



Friday 23rd January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your AK school vision feedback. I would like you to feel that you can always let me know your thoughts for the school both positive and suggest ways forward. I really value your feedback and can build suggestions into the school improvement plan. I am delighted so many of you are pleased to hear that we will be smartening up our school uniform. We deserve to be a smart school and I will make sure that in Term 4 and 5 we are all very clear about expectations for uniform for September onwards so we can all start the academic year together smartly.

A very exciting date for your diaries:

The week of Monday 18 th May	*World Awareness Week* In school time every day. Your children will travel around the 7 countries (classrooms).
Friday 22 nd May	2pm in the hall/ field (weather depending) - sharing assembly for parents/ carers with highlights from our week around the world. Exciting!

I am bursting with excitement to let you know what I have planned for our school: I am working with my staff team to provide the children with a very special World Awareness week. For now, please put a note in your diaries and I will write again to let you know all of the details as the staff and I plan the week together and decide the countries; you may have some experience / ideas you can share with us. This will be a wonderful week (I have organised this annually in my previous schools) where the children travel with their Buddies around the world! Each classroom becomes a country and the children meet me in the airport(hall), collect their passports and set off for a wonderful week of geography, languages, creative arts, cooking, dance, singing to learn about the different countries of our world in the most exciting and engaging way possible. This will be a fantastic week, with so many benefits for your children. It will also be a reward for how hard we have all been working with all of the new initiatives that have been introduced here at AK. It is the week before half term and the week after the Year 6 SATs tests, so a perfect way to end the term. You will, of course, be invited in on the Friday afternoon to share in some of our experiences from our week, so please put this date into your diaries. More on this soon, but certainly something to look forward to!

Star Challenge

This week our chair of Governors, Sarah Harris and I did a learning walk. We visited every classroom across the school, looking for the star challenge. We spoke to children, looked at work in books, looked at plans, observed some teaching and concluded that our children are certainly engaging in the star challenge and we could see how they understand how it works and could explain what level of challenge they were on and why. The children in each class that we

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spoke to, including our youngest children in Class R talked about their learning behaviours and how they felt good about achieving a star or trying to get the next one. It is such an inclusive system for all learners and something they really are enjoying doing. They are certainly learning to reach for the stars. Mrs. Harris was really impressed with what she saw and thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

Family charity swim event

If you are interested in attending this special family swim event on the evening of Friday 30th January which Elliot (Y6) and his Mum are organising in aid of Prader Willi charity, please see Sharon McCafferty for more details/tickets. f

Well done Holly and Thank you to Team AK

I am really pleased to feedback that we raised £145 for JDRF, the diabetes charity as a result of our fantastic Friday 'onesie' day. Well done to Holly in year 5 for using her initiative and organising the event. We also sent £145 to Children in Need. Thank you to everybody for your contribution.

Team AK shines bright in the local community

Recently, our Year 3 and 4 classes went on a WOW trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester to kick start their exciting topic 'Under Attack'. Both classes certainly did shine bright. As well as telling me that they had a fantastic time, I also received feedback that they represented the school beautifully. We are very proud of them, well done Team 3 & 4 making a great impression in the community is so important.

Thank you for your support,

Yours sincerely,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher