

Newsletter 18th October 2023

A Message from Miss McInnes:

Dear Parents,

As the term comes to a close I would like to thank you all for the great team effort that starts at home in helping The Avenue be the good school that it is. As part of a team the work you put in at home directly impacts the work we do at school and we are extremely grateful for all the support over the term.

Thank you to the marvellously reinvigorated PTA and all the work they have begun to get underway to raise money to support the school. Without them we would not be able to subsidise school trips, buy lovely new reading books and play apparatus. Our recent school disco raised just over £540! This money is covering Falconry UK who are visiting the school with birds and skeletons of birds next term! Keep your eyes out for the next event and don't forget to join us if you would like to!



Thank you to Morrison and The Co-op for your donations.

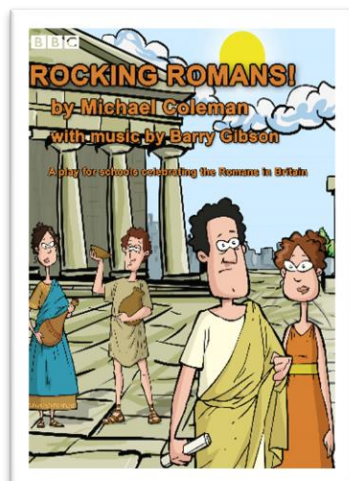


Recently, I learnt a new word – 'apricity', which means the warmth of the sun in winter. So, as the autumn equinox has now passed and winter approaches with the night's drawing in, let's remember how important it is to work as one, provide care and support, and, whatever type of day we are having, we feel the winter warmth. Have a wonderful half term, stay safe and be happy. We will see you back on **Monday 30th October**.

Have a lovely weekend, the sun is due to shine!
Miss McInnes

Year 4 News:

A big well done to Year 4 for their production of 'Rocking Romans!'. This show celebrated the time of the Romans in Britain and has supplemented their learning of the Romans in their History lessons. It was full of many interesting facts and up-beat songs.



All throughout Term 1, Year 4 were challenged to independently learn their lines and the lyrics to songs. Once a week they came together to run through what they had practised at home. It has been wonderful to see how hard-working and motivated the children have been.

Overall, they had great delivery of their lines and they sounded beautiful while singing. This show has brought them together as they have supported and encouraged each other to do their best. I hope to see them perform again in their future.

Parent & Pupil Support:

Hello, I am the Parent and Pupil Support at The Avenue. My name is Natalia, or Mrs Goodway as the children will know me.

My role within the school is to provide pastoral support for all of the children, and you, the families. For families this may come in the form of impartial knowledge or advice, or signposting to other agencies, which may have more specialist knowledge.

I understand that life can have its ups and downs and am here to support you whenever needed, be that with a one-off question or with a more challenging situation.

Please feel free to email me ngy@avenue.wilts.sch.uk or telephone the office to arrange a telephone appointment on 01985 213383.

School Photographs on Tuesday 31st October

The children in Reception to Year 6 classes will be having their school photographs taken on Tuesday 31st October. The photographs will be made available to buy a week or two after this date, we will let you know when.

Children in our School Nursery, 3 and 4 year olds, will **not** be included in these photographs, however, David Wiltshire Photography are happy to accommodate this out of school hours and their telephone is 01985 213376 should you wish to discuss this with them.

Flu Immunisations

Dear Parents – HCRG Group have Community Clinics running over half term and after for any parents that still require their children to receive the nasal or inactivated flu vaccination. This will be if you missed our flu consent link, or your child was absent and you haven't yet made an appointment with us. We also do offer the inactivated (injected) flu for any children that cannot receive the live nasal flu vaccine.

Please follow the link below to book your appointment:

<https://schoolimms.hcrgcaregroup.com/flu/2023/book>

BSW School Aged Immunisation Team

School Age Immunisation Team

HCRG Care Group

t: 0300 247 0082 (Monday – Friday, 9am - 4.30pm)

e: vcl.immunisations@nhs.net

Is my child too ill for school?

School attendance is so important for children's success and we want to see them in school as much as possible! However, as the weather turns cooler we know that some illness can't be avoided. This guide below taken from the NHS website (<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>) will help make the decision. We will always contact you if we feel they are too unwell to attend.

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor [cough](#) or [common cold](#).

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a [high temperature \(38 degrees or more\)](#), keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has [chickenpox](#), keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a [cold sore](#).

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have [conjunctivitis](#).

Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

What to do if your child has tested positive

Your child is no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if they have symptoms. If they feel well enough (minor cold symptoms) then they can come into school.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has [hand, foot and mouth disease](#) but seems well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice.

You can treat [head lice and nits](#) without seeing a GP.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a [sore throat](#).

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with [diarrhoea or vomiting](#) should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



Starting Reception September 2024?
Moving to the area?
Looking for a nurturing school which will focus on
both academic and personal progress?
Join us on our

OPEN DAY

**Thursday 2nd November &
Wednesday 15th November**
09.30 or 2.30pm

Appointments are available to tour the school and
speak to school staff - to book please contact
the Office: admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk or 01985 213383



Ofsted rated 'Good'
*'Children thrive and develop in this
nurturing environment'*



***Please see information on the left - to
join us for our Open Days.***

***Please call the school office to book
an appointment.***

Braeside Education Centre - October Half Term Activity Days

Following from previous successful school holidays, Braeside Education Centre will be running 'October Half Term Activity Days' as part of their Holiday Club offering.

The dates are Thursday 19th October, Friday 20th October, Monday 23rd October and Tuesday 24th October.

They have kept our costs the same as previous years, at just £36.00 per child, per day, for 8.30am – 5pm.

Below see their current flyer. Spaces can be booked via their website [HOLIDAY CLUB – Braeside Education Centre \(braeside-education.co.uk\)](https://www.braeside-education.co.uk)

Other Information:

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be transferring to a secondary school in September 2024?

You must apply for a secondary school place

Apply online at [wiltshire.gov.uk](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 31 October 2023

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

For more information or to request our guide to finding a secondary school place in Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Council

For the attention of all parents

Will your child be four years old before September 2024?

You must apply for a primary school place

Apply online at [wiltshire.gov.uk](https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk) or complete an application form, available at all Wiltshire Council offices.

The deadline for applications is
12 midnight, 15 January 2024

All forms must be returned to the school admissions team at County Hall, Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

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WITHAM FRIARY FC OPEN TRIAL FOR THE 23/24 FOOTBALL SEASON

WITHAM FRIARY U11 HOLCOMBE YOUTH FC

NEXT MATCH

WITHAM FRIARY OPEN TRIAL
DATE: 28/29th October
TIME: 10:00 – 12:00
LOCATION: West Woodlands Showground, Frome, Somerset
BALLS 505

Calling all U11 Children in year 6. Want to take the next step in football? Witham Friary FC will take you to the next level. Qualified UEFA A, B and C licensed coaches delivering the FA pathway in football. Heard of the Junior premier league? (JPL) Then look no further as we will develop you to take that next step.

Interested? Want to know more about the "The Witham Way"

For more information call / Email
Withamfriaryfc@outlook.com
Manager Ben – 07841358449
Team Coach Andy - 07886114654

Wiltshire Parent Carers Council
For Disabled Children & Young People 0-25

Tuesday 7th November

Civic Centre Trowbridge BA14 8AH

Registration from 9.30am

Event Runs from 10am to 2pm

Parent carers will be able to claim travel and childcare expenses from the WPCC

Early Years and Primary WPCC's Information Event

For parent carers of children with SEND, and those who work with them.

Are you looking for information to support you to help your child with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND)?

This free to attend event, aimed at parent carers of early years or primary aged children could be just what you are looking for to help you find out more about some of the services and support in Wiltshire. Please join us and visit over 30 information stands in our popular Information Market Place, participate in a workshop and enjoy free tea, coffee and cakes, and meet other parent carers.

Chance to win one of three £50 vouchers if you attend

See our virtual pre-event pack for lots more information

You can book using this QR code

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

You can book online
<https://www.wiltshireparentcarers.co.uk/Events/2023>
Alternatively
Phone: 01225 764047
Email: reception@wiltspcc.co.uk
Booking closes 5pm on 31st October 2023

The town council will host it's first 'Pumpkins in the Park' event this October, on Sunday 29th from 4.30pm. The event encourages everyone (all ages) to bring a carved pumpkin to the park where they will be lit (battery-operated candle provided) and then entered into a competition for best carved pumpkin – all entries welcome and prizes for the winners.

To get everyone excited for the event and to provide a fun, free activity for the school holidays we are putting on another online interactive hunt through town for families to complete. This one will be called the 'Pumpkin Patch Hunt' and will run during the October half-term from Friday 20th to Sunday 29th.



Families will be encouraged to walk around the town centre, guided by the Explore Wiltshire app (available to download on the Apple App Store: [Apple App Store: Explore Wiltshire](#) and Google Play: [Google Play: Explore Wiltshire](#)). They will be directed to 10 different shops in town and the app will ask a simple, multiple-choice question and they use the poster in the window to answer the question. When they complete the hunt they can come along to Pumpkins in the Park to claim their prize.



Bristol City FC are offering Quid a kid for Under 12s for Bristol Bears v Harlequins (Saturday 28 October 2023). For further information please contact:

e-mail – matt.chiles@bristol-sport.co.uk

Telephone- 01179630611

Playground Trail and Nursery outdoor play area



We are fundraising for a Play trail for the whole school and nursery area.

Through out this school year, we will be arranging lots of fun fundraising events for children to be a part of. Please use QR code below to donate. You can share it with your friends and family. Every little helps.

The school playground is a complex, social space where pupils learn life lessons in how to interact with others. Each obstacle within a trail play has their own challenges and the child will need to use different parts of their body and abilities to tackle them. Weather it's using their arms to go from rope-to-rope or using their balance to carefully walk across a beam, children will be able to develop their physical and mental strength while having fun. One of the great benefits of trail play is that they promote vigorous physical education in a fun and playful way – perfect for primary school playgrounds.



If you would like further information or would like to fundraise for the school, please get in touch. We are very much grateful for any help and support in this fundraising event.

Warm Regards

Natallia

Parent and Pupil Support Assistant