



Thursday 22nd March 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:



Wow, what an exciting time we are continuing to have in school. I have just returned from 3 days reviewing an outstanding school in Cornwall as part of Challenge Partners. This was an excellent experience for me and very beneficial for our school as it reinforced the journey we are on is the right one and we have so much to be proud of in our school. Here are a few highlights of the past two weeks for Team AK:

Easter Experience

This year, the whole school went to church over a period of two days and were treated to a very practical and special Easter experience provided by our dear friends from the Church. Reverend Shirley was so impressed with the stunning behaviour and engagement of all of our pupils. I was really proud of the children for their thoughtful reflections, it was really insightful and such a special experience for all of us. Thank to Holy Cross church for welcoming us and providing such a truly memorable experience.

Class 1 assembly

Our shining stars, Class 1 performed a special assembly for their parents, carers and the school last Tuesday. I was away on a review in Cornwall but was kept in the loop with how it went and was delighted to read about it on our school website Class 1 page. Really well done to Class 1 and the teaching team, you are certainly shining brightly!

Class 2 assembly for parents

Wow what a fabulous class assembly on Tuesday, the children shared all of their wonderful learning from their time in Class 2 this year. They all spoke so confidently, what a team. We sadly said goodbye to Mr Cadle today, I know the children and staff will really miss him and we thank him for being a fabulous part of the team and bringing his excellent teaching experience and brilliant sense of humour to the school. We wish him the very best in his new school in Telford.

The class are really looking forward to Miss Redman teaching them after Easter and effectively beginning their Year 3 journey early.

Our choir at the NW Music Festival What a fabulous event this was. Our children were beautiful, they were smart, sang so well and behaved impeccably. The whole concert was a fabulous experience to be part of. Thank you to Mrs Crowley for leading the choir along with Mrs Hancock. Also thank you to Mrs Voss and Miss Igoe for accompanying the children to the

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event and singing their hearts out too! Mrs Crowley, Miss Hancock and I are looking to extend the choir so please encourage your children to join if they would like to. We have some exciting new songs to teach the children which will really appeal to both boys and girls.

Year 3 and 4 Production Pride

Year 3 and 4 parents and carers were in for a real treat over the past week. The children worked so hard on this year's musical 'Cinderella' Roald Dahl version. A lot of hard work and laughter has gone into this production. It is fabulous to see how much the children have grown in confidence throughout the experience. The Year 3 and 4 dream team of staff have made this possible for the children and I thank them all so much. It was an incredibly professional production and the feedback from the evenings show just how much the audience loved the show, thank you.

Mindfulness

Ms Tromans and I will run another mindfulness session for parents and carers on a different evening and maybe a little later so more of you can attend who were not able to make the last session, The parent session was really super and really appreciated by those who joined us. We have written a guide for parents which is on our school website under 'resources'. It is certainly having a positive impact on our children in school. I would like to thank Ms Tromans for the excellent mindfulness teaching sessions she provides for all of our pupils.

Wake and Shake Wednesday

We will be keeping this going on a Wednesday mornings. Thank you for joining in with us as we start the day invigorated.

Lunchtime fun

The children are certainly embracing the new play equipment. The giant Connect 4 and Jenga are particularly popular. We will take some photographs to put on the website and show you. The whole midday supervisor team are shining brightly, they are really enjoying their roles and lunchtimes are becoming really brilliant with the addition of these new resources.

Disco- Parent and carer helpers shining brightly!

Message from the children...

"THANK YOU!"

"Without you we could not have our disco and it is brilliant! The hot dogs were yummy and the disco was extremely fun" Ethan in Year 3. "Thank you so much for the disco" Dan in Year 5. Thank you to all of the parent helpers who made the school disco possible. I cannot tell you how successful this event is in providing a stimulating and engaging evening for your children. Please continue to help and know how much it is appreciated by all. Also thanks to my staff who attended and especially to Miss Kibblewhite for her moves on the dance floor!



iSing Pop Concert- Wednesday 4th May- PLEASE save the date!

PLEASE keep this date in your diaries to join us at either 2pm or 6pm for a one off special uplifting concert of about 45 minutes/ 1 hour where we can share some most amazing singing and moves together. The concert will take place in Holy Cross Church which will be incredibly special, refreshments will be available and tickets cost just £2 which is a donation towards the project. The children will be recording the songs on a special cd which you can buy and continue singing at home. I am so excited about this event, I know it will be loved by all.

New Year 4 residential

I have recently written to my Year 4 parents and carers to inform them of the exciting new residential we are setting up for year 4. We will be doing an overnight forest school residential camp in our school grounds! This is a fantastic way for our Year 4 pupils to spend one night away in preparation for the 2 night and 3 night residentials in years 5 and 6. I am sure they will love the experience we have planned for them, I will ask them to report on the event afterwards so you can all see what they got up to, hopefully it will involve some sleep!

Deputy Headship vacancy

Last week, the Governors and I released an advert to try to find us a very special new Deputy Head for our school, starting in September. Having not had a Deputy for 2 years and with our school growing and thriving, we are now in a position to advertise for this role again. This is fantastic for our school and we are looking for a superb teacher and leader to join our fantastic talented team of staff. So far we have had a really good response and I am currently very busy showing candidates round. We will be shortlisting and interviewing after Easter. As soon as we have appointed, and all safeguarding checks done, I will of course let you know who we have appointed for September. Exciting times!

Exciting AK author news...

On Tuesday 19th April we have author Christopher Edge coming in to work with Classes 3-6 as this is the age he writes books for and then on Thursday 28th April author Tracey Corderoy is coming in to work with Classes R-3 to ensure that everyone has experienced an inspiring author. I will write to you in the first week back with details of their books for sale should you wish to purchase them on the day. I am really excited about this, I believe it will have a positive impact upon the children both as readers and as writers. The last author totally inspired our children and I know both of these will as I have worked with them before.

100% Attendance

I have the names of all of the children with 100% attendance since January. The certificates
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are being made over Easter and I will issue these the first day back. Well done to all of you who have achieved this, I know there have been lots of viruses around which is unfortunate but really well done for making each day in school count.

French Children in Years 3-6 learn French weekly (including Year 6 working with Kingshill school to receive weekly French lessons) and some French is also taught in Year 2. I have been approached by Enzo, in Year 3's Mum with a very generous offer of some voluntary French teaching for our school. We are going to discuss how to organise this and may look to provide some extra French booster sessions/ clubs for our children. I have also just had another offer of help with this which is fabulous. We will let you know as soon as we have a plan but I am delighted we will be providing more French in the school for our children. Star challenge for parents of children in Years 3-6 (Year 2 can also get involved)

1. Can you teach your child to count to ten in French (they may already be able to do this so you could challenge further)?
 2. Do your children know their colours in French?
 3. Can your children say Hello, my name is and how old they are in French?
- We are here to teach French but thought you might like a challenge.

Welcome back to Camille (Year 3) and Theo (Year 6) as they join us back from Qatar as part of Team AK once more.

It was so lovely to see so many of you at Hero and Heroines today, it means so much to us that you attend to support the school and our wonderful children. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Easter and thank you for your massively appreciated support.

Kind regards,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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

Date	Event
Mon 11th APRIL	School restarts for Summer Term
Fri 15th	Sponsored school marathon - see recent Parentmail
Tues 19th	Christopher Edge, author, in school for Yrs 3-6 6.00 p.m. Year 6 parents' meeting for London trip
Fri 22nd	Leavers and Class Photos
Thurs 28 th	Tracey Corderoy, author in school, Yrs R - 3
Wed 4th MAY	2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. Ising pop Concerts - all welcome
Mon 9th	6.00 p.m. Year 5 parents' meeting for Viney Hill trip

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