



Newsletter

Feb 2018

Message from Miss Thomas:

This term seems to have flown by – it only seems like yesterday we were returning from the Christmas break! As always at The Avenue, lots has taken place this term. Highlights for me have been some of the individuals who have brought me work that they are proud of and seeing the children enjoying being creative. Specific creative projects were: Y3/4's 'Iron Man' DT projects, KS1's puppets and the dance designed and prepared by the Dance Club to perform at Bath Forum last night.

Staffing Update: Goodbyes...

This term we have said goodbye to Mrs Lawrence who has decided to leave her role as Operations Manager to spend more time with her family, not least to visit her son in New Zealand. Mrs Lawrence has been at The Avenue for almost 6 years and has been an incredible support to myself, Mr Porter and many other staff members over this time. Her commitment and 'can-do' attitude have been instrumental in helping the school move forward. I would like to thank her for everything she has done and wish her well for the future.

Mrs Leeson, Mrs Purdue and Mrs Reaney have all stepped down from their MDSA role. Mrs Leeson and Mrs Purdue to focus on their other roles in school and Mrs Reaney to spend more time with her family. A big thank you to all of them for all their work as MDSAs.

And Hellos... This term we have welcomed Mrs Brown to the MDSA team. She has made a great start and is enjoying getting to know the children. After half term, we will welcome Ms King to The Avenue in the role of Operations Manager. She brings a wealth of experience and I am sure she will be an asset to the Admin team.

Today we are interviewing for a TA to work in Nursery and new members for our MDSA team – I will keep you informed of who we appoint.

Finally, Miss Hardy will be returning from her maternity leave after half term. She will be working in Nursery on a Thursday and Friday and also working in KS1 on a Wednesday. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her back!

Vacancy: We also have a vacancy for an Assistant to our Governance Adviser. The post holder will be required to provide clerical support for the governors of the School Academy Councils in the Trust and take and process minutes for governors' meetings. Pay is £10 per hour and hours are 5hrs per month in the first instance (which will include evening meetings). For further details of the Trust please visit: <http://www.acorneducationtrust.com> or contact Mrs Z Stockley, Governance Adviser on 01985 224220 or email: zas@acorneducationtrust.com

Dance, Dance, Dance: Recently, some children in Year 3 & 4 from Germany and Italy class went to a dance workshop at Warminster Sports Centre. The children had a fantastic time and travelled around different stations, where they were able to try out a range of equipment and practise different movements. At the end of the session, the children created their own routines using the movements and equipment they had experienced earlier on. Congratulations to all the children who represented the Avenue Primary School so well.





Thank you:

A huge thank you to “V” Vintage Shop in Silver Street for their fantastic donation of a rather large dolls house (pictured) for our Early Years department. As you can see, it is taller than the children playing with it and they are having so much fun sorting and making furniture for the 8 rooms of the house.

This is a fantastic resource and we are extremely grateful.

Thank you:

Another thank you to the Ernest and Majorie Fudge Trust who have made a generous donation to the Avenue Primary School. This money goes towards the Residential Trip to Stone Farm in Devon for our Year 6’s later in July.

Website: Please remember to check the website for dates of all forthcoming events/trips that are taking place.

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 doctors’ 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.

Class Attendance: Each week we award a trophy to the class with the best attendance . Sweden and France had to share the trophy last week, both with attendance of a fabulous 100%.

Reading Expectations: We awarded bookmarks today to those children who have read every day for all 3 terms. Children who have read every day this term received a wristband – so huge congratulations to all of them. Children who were awarded a bookmark are: Jack, Tommy, Chase, Immy, Joe-Jackson, Dylan and Aslan (India); Amelia, Thomas, Mackenzie, Esmee, Lucy, Jamie, Ryan, Jack, Cerys and Emily (Australia); Ben, Harvey, Corey, Isobel, Max and Summer (UK); Luke, Flynn, William and Sophie (Spain); Dylan, Casey, Joseph and Oliver (Italy); Cameron, Amie, Caelen, Jack and Tristan (Norway); Georgia, Tegan, Madison, Brooke and Sam (Russia); Riley, Lilly, Alex, Jacob, Frances, Sam and Austin (Sweden); Deanna and Adam (France & Germany). Winners of the lucky dip this term were: Megan Potter & Jacob Duckitt (both USA), Tommy Bowness (India), Darcie Downes (Australia) and Amin Bangura (Russia).

Hot Dinners: Our new dinner menus start after half term (from Monday 19th February 2018). If your child would like a hot dinner please order on Wisepay.

The deadline however, has now passed for the first week after half term, but the other weeks are still open for ordering.

VIP Tea: After baking cakes and biscuits earlier in the week with Mrs Caple and Mrs Sykes, the following children then enjoyed a VIP tea party with Miss Thomas.

Children are nominated by their teacher for those who demonstrate over and above our 6 school expectations. Those picked this term were: Kiyaan Morady (USA), Milly Bailey (Brazil), Aslan Morady (India), Keira Leigh Green (China), Jack Nash (Australia), Kian Green (Spain), Vinnie Burden (Italy), Summer West (UK), Gregory Griffin (Russia), Tristan Szymanski (Norway), Molly Keirl (Sweden), Taowynn Spital (France) & Chris Lambe (Germany).

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

SILVER: Teagan Burden, Georgia Bannister, Jamie Harrison, Nathan Soneye and Daisy Caldwell **BRONZE:** Abigail Chudley, Nuchakim Rai, Sonnie Benford, Brooklyn Rowlands, and Oliver Pearce.

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

9th – TD Day – no school

HALF TERM

19th – Term 4 starts

19th – Key Stage Assembly

20th – Swimming for Y5 & RB

w/c 26th – Assessment Week

28th – Kingdown students here to talk to Y6

MARCH

28th - Term 4 ends

29th – TD Day – no school

(Term 5 starts 16th April)