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MESSAGE FROM MISS THOMAS:

I hope you all enjoyed the beautiful sunshine over the bank holiday weekend – it feels like summer might finally be on its way! Children across the school have continued to work hard, focussing on making progress in their learning. Over the last 2 weeks, Year 2 children have taken their KS1 SATs. Mrs Upton & Mrs Pincombe have been incredibly impressed by their positive attitudes and resilience during these – well done Y2. Next week, Year 6 will be taking their KS2 SATs tests. The children have worked extremely hard in preparation for them – good luck Y6!

Staffing Update:

We are pleased to welcome our two new, Catering Assistants, Mrs. Stocker and Ms Mason. Mrs Stocker has already worked at the Avenue for some years as an MDSA and Cleaner and now joins the kitchen, where she has already made improvements and introduced new initiatives. Ms. Morgan joins us from working at other schools and is a wonderful new addition to the Avenue family.

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.

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.

SCHOOL HOT DINNERS

We have a *delicious* new menu starting after half term (4th June onwards). If your child would like a hot dinner, please log in to Wisepay and order (at the latest) by Monday 21st May for our first week back.

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.

SUMMER UNIFORM

As the weather is improving, we would like to remind you about the school uniform children should be wearing. Please note, we have slightly revised acceptable summer footwear (last bullet point).:

- ❖ Royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with logo, or a plain royal blue jumper or cardigan.
- ❖ White polo shirt or shirt
- ❖ Grey or black trousers (long or short)
- ❖ Grey or black skirt/pinafore
- ❖ Black shoes (not trainers)
- ❖ Plain grey or white socks/tights
- ❖ Blue/white gingham dress (or skirt/culottes/blouse)
- ❖ Sandals with a covered toe and strapped to the foot in black, white or brown



ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance so far this year = 95.5%

Last fortnight:

Whole school attendance = 97.2%

Reception (Brazil & USA) = 97.7%

KS1 (Australia, China & India) = 97.7%

Y3/4 (Italy, Spain & UK) = 96.9%

Y5/6 (Norway, Russia & Sweden) = 96.9%

RB (France & Germany) = 96.6%

HOUSE POINTS

Congratulations to the following children...

Bronze: Eroni Vakacokaivalu and Taowyn Spittal.

Silver: Caitlyn Dench, Lia Adlam, Keyan Reddy, Avner Tolo, and Jacob Warren.

Gold: Harrison Head

Platinum: Lexi Mae Gear

USA V BRAZIL. The Game Of The Season!

On Wednesday 2nd May USA took on their arch rivals Brazil in the football match of the season. The game started fast and not long after kick off Brazil got their first goal with a stunning ball from Nieve. USA, more determined to level the score, battled on and Jake flew toward the opposition to make it 1-1. The start of the second half saw USA create a few chances but Mrs Ritson proved her worth in goal and kept the ball from the back of the net. Brazil won a penalty after a hand ball, Rio stepped up and blasted the ball past Mrs Pearce in goal causing her to dive to the grass! Brazil now leading 2-1. Just before the full time whistle there was a scramble in the Brazil goal mouth and Jake levelled the score yet again. The full-time whistle from Mrs Stainer ended the game. A great performance from both teams.



USA – Mrs Pearce, Jake(C), Aggy, Lexi J, Matthew, Megan, Mia T, Kiyaan, Aidan, Billy, Amelia, Freya, Charley, Max, Daniel, Preston, Jacob and Freddie

BRAZIL – Mrs Ritson, Rio(C), Isabelle, Sienna, Mia-Willow, Lily, Dallas, Lexi L, Kirills, Noah, Amelia-Rose, Adam, Finn, Milly, Leo, Nieve and Jack.

MATHS AND LITERACY ACROSS THE ACORN TRUST

In January, 7 Avenue children from Year 6 joined other students from schools across the Acorn Education Trust for ten weeks of Maths and Literacy sessions.

In the Literacy sessions, they were faced with short GCSE style reading comprehension texts and photos capturing different settings to describe. They worked on creating their own poem or descriptive writing of a place of their choice. "I enjoyed using Metaphors and noun phrases," reported Lily F, whilst Madison said she liked the way you could describe a place and it felt like you were there.

For Maths, they were challenged every fortnight with different games which made it fun, whilst pushing their knowledge to the limit. Some of the learning explored triangular numbers and modulus. "The relay race was my favourite game. It helped us to work as a team- it was hard as we had to wait for our partner pair to finish their sum before we could do our next one to get more points," explained Josh.

This Wednesday, they had the chance to proudly show off their skills to their parents and grandparents- who had come to join them for a celebration afternoon. Sitting at small group tables, the children shared their poetry with each other. A brave few, including Madison, volunteered to present their literacy masterpieces to the whole group. There then followed a session of moving around to find maths clues, and lots of head scratching to solve mathematical crosswords and other activities. Well done Madison, Katie, Lilly, Lily, Austin, Josh and Bailey!



Dear Parents

Every school leadership team needs to be supported and challenged by an Academy Council of Governors, and, I am writing to you today to encourage you to join one of our teams.

This wonderful group of volunteers meets approximately 4 times a year to discuss standards across the school, safeguarding and ensure the unique identity, ethos and culture of the school is maintained. If you would like to shape and influence your son/daughter's school, then this is the ideal opportunity. You may prefer to work in a governing body away from family connections and this would also be possible.

Alternatively, you may know a grandparent, a local neighbour or a friend who is looking to be involved in a community group and would be an ideal governor.

Previous educational experience is not required, simply a desire to make a difference to young people. The Acorn Education Trust provides training, support and guidance as needed.

All our schools are listed below and should you wish to learn more or join, please contact our Governance Adviser Zoe Stockley on zas@acorneducationtrust.com or 01985 224220.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With very best wishes

Sara Edwards

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The Acorn Education Trust Schools:

- Avenue Primary School & Children's Centre
- Clarendon Academy (as of 1st June 2018)
- Dilton Marsh Church of England Primary School
- Great Wishford Church of England Primary School
- Heytesbury Church of England Primary School
- Keevil Church of England Primary School
- Kingdown School
- New Close Community Primary School
- St John's Church of England Primary School
- West Ashton Church of England Primary School