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Dear parent and carers,

It has been lovely to see the children return to school after the half term break and already get into the swing of the new learning for this term.

Please take the time to read the details below, outlining information and events for this term.



Remembrance Day poppies:

Remembrance Day poppies are available in school. If your child would like a poppy, please send in their donation (in a named envelope) for the Royal British Legion so they can get a poppy when the Year 2 helpers visit their class with the poppies and collection box. Thank you

Pupil's belongings:

A significant quantity of lost property has accumulated in the school over the last couple of months. We are working hard to encourage the children to be responsible for their own things but this is very difficult when items are unnamed. **PLEASE ensure clothes, coats, shoes, drink bottles, book bags are ALL clearly named and that this is regularly checked as names can wash away / fall off.** This would really help children look after their belongings and reduce lost items. Thank you

Christmas Craft sessions

We are delighted to say we will once again be offering our Christmas Craft sessions in year groups at the beginning of December. On these days, parents / carers are invited to join their child to make some Christmas crafts to decorate the school for December. More details will be sent nearer the time, but dates are listed at the end of this letter and please note we do not have sufficient space to accommodate siblings at these events.

Christmas Celebration

At the end of term we will also be inviting families to join our Christmas celebration at the United Reformed Church when we tell the story of the first Christmas through songs and narration. More information to follow.

Homework

Thank you for those of you who manage to squeeze in time for the children to share or practise their skills at home, it is so crucial to help retain new learning and build confidence. We send out an overview of the terms learning which may help with ideas to discuss or practise. In addition and more specifically, most children also get QR codes to access phonics practice videos to support their reading. We ask parents to always prioritise reading at home, hearing your child read their reading book, or own choice, **at least 4 times a week.** Please log these reads in their school Reading record so their reads can be noted and we can celebrate your child's home reading with them. The children who were reading at this frequency each week were entered into a book raffle last term with one winner drawn from each class- well done to them.

We are exploring other platforms to support the practice of other key knowledge at home and will share this information when it is finalised.

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Parking

Please can I, once again, remind everyone that we all need to park / drive around school with consideration of residents, other road users and pedestrians. We all want our school locality to be as safe as possible for our children. Our zig zag road markings are there to indicate no parking / dropping off in this area and cars should not stop or park near the railings opposite. Parked cars should not block footpaths and residents' paths / drives. If you see unsafe driving / parking this can be reported to the Community Police team. Thank you for your support with this.



We are looking forward to the busy term ahead. Thank you, as ever, for your on-going support. Please do chat to a member of staff if you have any questions or worries, we are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morrall

Headteacher

The Avenue Infant School

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY- AUTUMN 2 2025

EVENT	DATE
Year 2 Family Reading	Friday 7 th November 8.50 – 9.10am
Anti-bullying Week	Week commencing Monday 10 th November
Flu immunisations	Monday 10 th November
Wear Odd Socks day- celebrating difference and diversity	Monday 10 th November
Individual photos	Thursday 13 th November
Wear something spotty for a donation to Children in Need	Friday 14 th November
Year 1 Family Reading	Friday 14 th November 8.50 – 9.10am
Reception Family Reading	Friday 21 st November 8.50 – 9.10am
Year 2 Family Reading	Friday 28 th November 8.50 – 9.10am
Mufti day in exchange for a Christmas Raffle prize	Friday 28 th November
Reception Christmas Craft session- parents invited	Monday 1 st December 2.00pm
Year 2 Christmas Craft session- parents invited	Tuesday 2 nd December 2.00pm
Year 1 Christmas Craft session- parents invited	Wednesday 3 rd December 2.00pm
Year 1 Family Reading	Friday 5 th December 8.50 – 9.10am
School trip to pantomime at The Castle	Friday 5 th December pm
Rock Steady Concert	Monday 8 th December 9.00am
Kingswood Christmas Lunch	Thursday 11 th December
Christmas Jumper Day	Thursday 11 th December
Reception Family Reading	Friday 12 th December 8.50 – 9.10am
FOTAS Christmas Raffle draw	Monday 15 th December 4.00pm
Christmas Celebration	Wednesday 17 th December at 1.45pm
School closes for Christmas holidays	Friday 19 th December 3.15pm