



Friday 9th September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of the new year. It has been a really positive start, and thank you for your support with the new arrangements. It feels like a very full week, and I'm sure the children are pretty tired (not to mention the staff!).

It's my first week (hi!), so thank you for making me feel so welcome already. The immensely positive energy I remember from when I first worked at Avondale in 1999 is very much still here!

We discussed targets this week. My target is to learn everyone's names and the children are being very helpful, I've got a ways to go, but I am really trying. A target for the school is correct uniform. We are very grateful to Avondale Extra for their support - purchasing new uniform for each child. Please support us by ensuring your child comes dressed smartly each day. Have a great weekend- see you on Monday.

The Death of the Queen

We have spoken with children in class and in assembly about the death of the Queen yesterday. People will be affected in different ways, but the children were respectful and sensitive. We will follow the information closely over the next few days, but I don't think that there will be days of school closure. If there is, we will contact you straight away.



Drinks and Toilets

We are encouraging children to avoid going to the toilet during learning time. Especially as the children get older, we expect them to be able to go an hour between toilet breaks. There are more minutes of break time in this year's timetable, and we remind children to go at break. This is true of water, too: when the weather isn't hot, kids are encouraged to get water at

break, but to bring a bottle to school for the afternoon sessions or longer periods between playground breaks. There are of course exceptions, and staff are sensitive to children's needs, naturally.

News and reminders

Events happening next week

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| Monday 12 th September | After school clubs start (see below) Meet the Team Y2 |
| Tuesday 13 th September | Y3 Into University Meet the Team Y5 |
| Wednesday 14 th September | Y4 Into University |
| Thursday 15 th September | Y5F Into University |
| Friday 16 th September | Y5J Into University Reception parents reading morning Meet the Team Y6 |

Meet the Teacher Meetings:

This is a chance to learn about the year ahead, meet the staff and see the classroom. See the timings below:

From 8:50 to 9:20

| Date | Year Group |
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| Monday 12 th September | Y2 |
| Tuesday 13 th September | Y5 |
| Friday 16 th September | Y6 |
| Monday 19 th September | Y4 |
| Tuesday 20 th September | Y3 |
| Wednesday 21 st September | Y1 |
| Thursday 22 nd September | Rec |

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 to collect your child using the main school gate in Gorham Place.

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| AFTERSCHOOL – 3.30pm – 4.30pm | | | | | |
| | Yr1/2 Football Matt/Ella | Yr1/2 Multi Skills Tris/Arzu | Yr1/2 Arts and crafts Mandy/Tina | | |
| | KS2 Judo Kelly Judo/Alison | Yr5/6 Football Matt/Alison KS2 Drumming Joe/Marie | Yr6 Football League Matt/Alison | Year3/4 Football Matt/Izora Year 4-6 Guitar Joe/Arzu | |

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



Stars of the Week



| Class | Name |
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| Nursery | Welcome back to all Nursery children you have resettled into the nursery routines and have welcome all our new nursery children, well done. |
| Alexa's Reception | YASIN for trying so hard to follow our classroom promises! What a great first week! |
| Kripali's Reception | TASNEEM for settling in so well into Reception and being a kind and sensible member of our class - well done Tasneem! |
| Cassie's Yr 1 | WHOLE CLASS for positive attitudes towards their learning |
| Emily's Y1 | WHOLE CLASS - For amazing learning and showing kindness and respect in their first week in year one |
| Nana's Y2 | NOAH for being a great new addition to our class family. You are kind, thoughtful and hard - workin. We are looking forward to a wonderful year together! |
| Becky's Y2 | WHOLE CLASS for coming back to school with an amazing attitude towards their learning and putting their full effort in at all time |
| Pippa's Y3 | WHOLE CLASS you have worked so hard this week, showing us your enthusiasm for learning, respectful behaviour and how calmly you can |

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| | move around school. What an excellent start to Year 3! |
| George's Y3 | GIDEON What a fantastic start to year 3! You have shown enthusiasm in all of our lessons and have been a fantastic role model for the class! Well done, keep it up! |
| Emma's Y4 | WHOLE CLASS for their first fantastic week being Year 4. They have shown amazing walking around school, following routines in class and showing school expectations. A great start to the school year! |
| Hanna's Y4 | MAHSA Well done for having such a fantastic start to Year4! You have been such a great role model for other children and have made a super start to the year! |
| Francesca's Y5 | WHOLE CLASS for coming back after the holidays with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. You have been trying really hard to walk sensibly and calmly around the school, which helps us to calmly enter the classroom ready to learn. Well done! |
| Jodie's Y5 | WHOLE CLASS for exuding enthusiasm for learning after such a long break and asking more questions than I can answer! |
| Natalie's Y6 | WHOLE CLASS for demonstrating great aspiration, and meeting high expectations during their first week of Year 6. |
| Tim's Y6 | WHOLE CLASS for such a fantastic first week. In class, you have been calm, positive and focused. A great star to year 6 - keep it up. |

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

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

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| KS1 and Reception | Alexa's Reception | 99.7% |
| KS2 | Francesca's Y5 | 99.5% |

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

Our voucher winners this week from the lucky dip hat, with full attendance are: Kaine and Summer!

Covid-19

A reminder: if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they should stay at home for 5 days or until the symptoms disappear.

And finally...

Ten of our beloved staff went to the town hall yesterday to receive their long service award (for 20 or 30 years of service) from the Mayor. Many congratulations to Mandy, Duncan, Mary, Michele, Margaret, Sonia, Nana, Alison, Debbie and Linda! A tribute to the school.



Have a lovely weekend.

[Ben McMullen](#)

