



Friday 10th September 2021

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed our first full week back at school and your children have delighted us with their enthusiasm and focus. Long may it last! We are all continuing to get used to 'the old normal' with no 'bubbles' and revised timings and arrangements for lunches and playtimes and it feels good! We are starting to remember what we were able to do pre-pandemic!

As a consequence, we are able once again to lead meetings in school and so I have included some key dates for parents below. Please make a note in your diaries but be advised, this list is not exhaustive and when we have further dates, we will of course inform you.

News and reminders

Events happening next week

Monday 13 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After-school clubs start• Y5 working with Into University – in school• Y3 working with Into University – in school
Tuesday 14 th September	
Wednesday 15 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 'Meet the Teacher' Meeting for parents of children in Reception. 9.00am. All Reception Parents are warmly invited to hear about how the children will be learning and what the children will be learning during their Reception year• Y3 working with Into University
Thursday 16 th September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting for Parents of children in Y6 to explain the secondary transfer process in RBKC. 2.30pm
Friday 17 th September	

Other events for the rest of the term

Curriculum Meetings for parents.

Our Phase Leaders will be leading meetings to briefly explain the curriculum and expectations for your child's year group; and how you can support your child at home. The dates are as follows:

Year groups	Date/Time	Phase Leader
Year 3&4	Tuesday 21 st September at 9.05am	Emma Kibble
Year 5&6	Wednesday 22 nd September at 9.05am	Jo Barclay and Mary Orr Deas
Year 1&2	Friday 24 th September at 9.05am	Katie O'Sullivan

Other Meeting for parents:

Meeting for Reception Parents: 'Supporting your child with Phonics':
Wednesday 6th October at 9.05am

Class Assemblies.

We are very pleased that we will be able to perform Class Assemblies again 'live to parents' (rather than by via a video link). This is a chance for classes to present a little of their learning in a short assembly. KS1 and Reception children will present their Class Assemblies next term. All assemblies this term will start at **2.40pm**.

Dates for KS2 Class Assemblies: Autumn Term 2021

Thursday 23rd September: Russell's Y6
Thurs 30th Sept: Pippa's Y3
Thurs 7th Oct: Francesca's Y5
Thurs 14th Oct: Joy's Y3
Thurs 4th Nov: Daisy's Y4
Thurs 11th Nov: Becksy's Y5
Thurs 18th Nov Mary's and Tim's Y6
Thurs 25th Nov: Emma's Y4

Home Learning

Home Learning Formats

You will notice today that some of the Home Learning formats have changed. The reason for this is based on research about how children learn and develop their long term memory. The best learners have a good understanding of basic skills in English & Maths. Good basic knowledge (letter and sound recognition, spelling patterns, number bonds, time tables) enables children to make connections between facts and the ability to store the information in the correct place in their brain.

The children will therefore have the opportunity to learn and 'over learn' facts which should improve how quickly they can recall the information and their ability to build on what they know with new knowledge. Year 1-4 will have a focus for the half term whereas Year 5&6 will have a weekly focus.

We will be talking more about this in the Curriculum meeting with parents but if you have any questions please do talk to your child's teacher or Danielle.

Creative Home Learning Grid

We are still using the Creative Home Learning grid to allow the children opportunities for wider learning and to express themselves through 3D modelling, design, cooking, and self-directed research.

Children in Reception Classes will have a Knowledge Organiser for their project 'This is me' and a Maths Knowledge Organiser

Children in Year 1 – 6 will have Maths & English Key skills as well as spellings, a poem and the Knowledge Organiser for their current IPC Project

Daily Reading

This learning is in addition to daily reading. I cannot emphasize how important it is to read every day. When you can read fluently your brain does not have to work so hard to understand the words which then allows the opportunity for the children to gain new vocabulary and understanding, giving them the tools to become a good learner.

After School Clubs

Thank you to all parents that have booked clubs this week. Please note that they will be starting from next Monday and we request that you arrive on time at 4.30pm (5pm for cooking club) to collect your child using the main school gate in Gorham Place.

We still have some availability on two clubs, Dance and cooking club. Our Dance club is run by "The London Ballet Company" and is designed to make children jump, shake, dance and have lots of fun!

It's the perfect way to incorporate exercise into their lives as well as a great way to make new friends. If you are interested in your children attending please book on the App or visit the school office. The club is £40 for ten weeks which is £4.00 per week.

Our cooking club is for Year 1,2 and 3 and is £50 for 10 weeks which is £5 per week and runs from 3.30pm -5.00pm.

Please pay on the App or visit the school office if you wish to book. We are able to accept in instalments if the cost is too much in one lump sum. Please speak to the school office and they can arrange a plan with you.



Stars of the Week



Class	Name
Nursery	Well done all Nursery children you have settled back well and you are helping all of the new children to learn the new routines.
Anna's Reception	WHOLE CLASS for making a fantastic start to your Reception journey, learning all of our routines and following instructions beautifully. All the adults are so impressed with you. Well done!
Kripali's Reception	WHOLE CLASS for settling into Reception and quickly learning the routines and expectations. You are starting to familiarise with your new environment and working with new adults - keep it up!
Laura's Year 1	ELLA for an absolutely amazing Summer Diary! It was so lovely that you could share everything you did over the summer with us and show us your super home learning too. Thank you!
Alexa's Y1	MAX for creating a beautiful summer diary. We have loved seeing all of the exciting activities that you enjoyed and were so impressed with your super writing and maths.
Katie's Y2	HAYDER for outstanding effort in all areas of the curriculum this week. You have listened carefully, worked hard and achieved wonderful things in your learning. We are so proud of you, keep it up!
Phoebe's Y2	AMIR has been doing a fabulous job at being a role model to his classmates. He has been following instructions, listening to others, having beautiful manners as well as completing his learning to the

	best of his ability. Well done Amir, I am so proud of your first week in year 2!
Pippa's Y3	IDIL we have been so impressed with your focus, your enthusiasm for learning and your helpfulness. What a great start to Year 3! Well done Idil.
Joy's Y3	ZAK has had a really fantastic start to year 3. He is so enthusiastic and excited to answer questions in all his lessons. He is listening so attentively that he is always engaged with the work that we are doing in class. I am so impressed with Zak in all his work and can't wait to see all the progress that he makes this year.'
Emma's Y4	ADAM A for having a successful start to his first week at Avondale! He has shown respect to adults and enthusiasm in class asking questions and sharing ideas. Well done and we look forward to seeing how you progress in Year 4!
Daisy's Y4	DENIRO Despite only joining our class last week, Deniro has been an inspiration. Not only has he adapted to our school routines superbly, he is always enthusiastic and read to learn. Well done Deniro!
Francesca's Y5	AYUB for Adapting to Year 5 so well. We have been so impressed with your effort and hardworking attitude. Keep it up Ayub!
Becky's Y5	JANNAT for an exemplary start to Year 5 by demonstrating wonderful behaviour for learning and brilliant work.
Russell's Y6	TEREZA well done for settling in so quickly. You have shown a brilliant work ethic in your first week at Avondale and I hope it continues all year. RAYAN you have made friends and been a hard-working student in your first week at school - Keep it up!
Tim & Mary's Y6	SUMAYA for a truly excellent week - fantastic focus, high quality learning and a positive attitude at all times. What a role model!

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.

Thank you

Our overall attendance is still a little low, but the classes with the highest attendance in each Key Stage are below.

KS1 and Reception	Laura's Y1 Class	95.2%
KS2	Daisy's Y4 Class	97.8%

Congratulations to these classes, but I am hoping that we will see an overall improvement overall next week

Covid-19

A reminder, if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they should take a PCR test and stay at home until they receive the result. If the result is negative they may return to school when they feel better, but if it is positive, they will need to stay at home for ten days.

And finally...

Have a lovely weekend.

Katy Blackler



Enjoy this stunning photo taken by Michael as he left school tonight in a heavy shower of rain!