

The Avenue School

# SPECIAL NEEDS ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER

School Year 2017-2018

Term 1



6a

23<sup>rd</sup> September

Last term 6a pupils took part in Jeans for Jeans day. Alongside bringing in donations for the charity they created an art display where all pupils used a cutting machine to produce Jean collage.

It was great fun and is presently on display in the 6a classroom.



## 8B - Diwali Assembly

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October, we took the stage to perform our Diwali assembly (Hindu and Sikh festival of light). With only a week to prepare, we tried our best, demonstrating how confident we were becoming.

First, we made invitation cards to invite students and staff from around school. Secondly, we decided on a topic for our assembly (the traditional story of Rama and Sita) and what sweets (nut free, of course) we should buy to share during the assembly. We were really lucky, as Puneet knows a lot about this festivity. Also, she was able to lend us lots of different traditional clothes to wear during the assembly.

Sebby was in charge of opening and closing the assembly. He did an amazing job and you could see how confident he has become. Maria told the story on Rama and Sita, and all of us helped her using puppets. Afterwards, we made some Rangoli patterns with different colours and we tried lots of different Indian sweets. We sang a beautiful song and we danced a lot!

The school was filled with a rainbow of bright and happy colours. It was amazing to have everyone dancing and celebrating together. We cannot wait until our next assembly!

**We are 8B: Sebby, Daniel, David, Mason, Tom, Tommy, Joshua, Andrew, Sam, Dawn, Nadia, Puneet, Cruz, Laura and Maria.**









# HARVEST FESTIVAL

## The Little Red Hen' Harvest Assembly



*'Once upon a time, there was a little red hen, who lived on a farm. She was friends with a lazy dog, a sleepy cat, and a noisy yellow duck...'*

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October all six Early Years classes (A, B, C, 1A, 1B and 3B) celebrated Harvest Festival with parents and carers. Together we explored the story of 'The Little Red Hen' through sensory play. We had different activity stations set up in The Square to symbolise different parts of the story: we could decorate a picture of the Red Hen, 'plant seeds' by engaging in soil and water play, 'cut the wheat' by cutting PlayDoh, 'grind the wheat into flour' by mashing potatoes and porridge oats, 'bake the bread' by feeling heat packs and colouring in pictures of loaves, and (finally) eat the bread!! Everyone was really engaged in the different activities and it was great to see families, staff and pupils working together.

Thank you to everyone that celebrated Harvest Festival with us, and who kindly donated food. We look forward to seeing you at our next Early Years event.











Our production of 'Macbeth'

8A class, along with David and Corey work incredibly hard to put together their performance of Macbeth for the Shakespeare Schools Festival. Since September, we have been practicing from our script, learning our lines, as well as learning all about the themes, plot and characters of the play. We had our performance in South Hill Arts Centre on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October, and every pupil put their heart and soul into the performance! We received glowing reviews from the Festival team, as well as parents from other schools.

An incredible achievement- well done to our talented pupils!



8A have continued to enjoy their inclusive basketball club at Little Heath School on Friday afternoons! We have learnt a lot of new skills with Steph from Reading Rockets, and we are having lots of fun playing our competition matches with new friends from Little Heath.



## 7A autumn term highlights

A 2-day visit to Ufton Court

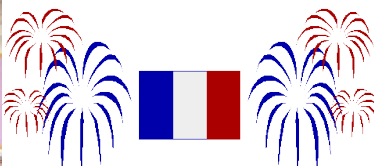


7A taking part in sport and gardening activities. It was great fun!



7A

It was a 'French' Taste during European languages Day.



and it is shopping time at IKEA



We love Shopping!!!!!!



## Ufton Court Residential 8B's

8B's residential trip to Ufton Court in September was a huge success! All students and staff had a wonderful 3 days staying at the log cabins in the woods.

A busy itinerary kept everyone occupied with lots of fun activities, including exploring the grounds, learning about the history of the house, fire lighting, farming (we loved the animals), archery and invasion games. Ufton Court staff were incredible and we had a great time with them. Thank you for having us!

The highlight of the trip was our campfire. We loved toasting marshmallows! Our evening walk, with a Tudor house visit was included. We went back in time to experience what it was like in Tudor times with Neil, exploring the house and discovering little secrets. We loved it! Afterwards, we celebrated David's birthday. It was a really busy but enjoyable day!

It was a great experience for all of us and we are looking forward to going back soon!

**We are 8B: Sebby, Daniel, David, Mason, Tom, Tommy, Joshua, Andrew & Sam .**











### Sainsbury's Active Kids

A big thank you to all the parents, students and staff who collected a total of 4,921 vouchers. We have just taken delivery lots of fantastic sports equipment that we help us during our physical development sessions around the school.





# The Avenue School

## School Terms & Holidays 2017 - 2018

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### Term 1 2017

**Monday 4 September 2017 - Friday 20 October 2017**

\* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 4 September (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 35

### Term 2 2017

**Monday 30 October 2017 - Thursday 21 December 2017**

\* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 30 October and Tuesday 31 October (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 39

### Term 3 2018

**Wednesday 3 January 2018 - Friday 9 February 2018**

\* Teachers' In Service Training day: Wednesday 3 January (school closed for pupils)

Total days: 28

### Term 4 2018

**Monday 19 February 2018 - Thursday 29 March 2018**

Total days: 29

### Term 5 2018

**Monday 16 April 2018 - Friday 25 May 2018**

Total days: 29

### Term 6 2018

**Monday 4 June 2018 - Friday 20 July 2018**

\* Teachers' In Service Training day: Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 June (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 2017/2018

Christmas	25-Dec-17	Good Friday	30-Mar-18	Spring Bank Holiday	28-May-18
Boxing Day	26-Dec-17	Easter Monday	2-Apr-18	August Bank Holiday	27-Aug-18
New Year	1-Jan-18	May Bank Holiday	7-May-18		





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ORDERS ARE PLACED IN A QUEUE UNTIL THE 15<sup>th</sup> AND 30<sup>th</sup> OF EACH MONTH AND DELIVERED INTO SCHOOL UP TO 14 DAYS AFTER

**PLEASE SUBMIT SCHOOL ADDRESS ONLY IN THE DELIVERY FIELDS & INCLUDE YOUR CHILD'S NAME INTO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Log onto [www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com) enter your child's school name (delivery to school service) and select the school from the drop down list provided

**\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION—SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS\*\***

Please note that the last order date for delivery into school before the summer break is 30th June

**[www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com](http://www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com)**

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Please make a note of these dates

EVENT	DATE
<i>Last day of Term 1</i>	<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017</i>
<i>First Day of Term 2 for pupils</i>	<i>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017</i>
<i>Christmas Fayre</i>	<i>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017</i>
<i>Christmas Lunch</i>	<i>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017</i>
<i>Last day of Term 2</i>	<i>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 @1.15pm</i>
<i>First day of Term 3 for pupils</i>	<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018</i>
<i>Parents Evening</i>	<i>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018</i>

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