



AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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November Newsletter 2019

After a successful first half term, the children are well settled and working hard. There are lots of opportunities and events coming up this half term and so I hope that over the coming weeks you will be able to join us and we will see you at school.

Diary Dates

- 7th and 11th November: Year 3, 5 and 6 Consultation Evenings
- 11th November: School photos
- 15th November: Children in Need
- 21st November: Camouflage Learning Parent Sessions
- 26th November: Year 4 Consultation Evening
- 3rd December 7pm: PTA Christmas wreath making event
- 3rd December: Year 4 Consultation Evening
- 5th December 5:30pm: PTA Year 3 and 4 Film Night
- 9th December 7pm: Year 3 and 4 Carol Concert at St Thomas' Church
- 10th December 7pm: Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at St Thomas' Church
- 13th December: Christmas Lunch and Non-uniform/Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th December: PTA Christmas Fayre

Non uniform/Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13th December we will be supporting the NSPCC Christmas Jumper Day. In school on that day, children will be able to wear non-school uniform. If they wish, they can wear a Christmas jumper. This does not have to be one that they have bought! Children are welcome to decorate their usual school jumpers for the day. There is a suggested donation of £1 to support this cause.

The first half term of the year has been full of exciting learning. We were treated to an amazing visit from Cressida Cowell, author of the How to Train Your Dragon books, who truly inspired the children in Years 4 and 5 with both their reading and writing.

It's been wonderful to see how independent our Year 3 children have been around school. Thank you to parents for helping them to settle in the first half term in the mornings!

Year 6 are creating some great work – their Macbeth poems were especially wonderful.

Our school clubs are well up and running and there are a variety of activities on offer with lots of children taking part; thank you to the staff who give up their time to support these.



Cressida Cowell meets some of our pupils

Office Hours

Please note that the School Office is open from 8am until 4pm every day.

Changes to collection arrangements at the end of the day

School completely understands that plans for pick up time sometimes need to change and that this is occasionally at short notice. However, please ensure that all changes to who will be collecting children are made via the School Office and please do give us as much notice as possible.

Friendship Week

Next week we will be focussing on creating powerful messages to address bullying that help the children to understand that small changes can have a big impact. Part of this week celebrates difference and so on Thursday 12th November, children are invited to wear odd socks!

Year 3 & Year 4 Lunchtime

This half term in Year 3 and Year 4 we are trialling a new initiative to celebrate happy and safe playtime behaviour. In Year 3 and Year 4 children can be rewarded with golden stickers for demonstrating behaviour that exemplifies The Golden Rule – treat others as you'd like to be treated. Please talk to your child about what The Golden Rule means to them and what it would look like in the playground.

Camouflaged Learning Parental Engagement

Our recent Camouflaged Learning event in school was a great success and we have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from the sessions.

Each session is an opportunity to spend time with your child in school, taking part in a range of fun activities. We have another opportunity for you to attend on the 21st November and hope to get more dates to allow as many of you to take part as possible.

More details will be sent about how you can become involved.

Korfball Update

The Korfball teams have had an excellent start to the season. The Year 6 team won the opening season tournament and the Year 5 team were runners up in their respective tournament. We look forward to seeing how the Year 4 team do this weekend!

Schools of Sanctuary

Thanks to all of those who made butterfly art for The Friend Ship to be sent to people being held indefinitely in immigration detention centres. They looked wonderful! Later this month we will be using the money raised last year during Norfolk Welcomes to purchase new mattresses for 6 Syrian families who will be resettling in Norwich over the Christmas periods.

Mr Rose-Brown and some pupils are presenting on our work as a School of Sanctuary to 200 teachers from across Norfolk at a local education conference on Friday 8th November.

In addition, Mr Rose-Brown is still looking for brief testimonials from parents and carers sharing their views on our Schools of Sanctuary work to add to our application to renew our award which he will be submitting later this year. If you'd like to contribute, please write a few sentences and send them to the office FAO Mr Rose-Brown.

Free School Meals & Pupil Premium

If you are in receipt of Universal Credit, other state benefits or Tax Credits your child may be eligible for Free School Meals and the school may be entitled to additional Pupil Premium funding. If you think your family may be eligible please see the School Office for an application form. All families newly identified as being eligible for Pupil Premium will receive a £30 book voucher.

Football Update

We have three squads; Year 5, Year 6 and Year 5/6 Girls. The Girls and the Year 5 teams haven't conceded a single goal either!

All three teams have been undefeated all season! Big thanks to the staff and parent helpers for organising these clubs.

Cross Country Update

The team have been showing amazing team spirit, and at the recent competition we got 13 children through to the County Finals! Our girls' team are currently in 3rd place and our boys' team are in 6th place out of 25 schools!