



Friday 31st March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



Team AK Shining Brightly:

Another couple of fabulous weeks here at Team AK. Please have a look at our website to see what we have been up to as so much fantastic learning has been taking place. You can also follow us on twitter to keep up to date with what happens behind the scenes at school: the hatching of chicks, visiting lambs, tweeting authors, teachers as readers, book shout outs and other exciting teaching and learning opportunities within school. We will be developing this over time, but are very excited to share it with you so far! <https://mobile.twitter.com/priashton>

Music Festival Excellence

Last night our super choir joined with 11 other North Wiltshire primary schools to perform in a special concert 'Night at the Oscars'. It was absolutely amazing and we were incredibly proud of our school! To hear over 500 children coming together to sing in harmony was fabulous and very moving! Thank you and well done to the choir who worked so hard and sang their hearts out. Thank you to all parents and carers who supported the concert and especially to the staff who gave up their time to support the children at the concert. A very special thank you to Mrs Crowley and Mrs Hancock who give freely of their time every single week to enable the choir to come together and sing so beautifully. Well done Team AK singers!

Mock Trials success

Just when we thought that we could not be more proud of all of Year 6, they only went and got the runners up prize in the mock trials out of 12 schools! This is a significant achievement. Archie Townsend got an individual award for his performance as the fire officer witness which was a real accomplishment. We have certainly risen to the challenge this year and shone brightly in court and among local schools. Well done to all involved and fantastic British values in action!

Sporting success and sporting attitudes

We have continued to have more sporting team success in competitions outside school. In school, the sports leaders are developing their teaching and leading skills and all children who play football in playtimes have worked together to write a football charter to agree some clear rules for all to follow. The children from across the school collaborated to create a fair set of rules to enable all children to enjoy playing football at break times. We will meet again after Easter to see how the new rule system is going. It is fantastic that the children are leading this.



Mr Tanner is very proud of all children who represent the school and is doing his write up for the website. For the girl's football, one of our parents accompanied the girls' football team to the 7's football competition held at CPS last week and emailed me some feedback which I wanted to pass on:

There were around 8/10 teams and the majority were Y5/Y6. AK took a team of 1Y6, 2Y5 and the rest Y4 and they reached one of the finals... brilliant.

I just want to say a few things. They looked like a team in the excellent new kit and I believe in this they felt a real part of team AK. I was very, very impressed with the commitment and determination they showed to do their absolute best during play but also by the encouragement they showed to each other, words of support, words to help and improve, words of congratulations.

We had those who shouted from defence to others to encourage them to keep going and don't give up, we had older ones showing the younger ones tips to improve, we had each playing looking to support the other whenever they could and they all cheered and congratulated each other not just in victory but also in defeat.

Out of all the sports I have watched I must say the players in this team really outshone, on and off the field.

Please do pass this onto the team and their respective teachers and also to Mr Tanner - this was Team AK at its very best in effort, skill and values. They and the school I am sure are very proud.

Class 2 Assembly

The Class 2 assembly was excellent and made everyone smile. The parent and carer feedback was so positive and everyone commented on how clearly the children spoke and with such enthusiasm. They all enjoyed the Spring chicken song too! Well done Team 2.

Maths Cluster Event

On 21st March, 2 representatives from Years 1-6 visited a local school with Mrs Voss to take part in some team Maths challenges with other cluster schools. The children worked really well both independently and as a team to solve some quite challenging puzzles, they certainly persevered and represented the school beautifully. Thanks again to the parents who were able to help with transport.



Red Nose Day Friday 24th March- thank you!

This was a great success and we raised over £500 through the sale of red noses and dressing down for the day. Thank you for your generosity in helping those in the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Star challenge for home

2 * To support with our mission to get everyone in our school telling the time, we would urge you to provide your children with an ANALOGUE (not digital) watch which they can wear every day to school. They can be applying real time telling throughout their day in school, which is the very best way to learn to tell the time.

Thank you for your support!

Easy Fundraising- well done to our parents and carers!

We are raising great funds using the *Easyfundraising* website and app! Since our cause was registered in 2007, the school has received an amazing £1818.18 in free funds. This was achieved by people registering for free with *EasyFundraising*, setting their cause as Friends of Ashton Keynes School, then accessing their usual online shopping sites via easyfundraising.org.uk (or the app) - the school is then rewarded in cold, hard cash!

A little shortlist of the 'Golden' Easyfundraisers:

Sam Slade - £590

Claire Clark - £268

Kate Plummer - £231

Sharon Gater - £137

Aideen McEvoy - £102

We currently have 58 supporters, a number which I am sure we can increase greatly with a little EasyFundraising drive from our school! I would also call on all parents, carers and teachers to reach out to any local (or not local!) businesses to buy all their stationery etc online via the EF tools. It is a very easy process and will become second nature in no time. Most importantly it costs the user nothing!!

Retailers involved:

Tesco

Waitrose

Amazon

Booking.com

Waitrose

John Lewis



Expedia

The White Company to name just a few...

Go to our website to find out more about this and register via easy fundraising. Flyers will come home via FOAKS next week to support you with this. Each time you spend in your usual way, our school gains! Please help, this is a fabulous and easy way to raise much needed funds for our school.

Classes 3 and 4 Production

Those of you in Classes 3 and 4 are in for a real treat with the upcoming performances of Roald Dahl's Musical of Snow White next week. I had a sneak preview today and was literally blown away by the standard of performance from all pupils!

Have a lovely weekend and thank you very much for your continued support,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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

Monday 3rd April	Evening - Classes 3 & 4 Production
Tuesday 4th April	Am Zumba with Meryl for every class Evening - Classes 3 & 4 Production
Thursday 6th April	Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting 5pm in Class 6 (approx. 40 mins)
Friday 7th April	3.15pm End of Term 4
Monday 24th April	8.45am Term 5 starts
Monday 8th May	Year 6 KS2 SATs week every day
Monday 15th May	Leavers and Class photos
Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th May	Year 6 residential to London
Monday 22nd May- Friday 26th May	World Awareness week- Team AK travel around the world!
Thursday 25th May	5pm Year 5 parent and carer meeting for Year 5 residential (in Class 5)
Friday 26th May	Last day of Term 5 ends at 3.15pm
Monday 5th June	TD day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6th June	School re-opens 8.45am Term 6
Tuesday 13th June	Class R assembly for parents 9am.
Wednesday 21st - Friday 23rd June	Year 5 residential to Viney Hill activity centre
Monday 26th June	Sports Week
Friday 30th June	Am Sports Morning- please save this date in your diaries AK Music and arts festival begins (more details later) Y4 Residential- one night forest school camp at AKPS
Friday 21st July	3.15pm Term 6 ends

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