



Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It's been a really positive start to the new term.

New Year, New Us. Or same us, but with some added New Year's resolutions. We spoke in assemblies today about some self-improvement resolutions, with some lovely ideas from children and adults. Here are a sample:

- Eat more carrots
- Read more books
- Play nicely with my sisters
- Try hard at football!

Saying them is one thing, sticking to them is another, but we'll all help one another.

I wonder if we could make a whole school resolution on punctuality. 8.35am is the gate opening time each day for Rec-Y6, and that is the time to aim for, as having a ten minute buffer allows for a range of last minute snags on the way! We will be closing the playground gates at 8.45 sharp, so it will mean coming around to the Goreham Place entrance; please don't be offended if it closes when you're nearly there. Last term there were a lot of children coming in the gate, but not being correctly registered as late, which causes problems and isn't totally safe. 8.35am allows for the children to come in and settle so that the learning can get cracking on time.

This Week

Photos from this Week:



Year 6 had the opportunity to meet and handle some exotic creatures this week as part of their new writing unit. The animals included: a Chilean rose tarantula, a corn snake and an African snail. We were impressed by the bravery on display!



To begin their project "Animal Rescuers", reception have enjoyed exploring different animal habitats.



News and reminders (new items in blue, previous items in black)

Events happening next week (looking quite calm!)

Monday	KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	
Wednesday	School tour 9am
Thursday	
Friday	Friday assemblies

Federation Consultation

As shared in previous communication, the governing body has been investigating the opportunity to join together with the Fox Federation. Later this term, there will be information sharing and gathering opportunities, in order that the governors can make a well-informed decision.

Cost of living

As we know, the costs of everything are ever-increasing. If you are struggling as a family with making ends meet, please have a chat with Michele in case there is anything we can help with.

CPOMS

CPOMS - Child Protection Online Management System- is a digital record that we use for attendance, behaviour and child protection information. 13,000 schools in the UK use this, the largest provider of its type. Schools who have the same system can securely transfer information for children who are leaving or joining. Avondale have been using it for over two years, and it replaces paper-based records. All staff have received training on how to use the system. Information has levels of access, and is secured with two-factor authentication.

School Tours

We offer school tours for prospective parents at 9am; here are the next dates. If you know of a family interested in having a look around, please pass on the info. Bookings via the office.

23rd November 7th December 10th January 1st February

Calendar

A live calendar for school events is found [here](#)

Friday afternoon

School finishes on a Friday at 2.15pm. The full 32.5hrs of schooling is fulfilled during the week. For parents and carers in work or education who have no other childcare, there are a limited number of places and these are allocated following application and at the school's discretion.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all parents that have booked clubs this week. We request that you arrive on time at 4.30pm to collect your child using the main school gate in Gorham Place.

Clubs and Extended: Spring Term

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime	Basketball Lego/Chess	Basketball Lego/Chess	Basketball Lego/Chess	Basketball Lego/Chess	
AFTERSCHOOL 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Rec/KS1 Football KS2 Judo	Rec/KS1 Multi Skills Yr5/6 Football KS1 Drumming Year 5/6 Hockey @ Fox	Rec/KS1 Arts and crafts Yr5 Football League	Year3/4 Football Year 4-6 Guitar	

Please pay on the ParentMail App or visit the school office if you wish to book.



Stars of the Week



Alexa's Reception	Congratulations to MALEEK for being a great friend! You have been kind and helpful and shared well with your peers. Keep it up!
Kripali's Reception	LINA for making progress with her reading and writing skills. You are beginning to write simple sentences independently – keep it up!
Cassi's Yr 1	WHOLE CLASS for coming back this term super enthusiastic and ready to learn. We have had a great start and are going to be studying some really interesting topics and are looking forward to a wonderful term!
Emily's Y1	ESSA For trying his best in his first few days back at school. Essa has worked extremely hard in our PSHE and History lessons. He has also played with his friends kindly and respectfully. We are incredibly proud of him.
Nana's Y2	KARIM for your consistent enthusiasm to learn! Your focus and attention to detail really helps to improve you're learning Karim we enjoy your sense of humor each day and it's definitely a 'happy new year' with you in class.
Becksy's Y2	WHOLE CLASS for all returning to school with a wonderful learning attitude. They have all shown so much enthusiasm for their learning this week, asking lots of exciting and interesting questions. Well done!
Pippa's Y3	ADNAN for your creative, considered contributions to our lessons. We love how you show your knowledge and develop the class's learning and understanding through extended answers to questions in all of our lessons. You are always ready to contribute in lessons, enthusiastically sharing your relevant ideas. Well done!

George's Y3	WHOLE CLASS for making a super start to this term. It is really tricky getting back into routine but you have all settled back in so brilliantly and have been following all of our school expectations. Well done and keep it up!
Emma's Y4	WHOLE CLASS for starting 2023 with focus, determination and showing our school expectations in and around school. Well done! A great start to the new year!
Hanna's Y4	INGA for having a great start back to the new term, by showing a fantastic attitude and enthusiasm to new learning areas. You have also shown a wonderful ability to work with and support other children in the class with their learning as well as your own
Francesca's Y5	WHOLE CLASS for coming back after the new year with a positive attitude- keep it up.
Jodie's Y5	DOUGIE for being focused, ready for learning and making the right choices to ensure he's able to show his best.
Natalie's Y6	IOANNIS for being patient with others and displaying high levels of kindness toward his peers.
Tim's Y6	RUZGAR for your incredible knowledge about a huge range of animals during our science, geography and english learning this week - we are all very impressed!

Attendance

Attendance at school is compulsory and all children should be in school unless they are ill. If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, I remind parents that they need to contact the school office either by phone: 020 7727 7727 or via the Parent mail App or via email: info@apsafederation.com before the start of the school day.

We are having a real push on attendance and punctuality this year.

Thank you

And finally...

Following our last week of term, when the temperature was sub-zero all week, this week's warmer weather is quite welcome. Lucky for us, as we've had some trouble with the boilers. All OK now, but Peter has been on fulltime boiler duty this week and over the holidays to keep things running! The one outside the office sometimes makes a bit of a racket- don't be alarmed.

Have a lovely weekend.

Ben McMullen