

## Newsletter 22nd September 2023

### A Message from Miss McInnes:

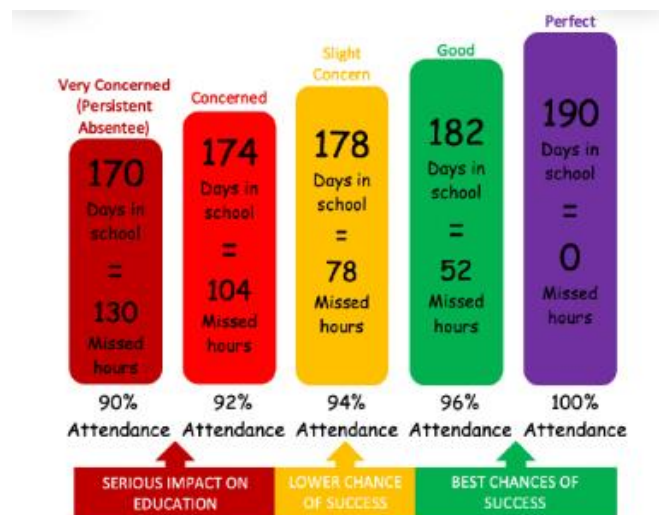
Dear Parents,

Another busy few weeks at The Avenue from making porridge in Reception (yes Goldilocks is in full force) to going swimming, voting for house captains as we live out Democracy at The Avenue and Year 3 were off to the Town Park!

Look out for our new Parent Planners which should give you a sense of what your child will be learning about in class during the Autumn terms.

Attendance is going to be a real focus moving forward at The Avenue. Thank you to all those children who have been in every day so far. We understand that sometimes there are real medical reasons why children miss school. However, for the majority of the time children can be sent into school and tend to perk up through the day. We will always contact you if we have concerns over their wellbeing.

### Every day counts



Have a lovely weekend,  
Miss McInnes

## 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](mailto:ngy@avenue.wilts.sch.uk) or telephone the office to arrange a telephone appointment on 01985 213383.

## PTA & Volunteers: **WE NEED YOU!**

The PTA are always looking to recruit new volunteers to help support the school. If you are interested in joining please contact Nat our PSA at [ngy@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ngy@avenue.wilts.sch.uk)

We are desperately looking for volunteers to help with walking to and from swimming on a Friday. If you could help please do get in touch with the school office or your class teacher. We would also welcome volunteers to listen to readers or run after school clubs. If you are interested in this then again please contact the school office [admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk)

## House Captains & Student Leadership Group



Congratulations to our newly elected **Student Leadership Group (SLG)** and **House Captains!**

House Captains: Our houses got together this week to vote for their house captains.

Student Leadership: These students will be the voice of all the children at The Avenue and have regular meetings with Mrs Hopkins. They will run assemblies and help with decision making within the school. Every child in the class voted for their own leaders in a truly democratic way.

## Drop Off

After a lovely conversation with some of our dads we have come up with a plan which may help with some of your stress in the mornings!

If you have siblings in different key stages, please drop all children off at **your youngest child's gate entrance**. This should stop the mad dash some of you are making from gate to gate in the mornings.

Hope this helps and thanks to the group of dads for our very good conversation which I am sure will help those stressful mornings.

## Other Information:



Wiltshire Young Musicians  
*Helping young people make music since 1990*  
**Calling all singers  
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**Vocal groups**

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tutors*

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Mini Singers  
for 4 - 7 yr olds



Warminster  
Young singers



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Groups around the county for all ages and abilities including:

- **Young Singers** - Bradford on Avon, Warminster
- **Mini Singers** - Bradford on Avon
- **Junior Strings** - Devizes, Trowbridge, Bradford on Avon, R W Bassett
- **Intermediate Strings** - Royal Wootton Bassett, Bradford on Avon
- **Youth Orchestra** - Bradford on Avon
- **Junior Wind Band** - Chippenham, Bradford on Avon
- **Intermediate Wind Band** - Chippenham, Bradford on Avon
- **Concert Band** - Bradford on Avon
- **Steel Pans** - Bradford on Avon
- **Pick up and Play Brass/strings/woodwind** - Bradford on Avon

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## 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](http://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.

Contact customer services on **01225 713010**

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

**Wiltshire Council**

## 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](http://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.

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

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Make a difference in your community

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Your local Link Scheme needs you:

Demand for our service is growing and we urgently need new volunteers to support the service

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If you could spare some time, or for more information please contact us: 01380 722 241

Email: [linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:linkproject@communityfirst.org.uk)



## Rising Stars Sports Clubs

Rising Stars sports clubs are open to any young person with SEN and/or disability from the ages of 8 to 16 years.

Club:	North Rising Stars	West Rising Stars
Sheldon School, Chippenham	Thursdays 5pm - 6pm	Trowbridge Sports Centre
South Rising Stars	Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre, Salisbury	Wednesdays 4.15pm - 5pm
Wednesdays 5pm - 6pm		

£3.20 per session  
Term time only  
Pre-booking required

For more information and to book your place please contact:  
Rob Paget disability sports development officer  
Tel: 01722 434770 Email: [robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:robert.paget@wiltshire.gov.uk)



## SEN Dance Sessions

Age 5 - 10  
4.15pm - 4.45pm

Age 11 - 25  
5pm - 5.45pm

Starting 11 September 2023

**Melksham Community Campus**

**SOCIALISE & STAY ACTIVE!**

W.I.D invites young people to join in with creating movement through having fun and exploring the space! With the use of colourful props and music, this session will be engaging, inclusive and interactive.

Join us for refreshments after each session.

To register, please contact - [sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Get Out Active

Working in partnership with **Wiltshire Council**