

AVONDALE PARK & ST ANNE'S FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

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NEXT SCHOOL HOLIDAY: MONDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2019 - FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2019

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2019

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HOLIDAYS SHOULD NOT BE BOOKED IN TERM TIME

Events happening next week

Mon 7 th Oct	-Assessment fortnight for Y1-Y6 Connor's Y3 Class going swimming. Returning to school at 4.00pm -Groups of Reception children going to Forest School – pm
Tues 8 th Oct	-Daisy's Y4 Class swimming. Returning to school at 4.00pm
Wed 9 th Oct	-Children's individual photos Emma's Y4 Class swimming. Returning to school 3.30pm
Thurs 10 th Oct	- Russell's Y6 Class assembly 2,55pm Parents of children in his class are warmly invited to attend
Fri 11 th Oct	-Y3 visiting the Chiltern Open Air Museum. Please note Y3 children need to be in school at 8.30am and they aim to be back by 3.30pm Y4 out to the Tabernacle in the afternoon for 'Classically British' Dance Performance

News and Reminders

GOVERNING BODY MEETING 25.09.19

The Governing Body for Avondale Park and St Anne's Federation of Schools met last week and we were pleased to be joined by our new Parent Governor, James Bracher. Katy Blackler, our Executive Head, told us that both the staff and children seem to be happy to be back at school and that it has been a positive start to the new school year. We learned that three teachers have joined school, two of whom have worked at the school previously and we are pleased that they are back! Katy informed us that the computer room had been extensively refurbished over the summer, and is now state-of-the-art. In addition, the school will be replacing the soil in the raised beds at half term, and the children will return to Forest School this term.

The Governors were very pleased to learn that the Attainment and Progress targets set by the school last year were met, and in very many cases, exceeded. Progress was exceptionally good in Maths and Reading - in the top 5% nationally. The Governors were all very impressed with these achievements, and appreciate the hard work that went into them.

We had an update from Avondale Extra, where we learned that the latest fundraising drive had been successful, and will continue to subsidise clubs and outings.

There was some concern about school attendance at the end of last term and the beginning of this term, where attendance figures have been low as some children left early last term or returned late this term. Katy stressed that it is very important that holidays are not be taken during term time, and that children depart from and return to school on the correct dates.

The Governors were also informed about a recent visit from a School Improvement Advisor, and learned that feedback was very positive on what was seen in terms of teaching, learning and children's attitude.

Report written by Steffie Brown (Governor).

CONGRATULATIONS

Daisy's Y4 class performed an entertaining assembly this week on the Ancient Egyptians which had both a historical and geographical focus. We were fascinated by the facts they shared and entertained by their confidence and their singing. Congratulations and a big thank you to you all!

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone for their generous contributions towards our Harvest Assemblies. We gave thanks for all that we have and thought about harvest in different areas of the world. We were able to provide several parcels for needy people and families in our community. Thank you very much.

ATTENDANCE

23rd – 27th September 2019

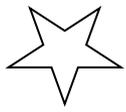
The overall figure for last week was **93.5%**.

The classes in each Key Stage with the best attendance were:

Stephanie's Reception – 97%

Julia's Year 5 – 95.6%

Congratulations to both classes.



Stars of the Week 23-27th Sept



A huge well done to you all!

Nursery	ELM CLASS Well done Elm class, you have worked so hard this week on looking at your own faces, thinking carefully about your skin tones and how you all look so different. We can't wait to see your portraits displayed, what a beautiful gallery they will make. Keep up all of the hard work
Stephanie's Reception	MASON- For settling in so well in Reception and for following our classroom promises.
Kripali's Reception	FREDDIE- For being an excellent role-model and making wonderful choices in the classroom.
Alexa's Year 1	INGA- For amazing writing this week! You added so many super words to our text.
Laura's Year 1	REASON- For writing with such concentration and determination this week- you're aiming for the best- keep it up!
Katie's Year 2	THE WHOLE CLASS- For representing our school so beautifully on our school trip. You were super stars!
Phoebe's Year 2	ADAM- For listening enthusiastically in IPC lessons and being able to spot London landmarks on our trip that he had learnt about. Adam loved sharing these with the class.
Pippa's Year 3	ZOE- For always focusing on your work, beautiful presentation, and constantly being a wonderful role model in our class.
Connor's Year 3	THE WHOLE CLASS- For their amazing class assembly- You were all fantastic and the adults are all very proud.
Emma's Year 4	MARIAM- For her amazing determination in all subjects. You have impressed all the adults and made us proud with your progress this week.
Daisy's Year 4	LAITH- For always showing a calm and considered attitude to his learning and making active steps to improve his presentation.
Julia's Year 5	SARAH- For producing excellent learning in Maths and English.
Francesca's Year 5	RIAD- For your constant positive learning attitude and your thirst for learning. Well done.
Tim/Mary's Year 6	LIBA- For your focus and respectful attitude during our Into University Week.
Russell's Year 6	NASEEM- For participating really well in group work. You made good contributions and listened to others.

"IN IT TO WIN IT" ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARD

THE WINNER FOR LAST WEEK

Maymuna Gouri- Year 1 Laura
Adna Mohamed- Year 3 Connor