



The Avenue School

# SPECIAL NEEDS ACADEMY

# NEWSLETTER

School Year 2016-2017

Term 3

## 1B

This term milepost 1 classes 1B and 4B were lucky enough to visit Milestones Museum in Basingstoke as part of their IPC topic on toys. The children enjoyed looking at toys from the past in the shop windows. They were very excited to be able to spend some pennies in the slot machines that activated the toys inside. They had an enjoyable day dressing up and exploring the museum from top to bottom.





## Class 4B – Our Visit to The Milestones Museum

We visited the Milestones Museum in Basingstoke as part of our topic 'The Magic Toymaker'. Everyone wandered around the cobbled streets, visited the old sweet shop and looked at toys from long ago until the present day. We sat on the rides, played with old fairground machines and dressed up which was great fun.





## Class C

Class C have been exploring the community in walks around the local area. They have enjoyed walking calmly with an adult, looking at different flowers and trees, and vehicles on the road such as buses and trucks, or counting the numbers on houses doors. They also have been working on wearing coats or carrying umbrellas in the cold or rainy weather, and wellies for walking through the puddles.





#### 4A

This term 4A have been learning about road safety through their life skills curriculum. We have learnt in the classroom the need to be safe, stopping, looking and listening. We created a road map to practice our road safety skills on and then we took these skills outside of the classroom and school and practiced crossing roads using a zebra crossing. Another area of our life skills programme has been making simple meals for ourselves. It has been a great deal of fun this term for pupils and staff.



## Swimming at The Meadway Leisure Centre



This term Classes 4A & 4B have been visiting The Meadway Leisure Centre every Thursday for their swimming lessons. All our students have made great progress with their confidence in the water and we now have some super swimmers. Classes 2A & 2B will start their sessions after the half term holiday.



The Meadway also runs a special needs swimming session on Fridays at 5:30pm. If you would like to put your child on their waiting list please call them on 01189 375060

## 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*



*Every penny goes into our school fund to help to pay for those extra items to enhance the school lives of our wonderful pupils.*

# Symon Cooke Appointed Headteacher of The Avenue School

## For September 2017

The Governors are delighted to announce the appointment of the new Headteacher for September 2017 - Symon Cooke.

Symon has been at the school for 16 years. He started as a specialist PE teacher and worked through the various levels of leadership and management and is currently one of the Deputy Heads. He impressed the interview panel with his passion and his desire to do the very best for pupils their families and the wonderful dedicated staff team as well as his determination to take the school even further in the next phase of the life of the school.

Isobel Ballsdon, Chair of Governors, said "The ecstatic reaction in school to Symon's appointment demonstrates the tremendous respect he has earned over his 16 years progressing up through the school. The Governing Body is confident he will be an excellent Headteacher and congratulates him on his achievement. The Avenue had a sizeable, strong field of applicants for the post, which was most welcome. Symon's professionalism, qualifications and warmth of character shone through, as did the fact that he is ready for the move up from Deputy to become our Headteacher."

Symon quote "I feel so honoured and privileged to have the opportunity to lead the school into the next chapter of its rich history. I am totally committed to offering the very best education for our pupils and further developing The Avenue's reputation as a centre of excellence. I am also looking forward to working collaboratively with the pupils and their families to improve wider outcomes and prepare our young people for life beyond school."



### *Message from Headteacher*

As you all know I am retiring as Headteacher of the school in August and I am delighted that the governors were able to appoint my successor well in advance of my leaving. The national picture is not great with many schools having to advertise more than once and often failing to make an appointment.

I have worked with Symon all through my time as Headteacher and he knows the school and many of you well so am sure you will join me in congratulating him and wishing him well for the future.

I hope you have a good break and are able to enjoy some nicer Spring weather.

*Dame Sue*

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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		

# **The Avenue School**

***Please make a note of these dates***

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<b><i>Last day of Term 3</i></b>	<i>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i>
<b><i>First Day of Term 4</i></b>	<i>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017</i>
<b><i>Parents Evening</i></b>	<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2017</i>
<b><i>World Book Day</i></b>	<i>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>
<b><i>Red Nose Day</i></b>	<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March</i>
<b><i>Basil &amp; Crew farm</i></b>	<i>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017</i>
<b><i>Walk of Life</i></b>	<i>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2017</i>

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