



Friday 26th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



Team AK Shining Brightly:

What a superb term this has been with a fabulous World Awareness week to finish with!

teaching and learning opportunities within school.

Team AK shining around the world



This morning in *Heroes and Heroines* it was wonderful to see the staff team celebrating children they had noticed from around the world. Thank you to all that were able to join us on this very hot day! All of our children have thoroughly embraced this week and so did



our staff! The learning about and from the 7 countries was incredible. I hope you have enjoyed hearing all about it at home.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their professional cooking workshops where they made Chili con Carne from Mexico and I would like to thank you in your fundraising via FOAKS for funding this opportunity for every child. I would like to thank Mel



Tim and her wonderful team of helpers for being brilliant with our children and providing such an informative and enriching experience for our children. I hope many



of you got to taste the lovely meal which was brought home, I loved mine!

During the week, the children took part in many





activities around the world including: art work, music, languages, religion, drama, food tasting and dance. All of our children are certainly now more globally aware.

There have been many highlights through the week as your children have visited Thailand, USA, The Netherlands, Mexico, Greece, Israel & Goa! It is no wonder they are all tired and ready for half term! The staff team are currently creating a display of highlights from the week in the corridor by the entrance to Classes 3 & 4 for you to see. We will

also re-show the film which we made with highlights from the week during our open morning.



Thank you all for being part of our global service in your support during our dress down day for families in Guatemala. Thank you to Mrs Gray for sharing with the children, via a film in assembly, just how they can help in this big project which will make a critical difference to these families. Thank you all for

your generosity and service.

Movie Night



A huge thank to the Foaks team and helpers for giving of their time and providing yet another great movie night for our children.

Y6 London Residential Superstars!

Wow! The Year 6 children were incredible. The whole team received many compliments whilst we were in London because they were well mannered, curious, asking excellent questions, considerate, creative, grateful and they worked beautifully as a team. I was particularly proud of the fact that they all ate well, slept well and showered voluntarily!

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The whole residential was action packed with lots of opportunities for reflection. There were many ways in which we saw each child develop and grow throughout the week. From team building in bell boating and in our special forest school challenge, the awe and wonder of St Paul's Whispering Gallery, the exhilaration and emotion of the Lion King, the exciting trip down the Thames, time to view the world from above in The London Eye to cultural, historical and metropolitan sights. The children and staff were easily identified in their Team AK hoodies, particularly as the staff ones were 'blancmange' pink, which we loved and you could easily see them!

It really is a pleasure to take children on a residential, as well as being a huge responsibility and I would like to thank the team who came on the trip and were absolutely amazing: Miss Perring, Mrs Campbell, Mrs Cook and Mrs Thompson (Governor). Year 6 parents and carers should be so proud of their children, thank you for letting them take part in this wonderful opportunity.

The Lord's Prayer

Your children might have mentioned that we have been thinking about Ascension day in our worship and are part of a Global Christian group who are saying the Lord's prayer each day across the world between Ascension day and Pentecost. We have been doing this in school through prayer and song, which parents and carers were able to share with us this morning in celebration assembly. If you would like to continue this at home with your child, Reverend Shirley has provided us with a fun way of doing this together which we will send along with this newsletter.

Safety First

Please can you ensure that no cars are parked in the layby during school drop off and pick up times. One of our school buses is struggling to safely park and this could pose a risk to our children. Thank you for your cooperation.

We all have so much to look forward to next term and I cannot wait to see everyone back and refreshed after the half term break on Tuesday 6th June. Please be reminded that there is staff training day on Monday 5th June when the school will be closed to pupils. Enjoy your half term whatever you are up to and thank you for being such a fabulous support.

With my best wishes,

S.L. Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher



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

29 th May – 2 nd June	Half term holiday
Sunday 4 th June	10am Penecost Celebration family service in Holy Cross Church 3 – 5pm Church fete – Church Walk
Monday 5 th June	TD day- school closed to pupils
Tuesday 6 th June	School re-opens 8.45am Term 6 5.00pm Year 5 Residential parents meeting
Wednesday 7 th June	Class R trip to Adam's farm
Thursday 8 th June	District Sports (by invite)
Tuesday 13 th June	Class R assembly for parents 9am.
Wednesday 14 th June	Breakfast Club special cooking session
Friday 16 th June	Fathers' Day/carerer pocket money stalls
Sunday 18 th June	4pm Messy Church in school
Monday 19 th June	Classes 1 & 2 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Tuesday 20 th June	Ashton Keynes Marathon 6pm New Reception parents meeting (entry Sept 17)
Wednesday 21 st – Friday 23 rd June	Year 5 residential to Viney Hill activity centre
Saturday 24 th	FoAKS School Festival
Monday 26 th June	Sports Week
Friday 30 th 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
Mon 10 th July	9.15 – 11am Open morning Class R coffee morning
Friday 14 th July	Visit to Royal Air Tatroo (KS2)
Wednesday 19 th July	Moving up Day
Friday 21 st July	3.15pm Term 6 ends