



AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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November 2020 Newsletter

Christmas Plans...

Normally at this time of year, we would all be getting excited about Carol Concerts and the Christmas Fayres which, unfortunately, cannot happen this year.

However, plans are underway to still get into the festive spirit with some virtual events.

Year Group Carols

There will be recordings of socially distanced carol singing for each class along with some Christmassy readings. You will be notified when these will be posted online.

Non Uniform/Christmas Jumper Day

On Wednesday 16th December we will be supporting the Save the Children 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. Please note, any parent wishing to donate to the charity should not send money into school but go to:

<https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/donate/single/donation-eventpay-00080>

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday 16th December, as well as supporting Christmas Jumper Day, we will also enjoy our Christmas lunch. Please remember to sign up for this if your child requires a lunch from school that day.

Introduction

The children and staff have continued to work hard and are well underway with the new curriculum that we planned for this term. The new literature base to the children's learning has been really interesting and enabled lots of deeper thinking! We would encourage you to look at our curriculum overview if you haven't had the chance yet to see what is being taught across the school and how our ethos and values are carried throughout the learning journey.

<http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/curriculum/curriculum-maps/>

If you have any comments, then please let me know.

Information about suspected cases of Covid

To date we have had no confirmed cases of **Coronavirus** amongst our staff or pupils. We will always keep you up-to-date with the information that you need to know and if we ever had a positive test confirmed, would inform you immediately.

Attendance

Our current attendance is 96%

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Thank you to all parents who joined their teachers for the online consultation meetings. We are aware that there is an issue that no more than one parent device can join the same meeting and have alerted the developer our wish for this to change. We also recognise that this is particularly difficult for split families. Please do contact your child's teacher if you were unable to join the meeting and would like a chat about your child's learning.

Rising Covid numbers in Norfolk

I am becoming increasingly concerned about reports of the rising numbers of positive Covid cases in Norfolk, including in our local area. It is absolutely essential that we all do everything that we can to reduce the risk of spreading the virus and follow the rules of the current lockdown. I am worried about the reports that I have had of groups of children both accompanied and unaccompanied going to the park and potentially crossing 'bubbles'.

We work very hard at school to keep the children separate to protect them, staff and families of everyone in our community. If children go to the park and mix with other bubbles (and perhaps other schools), they are then taking the potential risks back into the classroom and back into the homes of everyone at school. The government guidance states you should keep at least 2m from people outside of your household and:

You can exercise or visit a public outdoor space:

1. by yourself
2. with the people you live with
3. with your support bubble
4. or, when on your own, 1 person from another household

Children under 5, and up to two carers for a person with a disability who needs continuous care, are not counted towards the gatherings limit on two or more people meeting outside.

I appreciate your cooperation in keeping to national guidance <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/new-national-restrictions-from-5-november#meeting-others-safely>

Important reminder about the school office

No items can be brought to the school office. This includes musical instruments, water bottles, lunch boxes and PE kits. Children should bring everything with them and must be dressed in PE kit on their PE days.

Symptoms

If any member of the household experiences possible coronavirus symptoms: change in taste or smell, fever/high temperature or cough (new, continuous – coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more episodes in 24 hours), then the whole household MUST isolate and children MUST NOT be sent to school. The person with symptoms should get a test. Children can return to school if the test is negative.

Parent Support Adviser (PSA)

Lauren Gislam, our PSA is available via phone: 07468727034 and email: psa@avenuejunior.org

She has a wealth of training and expertise and can support with a wide range of issues from sleep routines to online safety. If you feel you need support, please do contact her.

Remote Learning

We have our Remote Learning content on Class Dojo all the time and so if your child ever has to isolate but is well enough to work then they are expected to access the work online. The work is in sets of videos that can be accessed at their convenience and teachers will contact them regularly to check they are getting on alright with the work.

Free School Meals

Please do see the attached information about applying for Free School Meals.