



# AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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## January 2016 Newsletter 1

**If I haven't seen you already may I wish you a very Happy New Year and I hope you all had a very enjoyable break – it seems a long time ago already!**

There will be many opportunities for parent and carers to get involved in school this term. I hope you find them helpful and informative and more information will be sent to you by year leaders. All year groups will be sending out their own Spring newsletters and curriculum information this week and next. Please do look out for them either by email, paper copy and they will all be on the website where there will be details of activities on offer.

### Message from the Office

There are now 2 'letter boxes' located outside the windows in the reception office. Please do use these for posting payments and reply slips. They are completely secure and emptied daily. It will save you queuing up!

### Charity Update

We raised a wonderful £837.09 at the Carol Concerts in aid of the Benjamin Foundation, Mancroft Advice Project and the Unthank Centre (Break Charity). Cheques will be sent to all charities this week.

Christmas Jumper Day raised £176.99 for Save the Children who are supporting families in Syria as part of their work.

Thank you to all those families who made donations in the Big Christmas Give for the Norwich FoodBank on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The team collected more than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a tonne in food ensuring the Food Bank could help many more families over the Christmas period. Thank you all for your generosity.

### Staffing

I am sure you will join me in congratulating Mr Brown on the birth of his new son over the Christmas period. Mr Brown is currently on paternity leave but will be returning soon. Mrs Gillings, a regular supply teacher in school, is joining us on a part time basis to provide extra support for groups of children throughout the school. We have also increased our lunchtime staff by another 3 assistants to support with ensuring a happy, safe and exciting lunchtime. We welcome Victoria Frost, Karolina Hamerska and Ayisha Ahamed-Masoothu to our team.

### And lastly.....

Thank you for your support in not allowing bikes and scooters to be ridden in the playground. This makes it much safer for everyone. Can I remind all parents that children must have a lock for their scooters or bikes and children biking to school **must** wear a helmet. Children will not be allowed to bring their bike if they do not wear a helmet and we will be monitoring this carefully.

As the weather becomes colder more people will be bringing children to school by car. Can I please remind you to park sensibly ensuring driveways are not blocked for residents and that you do not mount the pavements at any time. Children walking along the pavement cannot predict this is what you are going to do and are therefore very vulnerable. The corners of Swansea Road and Milford Road are particular areas that concern me. Please do take very good care.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the term but in the meantime if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.