



AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Although it doesn't look like it as I look out of my office window upon howling winds and torrential rain, the summer term is here! It's always a great term for the children with lots of fun and exciting work and many events to look forward to.

Date reminders

1st May – SATs information evening

4th May – 3.30pm – 4.30pm:

Relationships and Sex Education information meeting for parents

7th May – Bank Holiday Monday (school closed)

14th May – SATs week

14th May – Year 5 Whitwell Hall Residential

21st May – Group and class photographs

22nd June – PTA fundraising non uniform day

29th June – PTA Summer BBQ

Week beginning 2nd July – Health and Sports Week

4th July – Sports Day at the UEA

9th & 10th July Year 5/6 performances

17th July Year 3/4 performance at St Andrew's Hall

Norfolk Welcomes

It was great to see many children entering into the spirit of the 'day of action' last Friday. The amount of yellow and green could have only been surpassed by a trip to Carrow Road! Thank you to those of you who also came to join the sharing assembly at the end of the day; it was lovely to see such a brilliant showcase of the creative way in which the children had learned about the world around them, including watching documentaries and listening to the poems they'd written.

Summer Uniform

As the weather (hopefully) warms up, children may wish to wear summer clothing. The following uniform may be worn:

Black or grey shorts or blue school dresses (checked or striped only), are an acceptable alternative.

Sensible sandals may be worn but parents need to bear in mind potential for injuries with open-toed shoes.

Please note, we ask that children do not wear 'croc' type shoes.

Behaviour outside of school

It's wonderful that the weather has started to improve and that the evenings stay lighter for longer! This also means that children from school are likely to spend more time playing outside with their friends including at Heigham Park.

There have been some isolated reports of poor behaviour at the park and I would appreciate your support in preventing this by talking with your children about your expectations of their behaviour outside of school. Thank you.

If you have a concern...

From time to time, you may have a concern regarding your child at school. Please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance. If you wish to speak to somebody else, you could ask to speak to your child's Year Leader. Of course, you can always contact either myself or the Assistant Headteachers, Mr Chambers and Mrs Baber, if you are still worried. Remember, I am outside on the gate each morning and usually available for a quick chat at that time.

Going Home Arrangements

Please ensure that children know who is collecting them at the end of each day. They should also know if they are being expected to walk home alone or with friends. There have been instances where children have not been clear about the arrangements and this has delayed them in going home and caused extra work for the office staff as well as causing upset for the children.

Whilst we understand that sometimes last minute changes to arrangements need to be made, please avoid this wherever possible.

ParentMail

Please remember that ParentMail is available for payment of all school related items, including music lessons, lunches and trips.

We appreciate your prompt attention to any outstanding items.

Nuts and treats

Just a reminder that absolutely no nuts are allowed in school. Please check this carefully on packaging of items sent in with lunches. We also don't allow for treats to be shared with the children for birthdays as this can be difficult for children with allergies and may not be in line with the wishes of all parents.

Thank you.

Mrs. Dismore

Mrs. Dismore's son, Daniel, is currently at home where she is continuing to support him in his recovery. She is looking forward to seeing all of us as soon as she can. In the meantime, I will continue to lead the school in her absence.

Attendance

Our current school attendance is 96.89%.

Please remember that children are expected to attend every day and that any request for absence should be made with Mr. Hooper. Our target attendance is 97%.

Message from the Chair of Governors, Nania Tait

As a governing body we were really impressed with the way the school community managed the Ofsted inspection. We are pleased the school remains Good and will work hard with the senior leadership team on the areas for improvement.

We wanted to congratulate Mr Brown and his team on the Norfolk Welcomes event, it was great that 61 schools took part! The School of Sanctuary work has become an important part of the way we think about our school.

We have vacancies on our governing body for 3 parent governors and are looking for some specific skills. If you have experience in any of the following:

- charity sector
- financial management expertise, with experience of funding allocation/budgets
- experience of procurement/purchasing
- school sector HR policy
- change management

then we would love to hear from you! I am happy to chat about what it involves, please drop me a line at Governor@avenuejunior.norfolk.sch.uk.

We look forward to supporting Mr Hooper and the senior leadership team during this busy, fun packed and hopefully sunny term!