



The Avenue School

SPECIAL NEEDS ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER

School Year 2017-2018

Term 4



This term, Class B started to participate in weekly walks to the local park. We worked on familiarising ourselves with different routes around school over last term, so that everyone became used to being out and staying safe in the local community. Now that the weather has been getting nicer we have been having LOTS of fun at the park and also learning some very important skills

whilst out: following simple instructions outside of school, waiting, basic road safety, looking and listening. We all find the park really motivating, so it is also a fantastic opportunity for lots of interaction, communication and play. Well done Class B for being so brilliant on our weekly walks! Our next topic will be 'Shopping', so we are looking forward to visiting some local shops in the near future!





Red Nose Day 2017 We had amazing fun this Red Nose Day, thank you to all the Parents and Carers for sending your children in school in non-school uniform and with plenty of money. The students had lots of fun in music, dancing, and cookie decorating workshops run by our talented staff and also raced themselves around our red nose day assault course finishing off with fun photo booth, they tucked into wonderful cakes then ended the day with a 'sponsored something' show and a disco.

Thank you to our School Council Members for coming up with all the fun ideas for the day.

The students made an amazing £493.34 this year.





This term Ryan Cullingham from 7A has been doing work experience at the Co-Op in Tilehurst.

Each week, Ryan was tasked with replenishing stock on the shelves in the store, ensuring that the date life on the products were rotated correctly.

Whilst Ryan was working the store had British Red Cross week and staff were asked to wear something red Ryan happily joined in.



The store manager was so pleased with Ryan's work ethic, that he rewarded him with a giant Easter Egg.

Well done Ryan.



Basil and Crew Farm

We were very pleased to welcome Pete from Basil & Crew Mobile Farm on Thursday as part of our Celebration of Life day.

Basil & Crew are a mini mobile farm which visits schools, fetes, homes etc. to encourage children and adults to gain confidence at their own speed with the various farm animals that visit.

Everyone had the pleasure of meeting and handling some goats, rabbits, geese, chickens, guinea pigs & ponies. The ponies took turns in pulling Trevor the Tractor, which is a 4 wheeled Shetland carriage which allows wheelchair users the chance to enjoy the ponies in a full experience.

Having the farm here is always a highlight of our school year and both the pupils and staff love it!



World Book Day

Another amazing fun filled day at The Avenue School World Book Day!





7A went to Fun 'N' Frolics for their IPC exit point relating to fashion. They were each given the opportunity to get dressed up in clothing from different eras. Fun was had by all.



7B's trip to Milestones museum

7B visited the Milestones Museum last week to learn all about different eras and to support their current topic 'Generations'.

We had great fun looking around the different displays and identifying house hold products that they use in their life skills sessions.

As part of the trip they bought an old penny for £1 and exchanged their penny in the sweet shop for a bag of sweets of their choice.

"Our day was amazing" said Libby

"We had lots of fun" said Chloe

"It was very good" said Keah

"My favourite bit was the bus" said Jessica

"The streets were bumpy" said Savannah

"I liked the sweet shop" said Eric



Charity Stall

As you are probably aware the school has a charity stall situated in its Reception area. We are always pleased to receive donations of items for the stall. We need items in excellent condition please. If you know a company or retail outlet that have any end on line items that they no longer want and are prepared to donate please speak to them on our behalf. We really have had some amazing items



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School Terms & Holidays 2016 - 2017

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Term 1 2016

Monday 5 September 2016 - Friday 21 October 2016

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 5 September (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 35

Term 2 2016

Monday 31 October 2016 - Wednesday 21 December 2016

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 31 October and Tuesday 1 November (school closed for pupils)

Total days 38

Term 3 2017

Wednesday 4 January 2017 - Friday 10 February 2017

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Wednesday 4 January (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 28

Term 4 2017

Monday 20 February 2017 - Friday 7 April 2017

Total days: 35

Term 5 2017

Monday 24 April 2017 - Friday 26 May 2017

Total days: 24

Term 6 2017

Monday 5 June 2017 - Friday 21 July 2017

* Teachers' In Service Training day: Friday 21 July (school closed for pupils)

Total days 35

Total days in school year: 195 (Including 6 in-service training days)

Pupils should not attend school on any of the days that are shaded above. Parents/Guardians please note that the school is normally closed for pupils on 5 days in the school year for Teachers In-Service Training days. In addition, we have allocated an extra day for Health and Safety Training. Please see above dates.

Public Holidays in year 2015/2016

Christmas	25-Dec-16	Good Friday	14-Apr-17	Spring Bank Holiday	29-May-17
Boxing Day	26-Dec-16	Easter Monday	17-Apr-17	August Bank Holiday	28-Aug-17
New Year	1-Jan-17	May Bank Holiday	1-May-17		

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Please make a note of these dates

EVENT	DATE
<i>Last day of Term 3</i>	<i>Friday 7th April 2017</i>
<i>First Day of Term 4</i>	<i>Monday 24th April 2017</i>
<i>Bank Holiday 'May Day'</i>	<i>Monday 1st May 2017</i>
<i>Growing up Info morning</i>	<i>Monday 8th May 2017</i>
<i>Whole School Photo</i>	<i>Wednesday 10th May</i>
<i>Individual School Photo's</i>	<i>Thursday/Friday 11/12 May 2017</i>
<i>Last day of Term</i>	<i>Friday 26th May 2017</i>



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