



Avondale Preparatory School

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Dear Parents

Summer Term Newsletter

Welcome back to the Summer Term; I trust that the holiday period has been a restful one for the family. Let me start by welcoming Finley Hatcher, Elijah Mellor, Matilda Young, Eir Enoe and Harlan Edward to our EYFS Department. We trust that all children will settle quickly and start to enjoy everything that Avondale has to offer.

As we reflect on the end of the Spring Term, let me thank the Parents Association for their organisation of the Easter Competitions (including 'Break a School Rule Day' which raised £447). The following children won respective prizes:

Eggs in the Jar= Charlie Fensome

Easter Bunny Name= Millie Rolfe

Congratulations must also go to the Prep Department for their performance of 'The Wizard of Oz', in the final week of the Spring Term. The retiring collection brought in £86 that will allow the school to invest further in production equipment to make next year's performance even better. Performing Arts has always been a key part of Avondale Culture; as numbers continue to grow in the main school, we have now diversified and look forward to Years 1 and 2 performing 'Porridge' at an early morning performance, on the Friday before the summer half term break.

Calendar

The completed calendar, including Extra Curricular Provision will be given to the eldest child in the family to take home on Day 1. Please find draft copies attached. In the email, sent with this letter, you will find an 'After School Care Club/ Extra- Curricular Provision link for completion- please may we ask that a response is completed for EACH CHILD IN THE FAMILY. The new system worked well last year, minimising paper wastage, along with potential errors in administration. However, the system only works, if the link is completed. Please note that some clubs only run for the first half of the term, whilst others don't start until the second half of the term. Children still need to be registered for each club; they don't automatically go into a different club after half term if the teacher has changed pursuits. **Please may we ask that the online link for enlisting in after school activities (and ASCC) is completed by Monday 22 April (first day back) so that club lists can be confirmed quickly. Clubs also start this day for those that have had the form completed. Please note that attendance in the Pre- Prep Production Club (for Years 1 and 2 children), on Friday afternoons from 3:30-4:30pm is expected, to minimise any disruption to classroom learning time. This is a free club which runs until the end of Week 4.**

Summer Fair!

Save the date- Saturday 22 June, 11:30- 2pm. This is Avondale's THIRD school fair and the largest fundraiser for the school, in aid of raising enough money to extend our adventure playground. There is a great deal of preparation required to make this a success; in this respect, if you would be keen to support the school in running a stall (or monitoring the bouncy castle), please get in touch with Mrs Amy Worley (amy@avondaleschool.org), who is orchestrating proceedings. We are also calling for all 'good quality' clothing donations to be brought in, along with any larger ticket items for our auction. Thank you to all who have contributed so far.

Summer Uniform and New Thrift Shop Arrangements

I should like to remind you that children return to school on **MONDAY 22 APRIL**. All children should be in **Summer Uniform**. For girls, this means summer dresses and for boys, short sleeved shirts and shorts. **All children should arrive and depart school in their blazers and hats (with the exception of Nursery children)**. We are proud

of our uniform; please may we ask for your support in this respect to avoid any awkward conversations at the gate. Whilst coats won't necessarily be required in the mornings, we recommend that your child brings their coat into school daily in case of wet break times. **Please may we kindly ask that all items of clothing are named; this includes renaming items bought from the Thrift Shop.** This way, we are able to return items of lost clothing to the rightful owner quickly. Any items of unnamed clothing will be placed in our Thrift Shop.

All children in Years 1- Year 6 require **white sports socks** for games and the **coloured 'short sleeved' house polo shirt**. To aid you in preparing your child, our thrift shop, shall be open on Friday 19 April from 8:00am- 9:00am. Should you not be able to make this time, or require items throughout the course of the term, please contact Mrs Lister via email or Mrs Davis in the school office. Any new items need to be purchased through OZ Schoolwear. ozschoolwear.co.uk

Parking

Please be reminded that only marked parking bays may be used in the BWM'C for pick up and drop off. I am aware that there are only 23 marked spaces and a good deal more families at Avondale than that! Please find attached, our agreement with the club for our consideration. The real flashpoints to consider, in order to remain onside with our neighbours, are Tuesdays before school, (when deliveries take place) and Friday afternoons.

Please also be reminded not to park in front of driveways (or garages) of the cottages on the High St (next to Tots). Your support in this respect will make my job far easier; thank you.

Staffing and School Growth for the 2024-25 Academic Year

Numbers continue to improve across all parts of the school; specifically, in our Pre- Prep and Early Years. In this respect, if you know of any potential families that would benefit from an Avondale education, please may I ask that you direct them to get in touch with the school office. We will be supporting an Open Day in both the first and second half of the term; for those in the service industry, you will be aware that postings are not confirmed until much later in the school calendar and it is not uncommon for the bulk of new families to view us in the last few weeks of the term (or in fact over the summer holiday period). For this reason, the school structure, including staffing and class make-up will not be confirmed until well after half term, when postings materialise.

Notification of Fees for the Academic Year 2024-25

Finally, in line with our policy on providing a term's notice, please find attached the pricing structure of fees for the following academic year (commencing September 2024). You will be aware that inflation continues to rise across the country and, in turn, this has had a significant impact on our operating costs. Consequently, school fees have needed to move, with an increase of approximately 3.9% across the bulk of the school.

I am mindful of the present economic climate. We still remain the most cost- effective independent option in the area. For the bulk of the school, this equates to between £1500 and £3000 less per annum than the nearest school of similar standing; this margin has widened in recent years. Please also find an updated 'Terms and Conditions' and 'Complaints Procedure'.

May we take this opportunity to wish you and your children a successful term ahead.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Watson

Included:

Extra- Curricular Programme- Summer 2024

Fee Schedule (2024-25)

Complaints Procedure

Terms and Conditions

Summer Term Calendar (draft)

Bulford Working Men's Club Parking Agreement