



Newsletter Nov 2017

Message from Miss Thomas: Over the last few weeks, teachers have been assessing children to check on their progress so far this year. This will be shared with you through a short report which you will receive before the end of term.

As I write this, I can hear KS2 singing "Silent Night" – this has been a theme over the last week with groups of children rehearsing for their various performances - KS1 are busy practising for their production of 'The Smallest Tree', Reception are practising for "A Little Bird Told Me" and Nursery for their carol concert. The singing sounds fantastic – you are in for a treat. This week, Yr 5/6 performed "Archibald's War" which I thoroughly enjoyed, it was lovely to see the children showing off their talents. Year 3/4 plan to put on a performance in term 4.

Finally, I would like to encourage as many families as possible to support 1YORKS in their world record nativity event. This is taking place at Warminster Town Park on Wednesday 6th December from 3:45pm. The event is open to all families, not just military ones. All you need to do is go to the town park in a nativity costume. If you need more information, please contact David Lent on 01985 210305 or uwo1yorks@outlook.com

THE TUDORS: Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful day last Friday, coming to school dressed as Tudors. There was a real selection from kitchen maids, poor boys, ladies and gentlemen of the Royal Court right through to King Henry VIII himself! All the children participated in a range of activities: Tudor dancing; making bread and vegetable pottage; making stained glass windows; designing Tudor Family shields and creating a tied posy of herbs to help keep the plague away. In the afternoon, each class performed their Tudor dance to the rest of year 3 & 4. Then we had a royal banquet in our classrooms. Most of the children agreed that the food was delicious. It was a day to remember and fabulous fun!



"ALL DIFFERENT, ALL EQUAL": To kick off Anti-Bully Week 2017, all the children (& staff) were asked to wear odd socks! We saw some very silly, funky, stripy and brightly coloured versions! The children were able to learn and understand the importance of being unique whilst celebrating everyone's individuality.

During the week, children were asked to create a poster with this year's theme – "**All different, All equal**". The competition was tough but a winner was selected from each year group. Congratulations to Alfie Merritt (Yr1), Emily Roberts (Yr2), James Cairns (Yr3), Joseph Naulu (Yr4), Dylan Downes (Yr5) and Jack Savva (Yr6). Each of these winning posters will be displayed around our school.



FLEET AIR ARM MUSEUM: Year 5 and 6 recently visited Fleet Air Arm Museum as part of their topic on WWII. At the museum the children had the opportunity to look at aircraft that would have been flown at that time and experience what life on an aircraft carrier might have been like. In addition, they enjoyed workshops that linked to the 'Homefront', toys, games and rationing. In the rationing workshop the children had the challenge of planning a week's menu for their hungry teachers using only rationed food! Quite a challenge! It was a fabulous day out and the children learnt a huge amount ready for the next part of the topic.



FOOTBALL: Congratulations to our Year 5 & 6 boys who competed in the recent tournament at Kingdown School and played no less than 6 games! A match report from coach, Mrs Hocquard-Drake made special mention of Alex & Freddie. Man of the Match went to Dylan – who was in goal and pulled off some amazing saves. Other members of the team were Jack, Amin, Max & Darren.



SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: Every week we award a trophy to the class with the best attendance for the week. Averaged out over the last two weeks, India have had the highest attendance with 99.5%, followed by China with 98%, Australia with 97%; USA, Italy, & Russia all had 96.6%; UK, Germany and France with 96%. At the lower end were Sweden with 94%; Brazil – 93% and Norway with 92.5% .

MATHS IN THE DARK ! by Mrs Craddock

The school found itself dealing with a small power cut last week. Just 5 minutes, but a great way for a group of budding mathematicians to show some super resilience. Well done to Cameron Conley, Gregory Griffin, Caiden Thomas and Peni Vosailagi who despite being plunged into the dark worked on and didn't let it put them off. I was really impressed and super proud of their work ethic – well done boys!

A big thank you to everyone – we managed to raise £278 for the **Children in Need** Appeal and produced 63 shoe boxes for the **Trussell Trust**. We also raised £280 for the **Poppy Appeal** which helped contribute to an amazing district total of over £24k.



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

GOLD: Amber Armstrong, Sophia Collinson-Holder & Deanna Baxter

SILVER: Dylan Downes, Thomas Burke, Isabella Webster, Unaisi Sikivou, Chris Lambe Immy Eglin, Sam Houghton & Riley Sayles.

BRONZE: Penaia Ratuniata, Alex Polak, Elijah Rokodunguni and Katie Chudleigh.

Christmas Dinner: Monday 4th December 2017 is the last date you can order your child a Christmas Dinner with all the trimmings and festive crackers etc. (Christmas dinner is being held on 13th December 2017).

Please Note: After school clubs end w/c 4th December 2017 and resume w/c 4th January 2018. Please can we ask that parents make sure they collect their children promptly at 4.15pm – otherwise children may not be able to attend.

School Uniform: Please can we remind parents that children need to come to school suitably dressed in Avenue School uniform. (Please see Uniform Policy on our Website). This does not include the following:

Trainers / hoodies / head bands with ears or large bows. Thank you.

Diary Dates

December

6th - Flu Immunisations (YR – Y4)

8th – West Wilts Fencing Comp

8th – Xmas Tree Festival, Minster

9th – 11am **XMAS FAYRE (FRIENDS)**

11th – 6pm Choir at St Lawrence

12th - 2.15pm KS1 Production

13th – Xmas Lunch

14th – 2.15pm KS1 Production

18th – Choir at Homeminster Hse

18th – 2.30pm Nursery Christmas Carol concert

19th - 2.15pm Reception Xmas Play

20th – Class Xmas Parties

20th – 10am Nursery Xmas Party

20th - End Term 2

January 2018

Return to School Thurs 4th Jan '18