



Friday 9th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

I warmly welcome you back to the new academic year as we look forward to another fantastic year together. I would like to thank you for all the lovely messages and gifts I received at the end of the Summer, so very kind and generous of you, I am ever so grateful. It is so great to be back!

Team AK Shining Brightly:



It has been fabulous to see all classes come back to school and settling so well back into the routines and systems.

We have welcomed 7 new starters to the school: Max and Estella, Samantha and Melissa, Harriet and Sophie and Reagan. We warmly welcome them and their families into our Team AK family. We also welcome all of our new Class R children who have joined us on a part time basis for the first two weeks. It is lovely to get to know them and assign them their Year 6 buddies, to support them through the year. We welcome Miss Perring, our new Deputy Head is so happy to be here and has settled so well into the team, in addition Miss Ingham our student teacher into Class 1 alongside the teachers and Teaching assistants for this year. We will also have a PGCE student, Eddie, in classes next week.

I have been massively impressed with how our children have embraced the start of the school year, the two days (Thur and Fri) really helped with this and it was business as usual by the Monday of this week.

I have received some lovely feedback from parents about how their children are buzzing to be back at school and how engaged their children are, this is fabulous to hear. The staff are certainly all happy to be back and are really looking forward to another great year together.

Exciting new travelling book fair is coming to our school

A letter will follow from Mrs Hancock and there are posters around school. The Book Fair will be here from Wednesday 5th October until Monday 10th October. This is a new and great book company offering lots of new and current titles, we hope your children will be very excited by it.

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French and Science Specialist Teaching

The letter has gone home to Years 5 & 6 to offer a free French club via Enzo in Year 4's mum, she will be working with Classes 1-6 throughout the year on a Monday afternoon to teach some specialist French alongside the class teachers. Thank you Mrs Watson-Ganivet for giving of your time so generously.

Ashton Keynes Flower and Produce Show 2016

A reminder that the show is on Saturday 17th September 2016 at 3pm. I have been invited to present the prizes, which is a real privilege. As I would really like children from the school to get involved, some classes have done entries while in school. These are the categories:

Pre-school- Paint a Picture of the Queen

Years R,1,2 and 3- A Self Portrait

Years 4,5 and 6 Handwritten and decorated extract from Shakespeare -you can show off our new cursive handwriting!

I really hope some of your children can take part, it will be lovely to see them there and to see the school supporting this community event. Many thanks.

Parking

Please can we remind parents to park safely when dropping your child at school. If you are not able to walk or cycle please try and park in the village hall car park. Do not park on the corner of Gosditch as this forces pupils to have to walk in the middle of the road which is very dangerous. Thank you for your consideration.

Contacting the office

If possible please ring the office rather than e-mail. We are able to deal with your query etc. much more promptly by phone - it may take us a couple of hours to check e-mails on a busy day and they can get lost in the very many we receive each day. We are friendly and don't bite so please call in or phone.

New FoAKS Team- please make sure you read this, we need you!

New committee needed!

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the current FOAKS team over the past couple of years and so many fabulous opportunities have been organised for our children and parents/carers, it has been really exciting. In addition we have raised some much needed funds for the school to help us do all that we do extra for our children, and last year was certainly a year packed full of these extra opportunities! I cannot thank the team enough and I cannot reinforce how important it is to keep our FOAKS team going which is why I need your help!

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The current FOAKS team is stepping down after Fireworks Night. They say: *We've had a blast and raised some cash for our school and its lovely pupils, but now new volunteers are needed with fresh energy and new ideas!*

We need people to take over the following roles:

- Chair / co-chairs
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Second hand uniform sales
- Happy to muck in volunteers

Over the years, numerous FOAKS teams have raised thousands and thousands of pounds for the school. This money helps support the school library service, subsidise transport for school trips, pay for the Life Van visit, special workshops for all children, cooking for all children during World Awareness weeks, visiting authors and leavers gifts to name but a few items, and there's more to come!

However, it's not just about the money, FOAKS have provided your children with movie nights, school discos and the Christmas pocket money stalls.

They've arranged for the circus and travelling theatre companies to come to school, organised school fetes, Bonfire Night and summer balls so that the whole family benefit (although the new team don't have to do any of this, there's no expectation or pressure!).

All this will disappear without a new team. With Fireworks Night fast approaching, now is the perfect time to volunteer so you can see how it's all done.

You get to work closely with me, the Headteacher, and we can generate and work out the most beneficial and exciting ideas/event for all of our children and families.

So, if you'd like to support the school, gain some experience in the voluntary sector, or have some spare time, please drop Sarah Edmonds an email to find out more at sarahedmonds1@sky.com. Please come forward and support our wonderful school, I can't wait to work with you! Thank you.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Kind regards,

S.L. Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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Please always check the calendar on our website www.akps.org.uk for dates.

Date	Event
Thursday 15 th Sept	Swimming starts for Class 4
Sunday 18 th Sept	Messy Church in School Hall
Mon 19 th /Tues 20 th Sept	Life Van in School
Tuesday 27 th Sept	School Photos
Tuesday 18 th October	School Disco organised by FOAKS
Saturday 5 th November	Fireworks Night - bar, BBQ and live music at Bradstone Playing Field organised by FOAKS