



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 4<sup>TH</sup> September 2015



NEWSLETTER NO.1

## WELCOME BACK EVERYONE!

Welcome to a new school year and my first at The Avenue Infant School. I have been made to feel very welcome and am looking forward to getting to know your children and yourselves. I know the teachers have got some fantastic fun learning experiences planned and it will be a busy but rewarding term.

As ever the beginning of the year means lots of information to give and collect so this newsletter contains several reminders- **please read it carefully**. Thank you.



## IMPORTANT ANNUAL PAPERWORK



Thank you to those of you who have already returned the numerous forms your child brought home yesterday. If you haven't as yet, please fill them in and **return them as soon as possible**. Please take time to read them carefully as they contain very important information and if you have any questions please ask.

The forms to return are:



- Annual Parental Permission form
- Parent / carer Acceptable Use Agreement
- Use of social networking and online media
- Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement (*child to sign*)
- Parental permission - collection from school
- Annual Home-School Agreement (*parent and child to sign*)
- Medical forms

## **INHALERS AND OTHER MEDICATION**

Some of you will also need to complete new **Medicine Forms** if you have asked us to administer inhalers or other regular medication. This applies even if you completed a form last year. A new form must be completed annually, so please see office staff for a new form. Thank you. ***Please remember that we cannot administer any medication that is not clearly marked with a prescription label.***

This important information will be disseminated to all the staff who work with your child and a copy will be kept in the First Aid Room. It would be appreciated if you could also tell class staff face to face too. Thank you.

## START OF THE DAY



### **Independence:**

We have been very impressed with the calm, grown up way the children have entered school over the last two days. They have become familiar with the changes for this year- e.g. finding their new classroom and peg. We are keen to encourage the children to be independent in the mornings by saying good bye to you at the door. If you could encourage your child to come in alone it makes for a lovely calm start to the day.

Of course, if you have a message for your child's teacher, please speak to either Mrs Fowle at the gate, a member of staff posted at a door or the office. They will happily pass on a message. Please remember that the teachers are available at the end of each day for informal chats.

### **Doors:**

Please can YEAR 1 children enter through the door by the hall and YEAR 2 through the main door.

### **Opening times:**

The school doors open at 8.50. Children and adults are welcome to wait in the playground but the climbing apparatus is out of bounds. **Children should never be left in the playground without a responsible adult to look after them before school.**

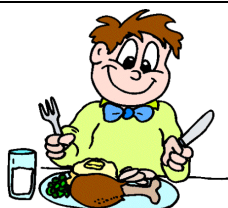
## FAMILY READING

The staff and children are in the process of reviewing family reading and considering ways it could be improved further. It is a very popular and worthwhile time and, as you know, sharing books daily at home will have a huge impact on your child's progress. However we know some children find it quite a hectic time and are aware it is difficult for some parents and carers to stay. Of course our number one priority is ensuring all the children in school are safe and happy. With that in mind, ideally we need to know which adults are in school and so we will be introducing a signing in system to comply with safeguarding regulations. Therefore, some of the ideas we are considering are altering the time of day, whether whole school or single year group family reading is best, frequency, how to manage signing in without losing too much reading time etc.



Please bear with us whilst this review is underway and we hope to recommence family reading, with slight changes, in the week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

## SCHOOL MEALS SERVICE



Our delicious school meals are available for all with a good range of choices. The term's menu is available online. It would be great to see more children taking up the free meals, particularly as the weather gets colder a warm lunch is nice for them, but also remember cold options are available. If at all possible please could parents consult with their children about what they would like for lunch? Perhaps they could share and decide with you when you are booking their meal choices online. Thank you.

Please remember that all lunch bookings must be done online (or by form from the office - limited forms available) by the Wednesday morning of the week before you want your child to have a meal. You can make block bookings. There will be **no** meal for your child if you do not book in enough time so please make sure that you provide a packed lunch from home on those days. There is no emergency meal facility such as book on the day - everything must be booked a week in advance. Thank you.

**ALL PUPILS AT THE SCHOOL CAN RECEIVE FREE SCHOOL MEALS** (the government initiative provides meals for all infant aged children). Please note that if you receive certain benefits, the school may be able to claim Pupil Premium funding for your child. Confusingly this is sometimes referred to as 'eligibility for free school meals'. **THIS NEEDS TO BE APPLIED FOR SEPARATELY AND ENTITLES YOUR CHILD TO ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, RESOURCES AND FUNDING FOR UNIFORM / TRIPS WITHIN SCHOOL.** Further information about pupil premium funding will be provided next week.

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL YOUR CHILD'S BELONGINGS THAT COME INTO SCHOOL ARE NAMED. OUR LOST PROPERTY BOX GETS FULL VERY QUICKLY!!!**



**PLEASE ENSURE THAT  
YOUR CHILD BRINGS  
THEIR BOOK BAG INTO  
SCHOOL EVERY DAY.  
THANK YOU.**



**WE ARE STILL GRATEFULLY  
RECEIVING ANY CLASS OR  
LIBRARY BOOKS THAT YOU  
HAVE FOUND AT HOME  
DURING THE HOLIDAYS.  
THANK YOU.**

## PAYING FOR SCHOOL SNACK



Snack money remains at £1.00 per week. We are able to offer a small discount if you choose to pay for a term or a year in advance. **All payments direct to the school office please.**

	Cost	Discounted cost if paid in full at the beginning of term.	Saving
Cost per school year (38 weeks)	<b>£38</b>	<b>£35</b>	<b>£3 per year</b>
Approximate cost per term (spread across the 6 terms of the year)	<b>£6.33</b>	<b>£6.00</b>	<b>33p per term (approx. £2.00 per year)</b>
Cost if paid weekly - with no discounts.	<b>£1.00</b> Please put the money in the envelope in your child's classroom or in a named sealed envelope from home. Thank you.		

## P.E KIT AND JEWELLERY REMINDER



Pupils are expected to change into shorts and T shirts for all P.E. lessons. Children should wear close fitting, but comfortable, shorts and T shirts that do not have flapping sleeves or legs. This is important in order that the children do not get their clothing caught up on apparatus in gymnastics lessons.



Vests or capped sleeved shirts would be appropriate too. Shorts should not be so long that they cover the back of your child's knees. Cycling shorts and sports T shirts or vests such as those sold by Matalan are perfect and only cost a few pounds.

**Logging or track suit bottoms must not be worn for indoor P.E lessons.**

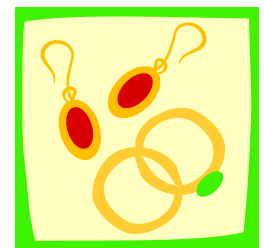
Children should have plimsolls or trainers in their P.E bags at all times too please.

Matalan sell these extremely cheaply too.



## JEWELLERY

Please can we remind you that **NO** jewellery (including woven thread bracelets or special necklaces) can be worn during any P.E lesson. Children who have recently had ear piercings will **not be able** to take part until their earrings can be removed independently by the child, or are removed by their parent/carer before the start of the school day.



**Adults in school are not permitted to remove children's earrings.**

Children may prefer to leave their jewellery at home on the days they have P.E.

Year 2 children could have P.E on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Year 1 have P.E on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

Reception children have P.E on Wednesday and Friday.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT  
THE BIKES AND SCOOTERS  
AND THE CLIMBING FRAME  
ARE OUT OF BOUNDS  
TO ALL CHILDREN (AND  
ADULTS!)**

*(INCLUDING YOUNGER (OR  
OLDER!) BROTHERS, SISTERS,  
COUSINS, FRIENDS ETC.)*

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL  
THANK YOU**

## COATS AND JUMPERS

Your child will be playing outside at lunchtimes and playtimes every day (even if it is drizzling) so please do send in light coats and jumpers/cardigans each day now as the weather could change at any time over the next few days and weeks. Many thanks.



## DOGS

Please can we remind you that we do not allow dogs into the playground! If you bring a dog with you to collect your children please arrange for it to be looked after outside the school grounds. Thank you.



### FINALLY

*It has been lovely meeting all the children and seeing their enthusiasm on returning to school. We hope you and your children had a relaxing and enjoyable summer.*

*We are all looking forward to the new term and I personally, am looking forward to working with you all.*

*Best wishes to you all from  
Helen Morrall and all the Avenue staff*

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO PUT NAME LABELS  
IN ALL YOUR CHILD'S  
SCHOOL CLOTHING!!!**



## THE AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL - DATES FOR DIARIES



### AUTUMN 1 (TERM 1) 2015

School opens to Y1 and Y2 pupils for start of Autumn Term 1	~ Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
School opens to new Reception pupils.	~ Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Dance club starts	~ Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September 8.00 – 8.45 am (and every Tuesday)
French club starts	~ Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September after school
Welcome and information evening Reception with crèche	~ Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September @ 3.45- 4.30pm
Welcome and information evening Y1 with crèche	~ Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September @ 3.45- 4.30pm
Welcome and information evening Y2 with crèche	~ Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September @ 3.45- 4.30pm
Parent's evenings	~ Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> October from 3.45 – 6.00pm
Individual and sibling photographs	~ Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Y2 to visit the Hindu temple	~ Monday October 20 <sup>th</sup>
Reception Harvest Activities and celebration	~ Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Y1 and Y2 Harvest celebration at Everyday Champions Church (to be confirmed)	~ Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	~ School closes for a week.
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	~ School closed to pupils for staff training
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	~ School opens to pupils for Autumn Term 2