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NEWSLETTER 1

Dear parents and carers,

WELCOME TO THE AVENUE INFANT SCHOOL

A very warm welcome to all the new children and parents/carers who have just joined us. We hope that all of you will have a very happy experience at The Avenue. We have been so impressed with how well the children have come into school and enjoyed their first couple of days. Please remember the staff are always available to talk to you about any worries you may have, particularly in these very early days, so please don't keep your worries to yourself.

Included below is important information for the start of the year so please read it all carefully.

We have been very impressed with the calm, sensible way the children have entered school for their first few days. They are already becoming independent with the start of session routines, e.g. finding their new classroom and peg. Thank you for ensuring your children are not using the playground resources and play equipment, including the climbing frame, before and after school. The playground resources will have been set up for morning play and must not be used before or after school.

Important messages can be passed to staff on the doors but we are asking that, where possible, messages about collection etc... can be rung in to the school office or emailed to admin@theavenue-inf.northants.sch.uk We are trying to avoid the congestion point at the office as much as possible.

Reminders:

- **Please ensure any medication your child requires if provided to the school with the correct forms completed.**
- **Please be safe and considerate in driving / parking near school.** We recommend parking slightly away from school and walking the last part of the journey. Please ensure residents paths / drives are not blocked. Thank you.

Next week (week commencing 18th September) sees us adding lunchtime onto the part time timings. Hopefully, you have already ordered your child's Kingswood lunch, if you have not you will need to provide a healthy packed lunch for next week. Can I please remind you that we cannot have nuts or products containing nuts in lunchboxes due to allergies in school. If you need any ideas for lunchboxes these are available at <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/> If you would your child to have a Kingswood lunch, please ensure you have ordered by the Wednesday of the week before (you can order several weeks at a time).

COMMUNICATION

We have a small number of outstanding forms to be returned to the school office. Please could these be returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

Newsletters and communication will be sent by email. Please ensure you notify us of your up-to-date email address, as well as phone numbers, and regularly check for **emails from school**. If you have any

problems, please see the school office. Newsletters are also posted onto the school website. Please take a look at the **class pages** on our school website.

We recommend following our social media pages on **Facebook** (The Avenue Infant School) and **Twitter** (@TheAvenueInfant) to keep up-to-date on upcoming events and news as well as glimpses into the children's learning at school.

READING BOOKS

Shortly the children will be bringing home a reading folder containing their reading books and reading record. In the meantime, your child is welcome to borrow books from our book shed (on the playground). If your child does not have a bookbag they are available from The Uniform Shop, Olympic Way, Wellingborough. <https://www.uniformshopwellingborough.co.uk/collections/the-avenue-infant-school-wellingborough> We understand there is a wait on these at present so please get an order in as soon as possible if you need to.

P.E. KIT

★ Reception children have P.E on Friday from Friday 29th September.

Please ensure your child's comes to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day. This should be normal school top half uniform with leggings or joggers and trainers / plimsolls.

JEWELLERY REMINDER

Child should avoid wearing jewellery at school. Earrings should be stud type (not hoop or dangly earrings). 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.



PUPIL PREMIUM

What does the Pupil Premium offer mean for my child?

If appropriate to individual need, you could be offered:

- Support for uniform cost
- Outside visits subsidies
- Flexible breakfast provision offer
- Bespoke individual pupil support in school
- Access and support for wider school clubs
- Wellbeing support
- Books to build a home library
- Support wider school provision and quality of teaching and learning
- Additional staff to support pupils and whole school improvements
- Pastoral support for pupils
- Parental advice and support
- Work on targets to address any barriers to learning for pupils

To apply for Free School Meals/Pupil Premium please complete an online form which will give you an instant decision. Please follow this link: www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2024?

Applications for Reception school places are now open and close on 15th January via this link:

<https://www.northnorthants.gov.uk/primary-school-places/when-apply-primary-school-place>

Please contact the school if you have any questions about this process.

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL
THE TOYS AND THE
CLIMBING FRAME
ARE OUT OF BOUNDS
TO ALL CHILDREN (AND
ADULTS!)**

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

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 (even if carried)! If you bring a dog with you to collect your children, please arrange for it to be looked after outside the school grounds and well away from the gate. Thank you.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

Don't forget our page on the Uniformd website www.uniformd.co.uk is well-stocked with clean, good condition pre-loved uniform available at very affordable prices. This is updated as we receive stock so please keep an eye on it and grab a bargain! If you wish to donate uniform that is outgrown but in good condition, please bring it to school.

GET INVOLVED WITH THE STRATEGIC RUNNING OF THE SCHOOL

We will shortly be asking if any parents / carers may be interested in standing as a parent representative on our school Governing Body. This is an interesting and exciting opportunity to give some of your time to support the school but does have a level of time commitment, mostly evening meetings, around 10-12 a year. If you would like to put yourself forward as a parent governor, please speak to myself or a member of staff in the school office and we can give you further information. We could also put you in contact with one of our other governors who would be able to tell you more about the role and their experience.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

A useful 'cut out and keep' diary for this term is included at the end of this letter.

We look forward to an exciting school year ahead and working with you all. Please remember that staff are always happy to answer queries / worries.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Morrall (Mrs)

Headteacher

See below for this term's dates

CUT OUT AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE

AUTUMN TERM 1

School opens to Y1 and Y2 pupils for start of Autumn Term
School opens to new Reception pupils (part time sessions)

Year 2 Family Reading

Reception pupils in part time including lunchtime

Year 1 Family Reading

Reception children in full time 8.50 – 3.10pm

Year 2 Family Reading

Cake sale for MacMillan Cancer Care

Year 1 Family Reading

Reception Information Evening

Year 2 Family Reading

Parents evenings

Year 1 Family Reading

School closes for half term break

School closed to pupils for staff training

School opens to pupils for Autumn Term 2

~ Wednesday 6th September

~ Wednesday 13th September

~ Friday 15th September 8.50 – 9.10am

~ Monday 18th September

~ Friday 22nd September 8.50 – 9.10am

~ Monday 25th September

~ Friday 29th September 8.50 – 9.10am

~ Friday 29th September 3.15pm

~ Friday 6th October 8.50 – 9.10am

~ Tuesday 10th October 6.30pm

~ Friday 13th October 8.50 – 9.10am

~ Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October

~ Friday 20th October 8.50 – 9.10am

~ Friday 20th October 3.15pm

~ Monday 30th October

~ Tuesday 31st October 8.50am