

The Avenue Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with what's going on... w/e 24.02.2023



Head teacher's message

I hope you had a chance to relax over the half-term break. As ever, we are straight back into the swing of things at school. From Monday through to Friday, there has been so much to celebrate, from one of our pupils singing a wonderful solo to another who has been using their homework communication board at home for the first time. We are anticipating the next round of NEU Teacher's strike action on 2nd, 15th and 16th March. As with the strike action last month, I will inform parents and staff of any changes to the school day as soon as is possible. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes, Symon.

Parent Coffee Mornings

Our Fortnightly parent coffee mornings and workshops are a great success, thank you to all the parents who have supported the sessions so far. They run on the first and third Monday of each Month term time only. It is a great opportunity for you to share your experience with other parents, and even though we have only held two sessions so far, parents are already sharing contact details with each other and forming friendships, which is a joy to see. Each session I try to arrange for guests to come along to share their knowledge and support parents. Families' Forum have also been really kind and are supporting our next two workshops, the first on 6th March is a Sleep Workshop. It will run from 10.30am – 12pm at the Avenue School. The Sleep Workshop is a ticketed event as we only have 15 spaces, so first come first served. Please email kboahene@avenue.reading.sch.uk if you would like to attend. The next workshop is on 20th March, managing challenging behaviour/ identifying triggers/ de-escalation, more details will follow. This is also a ticketed event with the limit of 15 spaces. I really hope the group can grow and parents are able to use the space as a support to each other and build friendships whilst gaining knowledge from our guests.

Nuthatch

Nuthatch visited Asda recently to buy food for their families. Every child had a list of items to find in the shop, containing items such as bread, apples and pasta. When they had found everything on their list, they went to the till to pay. Some children practiced interacting with shop staff whilst others used the self-checkout to practice scanning items. Everyone showed lots of independence and had a successful shopping experience.



Robin Class

The students in Robin Class have been talking about the people we love. The students then made cards and gifts for those people.



The Avenue Allotment—

Volunteer opportunity

We are looking for keen people who are able to give some time in our school allotment. We've a wonderful allotment which is a fantastic wellbeing and learning environment however, we find that over the holidays the weeds take over and it's quite a task to get this space back to its best self. If you're able to offer some time we would love to hear from you; nstevens@avenue.reading.sch.uk

The NHS Health bus is visiting School on **Friday 3rd March between 10am – 1pm**. Parents are invited to pop along to talk to the NHS staff about any immunisation queries they might have especially regarding HPV vaccine.

Please come along and see them!



Key dates

End of
Term Fri
31st March
1:15 finish

World
Book Day
Thurs 2nd
March

Parents
Evening
23rd
March