

April Newsletter

2024

The months are going far too fast! We have only got three months left of this academic year.

Thank you, Miss Bell

I just wanted to share our personal thanks to Miss Bell who leaves us at the end of this month. Despite only being with us since September, she has been a wonderful member of the team and the children in her class have had a fantastic two terms working with her. We wish you well on your new venture.



Reminders

Thank you so much for your responses to surveys and information gathering recently. We will update you on these in the near future. Can I ask that you follow the 48 hour rule when it comes to sickness and diarrhoea, this helps reduce the spread. Please can I remind you about not allowing children to ride their bikes and scooters on the school site. This includes those who do not come to our school too. Please ensure that dogs are not brought onto the school site.

Allotment

Many of you will have seen the allotment area being developed over recent weeks. We are delighted with this project as it will give the children a chance to really develop their understanding of where some foods come from and provides us with an area where learning can truly take place outside. A grant from the BUPA foundation has allowed us to improve this space.



Gardens for Schools

We have started collecting 'gardens for schools' vouchers from Stripes Garden Centres. We will use these to buy resources and plants to support our curriculum and improve the look of our site. I think you receive a voucher for every £10 you spend. Get collecting!!!

OPAL Education

We are so excited to be venturing into the OPAL (Outdoor Play And Learning) world. This is an exciting development of our commitment to developing the whole child and building on the work Chris (our forest schools teacher) has started and will continue to deliver into next year. For those of you who don't know OPAL, take a look at their website - <https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>. As you will gather from its name, this is about continuing to provide opportunities for the children to learn while playing outside. We are going to be looking for support with this in terms of resources, some of which may appear like they are redundant, but we will look to make use of them. A letter will come out in the coming days with more detail.



Festival on the Field

We have finalised the ticket arrangements for the festival, with adults costing £3 and children £1. We are still on the lookout for a PA system for the event, so if anyone can help, please let school know. Any donations for a bottle tombola or raffle are most welcomed.

Please make a note of things that are coming up so you don't miss out!

Thur 2 nd May – School closed – Polling Day	Mon 3 rd May – Bank Holiday – School closed	Tues 7 th May – Y3 Robinwood information night – 3.30pm	Thur 9 th May – Forest Schools – Y2	Mon 13 th – 16 th – SATs Week Y6	Wed 15 th May– Rec Stay and Play Y1 - Raby Castle
Thur 16 th May – Forest Schools – Y1	Mon 20 th May – Shine Assembly – 2pm	Wed 22 nd May – Y6 Performance – 10am	Thur 23 rd May – Forest Schools – all children Y1-6	Thur 23 rd May – Environmental Day & break up	Mon 3 rd June – back to school

We have already shared the usual date's letter at the start of the term with as much detail as we can provide for things up until the end of the year.

Thank you from all of us at The Avenue for your ongoing support.