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The Avenue Primary School Newsletter

Key Dates

22.10.26 – Break up for October half term
23.10.26 – PD Day
02.11.26 – Back to school
25.11.26 – Decorate the Christmas Tree
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18.12.26 – Break up for Christmas
04.01.27 – Spring term starts
12.02.27 – Break up for February half term
25.03.27 – PD Day
07.06.27 – PD Day
19.06.27 – Festival on the Field
21.07.27 – PD Day

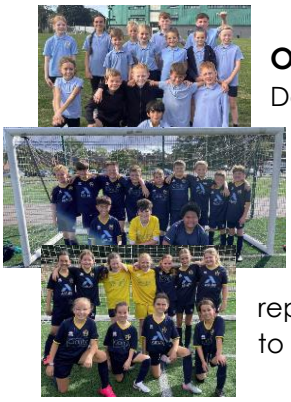
Boom! Where has that month gone? What a start to the academic year! Thank you for your support in making sure the start to the year has been so settled and successful.

Attendance
95.7%

Learning, Growing and Shining Every Day



What a fantastic start to the year! Our children have already learned so much across the school. In Reception, children have been exploring the people who help us in our community, while Year 1 and Year 2 have been developing their geographical knowledge by learning about the local area. Year 3 have travelled back in time to discover life in the Stone Age, Year 4 have been investigating the importance of the River Tees, and Year 5 have been captivated by the fascinating world of the Ancient Egyptians. Meanwhile, Year 6 have been putting their scientific thinking to the test as they learn about how animals adapt to survive in different environments. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work everyone has shown already this term!



On Your Marks, Get Set, Shine!

Despite only being back in school a month, we have already taken part in a number of local sporting events. Our KS2 team represented us incredibly well, with all children showing grit and determination. We had one second place (well done Isa) and eight children progressing to the regional round. Our Y5/6 boys and girls football teams also took part in a local competition, playing so well, working as a team and shining! We are delighted to share with you that we have achieved the School Games '**Bronze**' award. This is a representation of our commitment to ensuring as many of your children have the opportunity to represent our school.

Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to everyone who attended the **Macmillan Coffee Morning** earlier this month. It was a lovely opportunity to speak to some of you. We have managed to raise £299.20.

You said, we did!

Back in the summer term, we shared our Parent/carer survey for you to complete. Thank you for the feedback. We received 66 responses. Overall, it was very positive. The main area identified for development was the behaviour system. We are evaluating the consistency of implementation to ensure that the behaviour policy remains both rigorous and relational. The letter shared on the 30th September detailed other areas that we want to address in school to make your children's experience even better. The parent/carer drop-in sessions have been scheduled for throughout the academic year, please pop in and see Mr Hunter if you have anything you wish to raise.



OPAL

As we continue to develop our fantastic OPAL play provision and begin preparing for the winter months, we are looking for a few resources that could make a huge difference to our children's play experiences. We would be incredibly grateful for donations of balance bikes and ride-on toys, items for our digging and mud play area (spades, trowels, buckets, plant pots, digging tools, wheelbarrows), tarpaulins, shower curtains or waterproof sheets to help create shelters, dens and weather-proof play spaces, and any loose parts suitable for imaginative outdoor play.

If you want to raise anything with us, we are always here to listen. Contact us on 01642 318510 or office@theavenue.lingfieldtrust.org.uk.