The Avenue Newsletter

Keeping you up to date with what's going on... w/e 29.09.2023



<u>Head teacher's message</u>We are already beyond the half way point of this term – time flies when you're having as fun. Every day, without fail, something happens that makes us laugh, or a story that we want to share. Laughter is so healthy. I saw a simple Charlie Chaplin quote this week: A day without laughter is a day wasted.

The stand out event of this week was the school closure on Tuesday. I fully understand and accept the issues that this will have caused, especially when a decision has to be made at such short notice. As always, I don't ever want to close the school, but will seek the appropriate specialist advice and Local Authority support. Without going into great detail, toilets were blocked and water flooded out through the toilets. This water was therefore classified as 'dirty water'. The result was that it was not simply a case of having the water sucked up; it needed a specialist clean and time to dry.

Thank you for your support, understanding and positive messages. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend. Best wishes, Symon

Yellow Pathway

Yellow Pathway students had lots of fun making

and decorating papier-mâché bowls in our Creative Arts sessions on Friday.

NHS Continence Advisory Service Toilet Training Workshop

Monday 2nd October 10am – 12pm at The Avenue School.

If you would like to book a seat, please email kboahene@avenue.reading.sch.uk

Sign of the week! Finished'



Save the Date Harvest Assemblies

Week commencing 9th October— timings will be sent home via class teacher.

School Photos

Don't forget to order school photos with the form that was sent home on Monday for school photos! Order ASAP for free delivery to school.

Family Support Worker

Kelly Boahene endeavours to work with parents and carers to have a positive impact on the lives of children, young people and our families. She offers 1:1 appointments, telephone advice, home visits, support with community appointments, meetings with professionals, as well attending multi-agency meetings in school. She is also available to offer direct support with referrals to various agencies — grant and allowance applications and help with form filling. She offers practical help and emotional support to families experiencing short or long-term difficulties, If direct support isn't sufficient she will signpost parents and carers to the appropriate agency or professional for advice and action kboahene@avenue.reading.sch.uk

Literacy News

RWInc / Fresh start vocabulary

<u>Phonics</u> – the system of sounds we use to teach children to read

Pure sound - single letter sound, e.g. "m" not "ma" or "em"

Phoneme – a sound

Grapheme – the letters that are used to record a sound.

Key dates Parents Evening 9th or 12th Oct

Half term 23rd – 27th Oct INSET Days 30th & 31st Oct

Christmas Fayre

24th Nov

4:00-7:00