



## Newsletter 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018

### MESSAGE FROM MISS THOMAS:

I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break. The children have returned to school refreshed and with positive attitudes to their learning. The weather has also been lovely and the children have managed to have a few days playing on the field – hopefully this will become more regular as we head towards summer! This term we will be focussing on improving uniform and attendance, both of which there is further information about below. I will update you on the progress in these areas in future newsletters.

### VACANCY: MID-DAY SUPERVISORY ASSISTANTS (MDSA)

We are still looking for Play Leaders or First Aiders. This is a vitally important role in the children's school day. You would be required to start as soon as possible. The salary is £7.83 per hour, Grade B point 7. Your hours of work would be 5.5 per week (Monday to Friday 12.30 – 1.30pm + 6 minutes per day) term time only. We look forward to hearing from you!

### SCHOOL GATES

**It has come to our attention that parents and children are climbing over the school gates. 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.**

### VIP TEA:

Last week Miss Thomas had the pleasure of having afternoon tea with the children who impressed their teachers during term 4. Before they had tea, the children prepared the snacks. KS1 and reception children decorated gingerbread men with Mrs Caple and KS2 children prepared a healthy fruit salad with Mrs Sykes. It was great to spend the time talking with the children and hearing about things they enjoy doing at home and in school.

Pictured with Miss Thomas, are the KS2 children that impressed their teachers last term.



## **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.

## **ATTENDANCE**

This term we will be rewarding good attendance. This means that on a Friday afternoon, every child who has been at school every day that week (100% attendance for the week), will receive a sticker and this will be celebrated in our Celebration Assembly. At the end of term, every child who has received a sticker every week (100% attendance for the term) will receive a reward. Whilst we appreciate there will be occasions when children are too ill to be in school, please encourage your child to be in school every day that they are well enough. If your child is slightly under the weather but probably OK, please send them in – you can let their teacher know in the morning and if we feel they are too unwell we will phone you to come and collect them.

**Whole school attendance so far this year = 95.4%**

### **Attendance for term 5:**

Whole school attendance = 97.3%

Reception (Brazil & USA) = 95.9%

KS1 (Australia, China & India) = 98.8%

Y3/4 (Italy, Spain & UK) = 97.4%

Y5/6 (Norway, Russia & Sweden) = 97.3%

RB (France & Germany) = 93.2%

## **HOUSE POINTS Congratulations to the following children...**

**Certificates:** Lexi Lee, Matthew Grant, Daniel Swindlehurst, Finn McEvoy.

**Bronze:** Ruby Benford.

**Silver:** Oliver Grant

**Gold:** Ava Simpson, Darcie Downes.

**Diamond:** Benjamin Benoit.

The class with the highest attendance is India with a fabulous 99.6%

**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.

## **UNIFORM:**

As you know, all children are expected to come to school wearing the correct school uniform and the majority of children do this every day. This now needs to be the case for all children. This term, any child who comes to school in a hoodie or jumper that is not in line with our uniform policy will be asked to remove the hoodie/jumper and place it on their peg during lessons. If this means they are cold, then we will lend them a school jumper to wear in lessons. We also ask that children come to school in black shoes. Thank you for your support with this.

## THE ENCHANTED FOREST – PUPILS MAKE THEIR OWN BOGGART CREATURES

Germany class went to our wooded area last Friday morning as part of our 'The Enchanted Forest,' topic to create magical woodland boggart creatures out of clay. Their creations were fantastic! They worked incredibly hard and their results were very lifelike.



### VACANCY FOR ACADEMY COUNCIL MEMBER WITHIN THE AVENUE SCHOOL, WARMINSTER

Would you like to take an active role in supporting our Academy and its students?

We are looking for new representatives to join our Academy Council.

The Academy Council operates as a sub-committee of The Acorn Education Trust Board of Trustees.

As a member of the Academy Council this role is to both support and challenge the school.

You will need to ask questions to help investigate how the school is progressing. Simply by asking key questions and listening to the responses, you can help.

Much like a Governing Body, the Academy Council's role is to:

Ensure children learn in a safe environment and to the maximum of their ability

Ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction

Hold the Head to account for the educational performance of the Academy and its students

Promote the safety and wellbeing of students including behaviour, discipline and attendance.

You will be provided with training and support and would be expected to attend 4 evening meetings during the academic school year.

If you are aged 18 years and over and have the skills, time, commitment and discretion to help The Avenue School move forward please contact Zoe Stockley, Governance Adviser for an application form.

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