



Newsletter 25th May 2018

MESSAGE FROM MISS THOMAS:

It's been another busy fortnight! Year 6 took their SATs tests last week and really impressed us with the maturity and resilience they showed; on Friday the children worked in their houses to produce some lovely artwork and celebrate the royal wedding with an afternoon tea party and this week, KS1 have re-enacted the Great Fire of London. No doubt you and your children are now ready for the half term break. I hope you have a relaxing time and look forward to seeing you again when we return on Monday 4th June.

GOODBYES

Mrs Lawrie, who works as a TA in Y3/4 and KS1, leaves us today. Mrs Lawrie will be moving to York due to a military posting. Mrs Lawrie has been working at The Avenue for just over 2 years and has made a huge contribution to the staff team, particularly in Y3/4. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and wish her well for the future. Mrs Lawrie – you will be missed!

HELLOS

After half term we will welcome back Mrs Chatwin. Some of you may already know her as she spent some time working with UK class during terms 3 & 4. Mrs Chatwin will be taking on Mrs Lawrie's TA role in Y3/4 and KS1.

THE ROYAL WEDDING

We had a wonderful week in Nursery preparing to celebrate the marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The children led their learning by making wedding dresses, crowns, castles and role playing the stars of the day! The children even decided to send them a congratulations card and we hope to hear back from them. As a special treat Ms. Francis-Lang who makes all the lovely puddings delivered to us from Kingdown, made us a very tasty and rather "Royal" Victoria Sponge!



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.

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.

SCHOOL DISCO

On Friday 18th May the Friends' disco took place at the Avenue. Mrs Edgar and Mrs Eglin would like to offer thanks to all the parents that brought in cakes and refreshments and to all the staff that stayed to help out. A special thank you goes to Mr. Sykes who provided the disco! We raised an amazing £384.90!

SCHOOL FAYRE

The Avenue Primary School and Children's Centre Ae pleased to announce that they will be holding their Summer Fayre on Saturday 30th June from 11.00am 'till 2.00pm. We are looking for soft toys, chocolate raffle prize donations and anyone able to help on the day. Please contact Kerry Eglin or Karen Edgar on the FB page for more information and to put your names forward. Thank you!

THE GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

On Tuesday 22nd May, The Avenue Primary School was transported back to the year 1666. The children in India, China and Australia classes had a wonderful day to round off their topic work about the Great Fire of London. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and had a fun-filled day with a number of exciting workshops. They had the opportunity to act out scenes from the Great Fire of London in a drama workshop; experiment writing with quills and ink and worked together to create some amazingly authentic model 3D houses. The day finished with their very own 'mini Great Fire of London'. The children carefully assembled their model houses into Pudding Lane outside in the playground, making sure that the streets were realistically narrow and the houses were very close together. As they watched from a safe distance, Mr Trimby (a fire safety officer) set fire to the bakery and the children watched as the flames leapt from house to house. It didn't take long for the little houses to be burnt to the ground. All the children had a lovely, exciting finish to a very interesting day!



ATTENDANCE

Yesterday we held an assembly to celebrate the children who have achieved 100% attendance during term 5. I was incredibly pleased to see 160 children receive an award. Thank you for your support with this.

We will continue to reward 100% attendance at the end of each week during term 6 and will again reward children with 100% attendance for the term at the end of term.

Whole school attendance so far this year = 95.4%

Last fortnight:

Whole school attendance = 95.8%

Reception (Brazil & USA) = 97.5%

KS1 (Australia, China & India) = 96.5%

Y3/4 (Italy, Spain & UK) = 92.6%

Y5/6 (Norway, Russia & Sweden) = 97.2%

RB (France & Germany) = 97.1%

HOUSE POINTS Congratulations to the following children...

Silver: Ruby M, Freya D.

Gold: Miriama M.

Platinum: Lily-Rose C, Lexi S.

Diamond: Madison C.

Reading Expectations

Children who met their reading expectations for this term all won a prize, then they had their names put into a hat and the following students won a book of their choice

Adam from France class

Molly from Sweden Class

Emily from Australia Class

Chase from China Class

Katie from Norway Class

Well done everyone!

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. The application form is on the school website, or alternatively come in to the school office and collect one! We look forward to hearing from you!

ROUNDERS' FESTIVAL AT HEYTESBURY SCHOOL



Nine year 5 and 6 students were lucky enough to be chosen to go to Heytesbury School on Tuesday 22nd May for a rounders' festival. First we started off by going around a circuit where we learnt different rounders' skills through fun games. We were all split into groups mixed with different children of our age. Finally we all came back together and played a game of rounders' against Heytebury School B team. The score unfortunately was unknown-however it was a good match. We all had a great time and would love to do it all again!

Written by Emily and Katie.

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.



Keeping up with the Children Maths

Calling all Parents/Carers at The Avenue Primary School and Warminster community!

Do you struggle to help your children with their maths homework?

Come along and join us for this fun, FREE course to learn about:

- ☺ how you can support your child with their maths
- ☺ how your child learns maths at school
- ☺ improving your own maths skills
- ☺ get one step ahead if your child is starting school

When: Tuesdays, 5 sessions, starting 12 June 9:30-11:30

Where: Community Centre, Firbank Crescent, BA12 0BY



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Please give to school office or call Emma Leeson, Parent and Pupil Support Worker, 01985 213383 to reserve a place on KUWTC course: starting Tuesday 12 June 9 :30-11:30. *If you have more than 5 GCSEs (grades A-C), the course may not be right for you. Service families welcome to join, also EU residents of more than three years. Wiltshire Family Learning will telephone you to tell you more about it. Adult name.....Tel
..... Email.....Child's school/
class:..... *Childcare may be funded with OFSTED registered setting for the Keeping up with the Children course. Please sign up by 8 June. Family Learning will telephone you!* www.wiltshire.gov/family-learning



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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CEO
The Acorn Education Trust

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