



Newsletter no 26 - Friday 30th April 2021

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 11th—Wednesday 12th May: Year 6 Bikeability

Monday 17th May—School Photographer, class photos

Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June—Half term break

Monday 7th June: School Closed for INSET

All of the children in school have been very excited this week seeing the new play equipment being fitted in the playground. Thanks to the super fundraising efforts of the PTFA and your support at their events, they have been able to contribute a huge £8000 to this project which has made it all possible.

The exercise equipment by the Key Stage 2 playground is ready to use, but as with all equipment on the playground we ask parents to ensure their children do not use it before and after school.

The play equipment on Key Stage 1 playground has been installed but we have to wait until the end of next week for the safety surface to be installed before the children can begin to play. So at the moment no one is allowed to explore!



Children Online

Over the last week, we have been made aware of several concerns regarding online safety. There are now many apps that children have access to through various devices which could make them vulnerable such as TikTok, Whatsapp and Facebook.

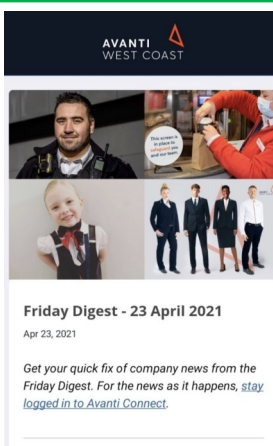
In school, we focus on e-safety through our curriculum and also address current and local issues as they arise particularly with the older children in school. Apps such as those mentioned above do tend to have a lower age restriction of 13 and while we acknowledge that children younger than this do have access to them, it is important that they are equipped to be able to deal with incidents that cause them concern and this can be supported by parents monitoring children's usage.

Weduc

We are busy implementing our new communication system, Weduc. This will replace the current text, payment, communication systems we've been using and put everything into one very easy to use App! Therefore, **ParentPay will not be available after 4pm today.** Any balances held within ParentPay will be transferred to the new system. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause. We will be in touch very soon with details of the new App, in the meantime we will continue to accept cash and cheque payments.

Reception—Our Superheroes

In support of their topic this half term, 'Our Superheroes', Reception children were asked to come to school dressed as who they would like to be when they grow up. It was fantastic to hear the children talking about their hopes and future dreams. Lana in Elm class, who wants to work on the trains, made a special appearance in the Avanti West Coast newsletter!



Captain Tom's Challenge

Today would have been Sir Captain Tom's 101st birthday. To acknowledge his achievements over the past year Captain's Tom challenge has been organised by his family. All you need to do is take on a challenge based around the number 100, then complete it tomorrow or continue the challenge at home right through to Monday 3 May.

The challenge could be to read 100 pages in a book, give 100 compliments, run 100 metres, learn to count to 100 or solve maths problems to do with the number 100. Raise money for The Captain Tom Foundation or your chosen good cause, or just do your Captain Tom 100 challenge for fun!

School Photographer

The photographer will be in school on Monday 17th May to take class photographs. All children should come to school wearing school uniform on this day.



Poppy Appeal

Although it seems such a long time ago, we would like to say thank you for all the donations we received for the Poppy appeal, we heard this week that school raised an amazing £339!

