

YEAR 6 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and the children are excited about starting their new topic. As always, there are lots of exciting opportunities and experiences in store for the children, and all of the staff at The Avenue are

Upcoming Dates for your Diary...

Friday 16th November	Children in Need Dress Up Day - Spots Theme (£1 contribution)
Saturday 24th November	Christmas Market 10am - 1pm
Monday 10th December	KS2 Nativity performance (Main Hall 2pm). More details to follow.
Tuesday 11th December	KS2 Nativity performance (Main Hall 10am). More details to follow.
Thursday 13th December	Choir to sing at Methodist Church 11am - 1pm
Friday 14th December	Family Christmas Enrichment afternoon from 1.30pm (Refreshments in the Main Hall)
Tuesday 18th December	KS2 Carol Service Methodist Church, Connaught Road 1.30 pm (Parents Welcome)
Wednesday 19th December	Year 5/6 Class Christmas party (Children can bring clothes to change into)
Thursday 20th December	Christmas Dinner Day (deadline day Monday 3rd December)
Friday 21st December (Last day in school)	Christmas Jumper Day organised by School Council in aid of Save the Children (£1 contribution)

School will be closed on the following days:
Monday 28th January (Trust Development day)
Tuesday 23rd April Friday 24th May Monday 22nd July Tuesday 23rd July (PD Days)

PLEASE SEE SCHOOL WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS

Creative Curriculum Topic

Blood Heart

Studying the human body with a particular focus on the heart and lungs. Children will learn:

- ♦ The human anatomy, including organs and bones.
- ♦ How to scientifically dissect a heart!
- ♦ About the circulatory and respiratory systems.
- ♦ The effect of smoking on the body.
- ♦ The importance of a healthy diet and lifestyle.
- ♦ How cells appear under a microscope.
- ♦ How to measure and test heart rate.

There will be many writing opportunities linked to the topic such as: biographies, reports and explanations.

REMINDER:

Year 6 SATS will be from Monday 13th May to Friday 17th May.

For health & safety reasons, whilst inside the school site, please can children push scooters and bikes.

Thanks

What we've been up to

Pupils from Year six and Year five had a great time attending Carlton Outdoor Education Centre last half term. It was a weekend filled with memorable experiences for the children, In addition, the children visited the Heugh Battery Museum in Hartlepool, as part of their WW1 topic, and got to visit a real life trench! (well, a replica).

We also recently enjoyed a trip to Nunthorpe Station to take part in their WW1 Centenary Service and plant the poppies that School Council had knit.

Expectations Reminder:

- ♦ Children are expected to read at home at least four times each week. Please take a few moments to sign your child's planner to inform their teacher that they have read. Children will receive a free book of their choice when they reach termly milestones!
- ♦ Weekly Maths and English homework will be issued on a Thursday and will be due in the following Tuesday.
- ♦ Each half term your child will receive homework linked to their curriculum topic. Please check the homework grids in their purple books for details and due dates.
- ♦ PE is on Tuesdays, however kits should remain in school all week. Any items from the following list are permitted: a blue t shirt or polo; blue or black shorts; sports shoes; dark jogging bottoms; a plain hoody.
- ♦ Whole school target for weekly attendance is 97%.
- ♦ Children won't be eligible to win Star of the Week unless all expectations are met.

Packed lunches should be well balanced with a mixture of savoury and sweet. Packets of sweets or fizzy drinks should not be included as part of a packed lunch. As we have a number of children with peanut allergies, no packed lunches should contain nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or Nutella sandwiches.

