



Avenue Primary Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you had an enjoyable winter break, it has been a pleasure to welcome you all back to school. The children have settled into their lessons quickly and are looking forward to the fun-packed term ahead.

Key dates

Tapestry Workshop:

Thursday 16th January 3:30-3:45pm

Friday 17th January 2:35-2:50pm

This is an informal workshop to explain the purpose of the learning journey and to demonstrate how you can add to your child's learning journey. We will give ideas and examples about what you might want to include. If you are unable to attend but are interested in finding out more about Tapestry, please let us know.

Open Classroom: Friday 24th January

Morning 10:40-11:05am

Afternoon 2:30-2:50pm

Coffee Morning: Thursday 6th February 8:30-9am

Half term:

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Tapestry

We have enjoyed seeing what children have been learning about during the holidays from viewing their home learning journey observations on Tapestry. Please remember that we encourage home involvement using Tapestry. Parents can comment on school observations as well as create their own observations at home. You can access your child's electronic learning journal online by visiting www.tapestryjournal.com or through using the Tapestry app.

Maintaining routines

Please continue to help us to maintain the routines in place by ensuring children are in school on time (Morning Nursery 8:15am; Afternoon Nursery 12:05pm), wearing the correct school uniform and ready to explore. On the school website, you will find detailed information about the school day and school uniform.

Topic

Our topic for this half term is 'Traditional Tales'. We will be listening to and retelling a range of traditional tales and basing many of our activities around this theme. We will be making and tasting porridge and gingerbread men, moving in different ways and recognising and writing our names. We will continue to learn a range of songs, rhymes and action songs and explore using different materials and media. In mathematics, we will continue to recite numbers, count objects and name and describe shapes around us. Finally, in our sound groups, we will be focusing on instrumental sounds and body percussion.

Magic Moments

Please remember to bring in Magic Moment slips for a special achievement your child has made or a special moment in your family. The children are very proud to share them with their class. Please just ask one of us if you need another slip.

Library

This will continue to be every Tuesday. Please encourage your child to draw a picture about the story in their yellow book.

School fund

This year, your child will be taking part in a number of exciting enrichment activities. In order for us to be able to offer these opportunities, we are asking that **all** parents contribute to school fund. The contribution is a **one off payment** of **£20**. If this is too much please make a smaller contribution. This includes pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. If every parent contributes something, it will make such a difference to what we can offer.

Please make your contribution using:

ParentPay under the item 'Voluntary Contribution 2019-20'.

Cheque (payable to Avenue Primary Academy)

Cash in a clearly marked envelope (to be given to a member of staff on the gate or directly to the office – who will give you a receipt.)

Your contribution is entirely voluntary, but you will understand the difference that it makes.

Communication

We communicate with parents in a variety of ways. These include:

- Weekly blogs that will update you on what your child has been learning and what is coming up. You can find the blog at 2027.avenueprimary.org
- Autumn and Spring parents' consultation meetings where we can discuss your child's progress
- Coffee mornings that allow opportunities for you to chat with other parents and members of our senior leadership
- Specific times where you will be invited to visit your child's classroom to see some of the work they have been completing in school
- Your child's Tapestry learning journal is updated regularly

We see most of you each day and liaise with you regularly- please just catch one of us at the gate or the door if any problems should arise (we can arrange a meeting if more time is needed). You can also contact us in writing or, if you have a greater concern about any issue, please make an appointment to see us via the school office (020 8642 5138 or office@avenue.sutton.sch.uk). If you need further assistance please contact Mrs Farrant, EYFS Phase Leader.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Kinsella and Mrs Adams