



## AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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### September 2021 Newsletter

We want to extend a warm welcome to all of our new children and families and also to those of you who have returned after the summer break. It is a very exciting year where, whilst we will remain cautious in our approach, we hope to enjoy more freedom in the range of experiences we can offer as part of our teaching and learning.

#### **Is your child entitled to free school meals?**

If you receive one of the following, then your child may be eligible:

- Universal Credit
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on
- Child Tax Credit

Please do apply if you are eligible. As well as your child receiving free school meals if they would like them, the school receives additional funding for each pupil identified. Further information can be found here: <https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

#### **A couple of reminders...**

**We are a kiwi and nut free school.** This means that your child must not bring items containing either kiwi or nuts into school. This is to protect some of our children who have severe allergies.

Whilst crisps are allowed in lunchboxes as part of a balanced lunch, they are not allowed to be eaten at break time for a snack. We encourage your child to have a healthy snack at break time.

#### **Communication with Parents**

As the term and year progresses, we hope to see more of you face-to-face in school. We will update you about events as these are planned. There may be times when you would like to speak to someone in school so we thought we would detail these here:

**Class Dojo:** This is a quick and easy way to contact your child's teacher and for them to contact you.

**Email:** Please email the office and mark the email 'For the Attention of...' to request a meeting or call from someone other than your child's teacher. You can also email the office to report a child absence.

**Telephone:** Call the office if you need to speak to someone to make sure that a message gets passed on. Please also use the office phone number to report child absences.

**Speak directly to us:** Although we are still asking that adults remain a respectful space from staff, please do speak to us on the playground if you have a quick query or need to tell us something. Members of staff are always on the playground each morning and at the end of the day.

Please note: We ask our staff to answer messages as soon as possible and within the hours of 8am to 5pm wherever possible.

### Staffing Updates

We do not only welcome our new children into school but also our new staff. Joining us this year are:

Mr. Gately – Year 4 teacher

Ms. Holmes – support staff

Mrs. Ben-Ahmed – MSA

Mr. Ruddick – Year 6 teacher

Ms. Carver – Year 6 teacher

We also wish to congratulate Mrs. Pereira and her family on the arrival of her new baby, Arthur.

### School Term Dates

#### Autumn term

Monday 6 September - Friday 22 October 2021

Half-term holiday: Monday 25 - Friday 29 October 2021

Monday 1 November - Friday 17 December 2021

Christmas holiday: Monday 20 December – Wednesday  
5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

#### Spring term

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January - Friday 11 February 2022

Half-term holiday: Monday 14 - Friday 18 February 2022

Monday 21 February - Friday 1 April 2022

Easter holiday: Monday 4 - Tuesday 19 April 2022

#### Summer term

Wednesday 20 April - Friday 27 May 2022 (Monday 2 May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 30 - Friday 3 June 2022

Monday 6 June - Friday 22 July 2022

Summer holiday: Monday 25 July - Monday 5 September 2022

**Please note, the date of 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022 is a holiday day to replace the Diamond Jubilee day which falls in school holiday time. This is a difference to the published Norfolk term dates. All schools have been told to take an additional day and we have agreed this with Recreation Road Infant School. 5<sup>th</sup> January was recommended as the date to take by the Local Authority.**

### The Halo Code

As part of our commitment to equality and anti-racism, the school is in the process of updating its policies and practice with regards to uniform and hair. With this in mind, we are delighted to announce that we have adopted The Halo Code.

Our school champions the right of staff and students to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. At this school, we strive to recognise and celebrate our staff and pupils' identities and we acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our Black staff and students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance. More information can be found here:

<http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/anti-racism/>

### Does your family speak a language other than English?

We believe that there may be a number of families who speak languages other than English who did not identify that when they completed their admission form.

Was your child exposed to a language other than English in their first years of life and do they continue to be exposed to that language either at home or in the community? If so, please let us know by completing the form below so that the school can receive additional funding to better support the language development of our pupils. This information also helps us to better understand the families in our community and to plan how to acknowledge and celebrate the many languages spoken by our pupils and their families.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2O0sWZI\\_V0G\\_uXMmABSzqo-yQpiYBeZHRWdC2FJKfLJUNTILRDIKQ0RGTjIST0xZ\\_NFRUVIVIWkU0Qi4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2O0sWZI_V0G_uXMmABSzqo-yQpiYBeZHRWdC2FJKfLJUNTILRDIKQ0RGTjIST0xZ_NFRUVIVIWkU0Qi4u)

### GDPR Privacy Notice

Please do take a moment to look at the school's data privacy notice which details how we collect and process data about you and your children.

<http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Data-Privacy-Notice-2020-update.pdf>

### Dates for your diary...

**8<sup>th</sup> November:** School Photos

**22<sup>nd</sup> November:-** Flu vaccinations

Please complete and return the flu vaccination consent form as soon as possible. We want to encourage as many children as possible to have this, especially this year. Thank you.

### Mobile Phones

The school policy is that no mobile phones are allowed to be brought into school by children. The full policy can be read at <http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Mobile-Phones-and-Electronic-Devices-at-Avenue-Junior-School-Policy-Statement-2020.pdf>

Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Scooters and Bike

We are really pleased that all children can bring bikes and scooters to school; we have expanded the amount of storage for these and will be adding more in the near future. We do ask that no child (or parents/carers!) ride these on the school playground at drop off or collection.

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is central to everything that we do at Avenues. The Designated Safeguarding Leads in school are:

- Mike Hooper (Head of School)
- Steve Chambers (Deputy Head of School)
- Lauren Gislam (Parent Support Advisor)
- Jake Rose-Brown (Class teacher and Inclusion Champion)

If you have any safeguarding concerns or worries about a child then please do ask to speak to one of us so we can help.

### Hallswood Animal Sanctuary

We wanted to let you know that at school we are supporting a lovely charity which helps to look after some of our animal friends.

Mrs. Tillsley and Mrs. Sanders have been very active in organising the collection of items for recycling that we would have otherwise have thrown away, such as old pens and empty crisp packets, which are collected by Hallswood and then sent to Terracycle to process. This helps to fund the work that Hallswood does to support animals.

Some of the hedgehogs and squirrels found in need of help on our site have been rehomed there to live happy lives away from the business of school!

Please note, we don't have the capability to accept items from home other than those which we are already collecting from lunchboxes.

However, if you did want to support the charity, please see <https://hallswood.co.uk/recycling/> for more details.

### Clubs

Please see below for a list of clubs that school staff are planning to run over the coming weeks.

Club	Year Group
Netball	6
Book Club (virtual)	5/6
Recorder Club	3
Volleyball Club	4
Cubing Club	4
Film Club	3
Korfball Club	5
Tennis Club	3
Coding Club	4
Football Club	5/6
Cross Country	5/6

As the clubs are ready to begin, information will be shared with the children and families at home about how your child can join. Please note, some clubs may run virtually, some at Avenue Junior and some at Recreation Road Sports Hall.

### Lost Property

We are already starting to build a significant amount of unclaimed lost property in school, especially unclaimed jumpers.

Please help us to be able to return items to their owners by writing you child's name on the labels so we know who they belong to.