their new teachers and learning environment, whilst our Y6 children have really impressed with their maturity and desire to be good Avenue role models. It was also great to see so many of you attending the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions last week which I hope you found useful.

### **Uniform:**

The vast majority of children have returned to school looking smart and in correct uniform – thank you. Please remember that all children should be wearing school shoes, not trainers.

### **ATTENDANCE:**

**Whole school target for 2018/19 = 96%**

At the end of last week 255 children had 100% attendance and received stickers from their teacher, which is a great start. However, our overall attendance rate is below our target of 96%, as follows:



**Whole school attendance = 95.5%**  
Reception (Brazil & USA) = 95.7%  
KS1 (Australia, China & India) = 95.7%  
Y3/4 (Italy, Spain & UK) = 97.2%  
Y5/6 (Norway, Russia & Sweden) = 96.2%  
RB (France & Germany) = 94.7%

Well done Y3/4! It would be good to see every department with attendance around the level of this (97.2%)

## CLUBS

As part of our continued commitment to give children a rich and varied programme of activities, over and above what they do in the school day, we have tried to broaden the choice of clubs on offer this year. By changing the choices every 2 terms we hope to make these accessible to as many of our children as possible.

We would like to encourage all our children to participate in at least one club this year and hope that you can support your child with this.

## DONATIONS

We always appreciate your donations and this term we are making an appeal to boost our games and equipment for our extra-curricular activities. We are particularly in need of unwanted

- Board Games
- Lego
- Wellies, waterproof coats and trousers

## MILITARY PARENTS

Just a reminder that Mrs. Leeson our *Parent and Support Worker* is available to discuss any concerns that you may have in relation to the impact the upcoming exercises and tours may have on your child. If you wish to arrange an appointment you can call the main office or alternatively drop into school to arrange. If you would like your child to create a "bluey" whilst a loved one is away, please could you provide contact details in a sealed envelope for the attention of Mrs. Leeson, so that this can be arranged. As with last time, if postage is required they will be sent home with the child but if postage is free they will be sent directly.



## Have you discovered how easy it is to use WisePay to book and pay for meals, clubs and school trips?

*The School uses an online payment system called WisePay so that parents can pay for school meals, clubs and school trips.*

*The system is very easy to use and very popular with our parents because:*

- Payments can be made when the school is closed*
- No more searching for cash or your child having to carry large sums of cash into school*
- All major credit and debit cards accepted*
- Safe and Secure*
- Quick and easy way to find information.*

*All parents have been given their username and password, but please contact the office if you need another copy or for your password to be reset.*

### OUR SCHOOL DAY

We would respectfully like to point out that the end of the school day is **3:10pm**. Only in exceptional circumstances should a child be removed from school early. If you choose to do an activity outside of school, e.g. swimming, then **please speak to your child's teacher and they will try and ensure your child is one of the first to leave class at 3.10pm. Routine dentist and doctor's appointments should be booked, where possible, outside of school hours.** If you do have such an appointment and your child needs to leave early, please speak to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

### TD days this year 2018-19

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

### POLITE REMINDER

It has come to our attention that parents and children are climbing over the school gates by the Children's Centre. This is very dangerous, and could easily result in an accident. Please set a good example to your children and enter the school premises appropriately. May we also remind you that children are not permitted to play on the play equipment before school. Thank you.