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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 9th Sept	-Nursery children return to school -Russell's Y6 class at Into University all week -Connor's Y3 Class going swimming. Returning to school at 4.00pm After school clubs start
Tues 10th Sept	-Daisy's Y4 Class swimming. Returning to school at 4.00pm
Wed 11th Sept	-Curriculum Workshop for parents in Y5 and Y6 – led by Jo Barclay and Mary Orr Deas (Phase Leaders for Upper Key Stage 2) 9.10am- 9.40am -Emma's Y4 Class swimming. Returning to school 3.30pm
Thurs 12th Sept	-Curriculum Workshop for parents in Y3 and Y4 – led by Emma Kibble (Phase Leader for Lower Key Stage) 9.10am- 9.40am
Fri 13th Sept	-Curriculum Workshop for parents in Y1 and Y2 – led by Katie O'Sullivan (Phase Leader for Key Stage 1) 9.10am- 9.40am Y4 Classes out to The British Museum to participate in a workshop on Egyptian Mummies.

'MEET THE PHASE LEADER' MEETINGS

We urge that parents from Y1-Y6 aim to attend the meeting for their child's year group next week (dates above). The aim of these meetings is to learn about the English and Maths curriculum and expectations for this year. See you there!

MEETING FOR Y6 PARENTS

Please note there will be a meeting re transfer to secondary school for Year 6 parents on Monday 16th September at 2.45pm

YEARLY ATTENDANCE

September 2018-July 2019

The overall figure for the school year 2018-19 was **95.2%**.

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

Stephanie's Reception – 95.10%

Mary & Tims Year 6 – 95.7%

Many congratulations to both classes.

Although we did not meet our target for attendance, our overall figure has improved from 94.6% (2017-18) and I hope that this trend continues. I ask that all parents make every effort to ensure that their child comes to school every day and arrives on time. Governors take attendance very seriously and parents are reminded that fines may be issued if children are persistently absent. Thank you for your support.

News and Reminders

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to our new school year 2019-20. I do hope that everyone has had a good summer and managed to enjoy some rest and relaxation. We have had four excellent days this week, with children returning smart in their uniforms and ready to learn. All classes have agreed behaviour contracts and we have spent time re-iterating our expectations re learning, behaviour, treatment of others and moving around the school.

It has been a great start – well done everyone! We look forward to another positive school year.

WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING STAFF

As usual at this time of year, you will have noticed some new (and nearly new!) staff faces in our school: Laura Kettle and Phoebe Barber both left Avondale in Summer 2017 to move temporarily out of London. We are delighted that they have returned as class teachers – Laura in Year 1 and Phoebe in Year 2. Pippa Jones has also joined the school and will be teaching a Year 3 Class. I hope you will join me in giving them a warm welcome and look forward to working with them as part of the Avondale Team.

HOME LEARNING AND READING

Home learning for Y1-Y6 will begin today. Please support your child and ensure that he or she returns it on the correct day. Please note, there are no 'Home Learning' clubs running at the moment

Reading books will go home next week so again, please find time to read with your child or set aside time for him or her to read by themselves if capable; and ensure that books are returned regularly and consistently.

Let's start as we mean to go on!

BREAKFAST CLUB

There are limited places available at our Breakfast Club which opens at 7.50am. Please let the office know if you are interested in a place for your child.

TIES

Just a reminder that **ALL** children in Key Stage 2 should be wearing a tie every day. Please ensure that your child is wearing his or her tie and knows how to tie it! Thank you.