



SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER 2023



Hello! This has been a very busy half term with lots to celebrate.

Sporting Success!

You may recall that we had spoken about our wonderful football teams' success in reaching cup finals? We are pleased to inform you that both the Year 5 and the Year 6 teams were undefeated in their finals and so our name is on both cups! Huge congratulations to both teams. Additionally, our girls' football team came second in their tournament which was a huge achievement as they were playing against some sides with much more experience; they are becoming a force to be reckoned with!

Residential trips

The Year 6 children had a successful residential visit to Norfolk Lakes and we are planning to run the same trip next year. The current Year 5 children will have this opportunity in March 2024. In previous years, Year 4 children have visited Horstead for a residential trip and we are planning to do this again in November this year for the current Year 3s. The aim is that all the children passing through school will have had the opportunity to attend at least one residential visit in their time with us.



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Crossing Patrol

It's wonderful that we now have Chaitanya to help families to cross Avenue Road; this makes it much safer for everyone. Wherever possible, can we please ask that children cross with Chaitanya rather than further up the road as this will help them to stay safe as they continue to grow and perhaps walk to school independently.

Year 5/6 Disco

The PTA are holding an upper school disco on Wednesday 14th June.

A Day of Welcome

On Friday 16th June we will be kicking off Refugee Week with our annual day of learning and solidarity, A Day of Welcome. Children will spend the day talking and learning about migration, local refugee histories and how to build a culture of welcome in our school and community. The children will be invited to wear yellow and/or green and families will be able to make a voluntary donation to raise funds for the initiative Welcome Wheels which provides bikes to refugees and asylum seekers in Norwich. More information to follow.

Anti-racism Update

With the support of a group of parents and carers, we have been working on creating a shared definition of racism and also reviewing and updating the way that the school responds to racist incidents. Please read the last page of this document.

Medicines in School

Wherever possible, it is really helpful if caregivers at home can administer medicines outside of school hours. However, we understand that from time-to-time, children may need to take medicine during school hours. If this is the case, please ensure that medicines are taken to the office by an adult. They must not be brought in by children or be kept in their bags. Caregivers will need to complete a medicines form at the office and ensure that the medicines are in their original packaging, complete with original prescription label where appropriate.



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Anti-Social Behaviour in the Local Area

As the daylight hours continue to increase, we know that lots of families will go to the local parks. This includes some of our older children who might go there unsupervised with their parents' or carers' permission. Unfortunately, some of our pupils have reported negative, and sometimes scary, experiences where older children from local secondary schools have behaved in an intimidating way towards them. We wanted to share this information so that you can talk to your children about how they can keep themselves safe and so that you can make choices of how best to support your children if they are going out independently.

Beauty and The Beast

The rehearsals for the Year 5 and 6 production of Beauty and The Beast are underway with the Year 6 children providing the acting cast and the Year 5 and 6 children singing in the choir. There will be two matinee performances and two evening performances. These will be on the 18th and 19th of July and tickets will be available in due course (limited initially to 2 per family).

Art Gallery

Date TBC: We are excited to be inviting you in to visit our whole school art gallery which will be mid-June. We are just waiting for resources to arrive to be able to confirm the date of this.



Wednesday 24th May 2023

Recognising, reporting and responding to racist incidents

Dear parents/carers,

Working alongside a group of parents and carers in recent months, we have developed a shared definition of racism which is now an integral part of our we recognise, report and respond to racism.

Racism is when a person is treated worse, excluded, disadvantaged, harassed, bullied, humiliated or degraded because of their race or ethnicity.

Year 5 and Year 6 have had an assembly this week to mark the two year anniversary of the murder of George Floyd in the USA, and to explore our definition of racism.

Alongside our parent/carer group, we have also developed guidance and a new process to support staff in recognising, reporting and responding to racist incidents.

You can find out more about all of these things on the anti-racism section of our website: <http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/anti-racism/> We now also have a way to report racist incidents via the school website which you will find on this page.

Racism does happen at Avenue Junior School; as we believe it does in all schools, in our community and in wider society.

If there is a racist incident at school which involves you, your family or someone you know, please do report it to your child's class teacher or to Mr Rose-Brown, Mr Lowe or myself. We encourage you to report any incident which could be perceived by anyone as racist. We will take it seriously and investigate thoroughly. Our door is always open and we welcome hearing from you.

We welcome your continued support and involvement in tackling this important topic together.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Hooper

Head of School