



Avenue Primary Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

We would like to welcome you back to school and hope you have enjoyed the festive season. We are very excited about the next half term and look forward to working with you and your child.

Key dates

Inset Day: Monday 6th January

First day of term: Tuesday 7th January

British Museum Trip 4R, 4S and 4F – Wednesday 15th January 2020
4L and 4E – Thursday 16th January 2020

Open Classroom Friday 24th January 2:20-2:40pm

Whole School Coffee Morning 6th February 2020

Half term Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Mother Language Day Thursday 27th February (more details to follow)

World Book Day Thursday 5th March (not dressing up)

Inset Day Friday 13th March

Year 4 Show 4R, 4S and 4F Monday 16th March – 10:30 – 11:30am and 2 – 3pm
4L and 4E Tuesday 17th March – 10:30 – 11:30am and 2 – 3pm

Parents' Consultation Thursday 2nd April 1:40 – 8:00pm (collection 1pm)

Final day of term Friday 3rd April

Maintaining routines

Please continue to help us to maintain the routines in place by ensuring children are in school on time – registration closes at 8.30am. All children must be wearing the correct school uniform. On the school website, you will find detailed information about the school day and school uniform.

Topic

This half term our topic is called 'Portals to the Past'. We will learn about the three different ages in time; Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will begin to understand where these ages fit on a timeline of British history. Whilst learning about the Stone Age, we will look at cave paintings and their meanings and how this helps us understand the Stone Age way of life (hunting, handmade tools, roles of men and women and living environments.) The children will write an information text about the Stone Age but also a diary entry as a child living during that time. We base this on the events in the story 'The Stone Age Boy'. Trading and the development of travel were very important in the Bronze Age and we will learn about the impact this had on their way of life. Stonehenge is a Bronze Age monument that we will study and look further into the theories about why and how it was built. At the end of the topic, the children will be learning printing techniques to create a print inspired by one of the ages.

Mathematics

In Spring 1, we will begin by noticing the patterns when dividing by 10, 100 and 1,000. After that, we will learn the formal short method for division with numbers with up to 4 digits. Sometimes the children will be required to find remainders. We will spend the next two weeks exploring how bar

models can help us choose whether a word problem requires us to use a multiplication or division strategy. We will explore many different types of word problems, including those with two steps. Then we will move on to fractions. We will begin by looking at unit (e.g. $\frac{1}{4}$) and non-unit (e.g. $\frac{2}{4}$ or $\frac{3}{4}$) fractions of shapes and practice how to write fractions based on shaded parts of a shape. Children will then find unit and non-unit fractions of quantities. This will require children to have secure understanding of their times tables facts and draw on their written strategies. There will be many opportunities for greater depth challenges and problem solving throughout.

P.E.

Children will need their clearly named P.E. kits in school every day. This **must** include **navy shorts, an Avenue logo P.E. t-shirt and black plimsolls and trainers**. It is advisable to also provide your child with plain navy tracksuit bottoms and a navy jumper for colder weather. Children will be expected to remove their own earrings for P.E. or have these covered with tape.

School fund

Thank you to everyone who has already paid. In order for us to be able to offer all the planned opportunities (a SES Workshop, trip to the British Museum, making sushi) we are asking that **all** parents make a contribution to school fund. The contribution is a **one off payment of £20** but if this is too much, please make a smaller contribution. This includes pupils eligible for Pupil Premium. If every parent contributes something it will make such a difference to what we can offer. If you are yet to contribute, please do so using one of the following options:

ParentPay under the item 'Voluntary Contribution 2019-20'.

Cheque (payable to Avenue Primary Academy)

Cash in a clearly marked envelope (to be given to a member of staff on the gate or directly to the office, who will give you a receipt.)

Your contribution is entirely voluntary, but you will understand the difference that it makes.

Communication

We communicate with parents in a variety of ways. These include:

- Weekly blogs that will update you on what your child has been learning and what is coming up. You can find the blog at <http://2022.avenueprimary.org/>
- Spring parents' consultation meetings where we can discuss your child's progress
- Coffee mornings that allow opportunities for you to chat with other parents and members of our senior leadership
- Specific times where you will be invited to visit your child's classroom to see some of the work they have been completing in school

If you feel you need to contact your child's class teacher at other points in the year, this can be done by writing a note in the home school liaison book, emailing the school office (office@avenue.sutton.sch.uk) or telephoning the school office (020 8642 5138) who will pass on your message. Alternatively, messages can be given to members of staff at the gates in the morning and afternoon. If you need further assistance, please contact Miss Rubey, the Year Group Leader, or Mrs Streeter, Phase Leader for Year 3 and Year 4.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Rubey
4R

Miss Fernandez
4F

Mrs Stockwell
4L

Miss Emans
4E

Miss Sillett
4S

Year Group Leader