



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW- there have been a lot of very exciting things happening in our school. Just this week we have had a dinosaur in our school playground and every class ran a 26.2 mile marathon!



**Team AK Shining Brightly:**

### Team AK Marathon



What a fabulous effort from all of Team AK! This was an absolutely fantastic event which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who took part and helped. Every child took part and they all ran 1 mile each, which along with their teachers and teaching assistants, the 7 classes totalled 7 marathons. A massive thank you to Mrs Mee for organising such a fabulous event, to the kind parent volunteers who were brilliant cheering the children on, recording their times and providing refreshments, to the staff team for taking part and brilliantly supporting the children and to our wonderful children for persevering, supporting one another so brilliantly and proving what a fabulous sport loving healthy team we are! Mrs Mee is preparing a marathon merit for every child who took part.

Not only was it an amazing effort, but it was also a superb fundraising event and I thank Claire Clark for organising the fundraising side with the FoAKS team. The sponsorship is to enable the school to buy whole new Team AK logo sports kits so that the children look smart and part of a team when we attend sporting competitions and activities with other schools. We cannot thank you enough for your generous and kind sponsorship, we look forward to ordering the new kit and sharing with you all just how smart our children will look! Thank you!

### Visit of Author Christopher Edge

Children in classes 2-6 had a very inspiring talk from visiting author Christopher Edge this week. His mission was to inspire our children to write their own stories and he started by sharing his experiences and where he gets his ideas for writing. He then went on to work with Years 3-6 setting them all a writing challenge. He then worked with the boys from classes 3-6 and gave them a brilliant Science fact session to give them ideas and inspiration for writing their own science inspired stories. After break he provided a workshop for Class 5. I have had fabulous feedback from children, staff and parents about how



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Christopher inspired both reading and writing during his visit and he told me just how much he enjoyed being at our school.

For parents of children in years R-3 please remember author Tracey Corduroy is visiting on Thursday morning with exciting workshops for the children. If you would like a signed book for your child, please order via the office before Thursday so that we can get the books ready for her to sign on the day. This will be the last of our 3 visiting authors this year which means every class has experienced at least one author which is brilliant to inspire our children in their reading and writing.



### Visit of the Bishop of Swindon

Last week we were visited by Bishop Lee. We welcomed the Bishop to our 'time to shine' assembly where he kindly shared with the children his beautiful Bishop's robe of many colours and explained the role of a Bishop. He then helped me present all of the awards to the children and said a prayer for our school. He really enjoyed the celebration assembly and the singing too. After a brief tour of the school, the Whisperer team, who write our pupil newsletter interviewed Bishop Lee.

They were outstanding and so well prepared asking the Bishop incredibly well thought out and perceptive questions. Bishop Lee was very impressed with the team and happily answered their questions. The team are writing the interview up to go onto the school website. I have since received a lovely email from Bishop Lee thanking us for his welcome and saying how blessed he felt to visit our fabulous school and how much he enjoyed his visit. We very much hope he will visit us again!

**Dinosaur Visits Team AK!** I am sure your children have told you all about the dinosaur arriving at our school! Class R are very busy studying dinosaurs and taking delivery of dinosaur eggs, so a visit of a dinosaur and an expert session was a real treat for them and Year 1! I have loved seeing how enthused they are about this topic, this visit will have developed their learning and imagination even further! The whole school then had a treat where

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they witnessed the large dinosaur running around our playground!

**iSING POP** It is almost here! On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday next week we will be busy learning all the words and actions for 7 fabulous pop style songs all based on Christian values. We will be preparing for the concert on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. Thank you to the many of you who have already been in to purchase your allocated ticket (£2) from the office. Please make sure you do this before **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April** to ensure you get your one allocated ticket, as after this date they will be available as extra tickets on a first come, first served basis. We have invited members of the church and local community to join us in this special uplifting concert designed to bring us all together.

**MISP (Massage in schools programme)** As per my parent mail before Easter, I have started training the classes. Classes 3, 4 and 5 are now fully trained and I have heard from many of you that they have been showing you at home! This is an important part of our wellbeing programme for our pupils and staff. I certainly enjoyed training the classes so far. Others are booked in to be trained very soon.

### **Deputy Headship Interviews**

Next Tuesday and Wednesday the Governors and I will be interviewing candidates for the post of Deputy Headteacher at our school. This is a very special time for our school and we have had some very strong candidates apply and be shortlisted. We look forward to appointing and will let you know as soon as we are able to.

### **Playground Safety Reminders before and after school- a few important reminders**

For your child's safety can I please remind you that staff are not on the playground until 8.45am each day which is when children are expected to arrive at school, if your child arrives earlier, they will not be supervised. Please can I remind parents that children are to walk their bikes and scooters on the playground rather than ride them and this includes pre-school aged children. The reason for this is to prevent anybody being injured by bikes and scooters as it gets busy in the playground. Finally the play/climbing equipment is not supervised after school so if your child goes on it, there is a risk they may be injured. Please discourage your child from going on the equipment, the school cannot be held responsible for any accidents that may happen as a result of this. Thank you to you for your support with this in order to keep our children safe.

Have a lovely weekend, may the sun shine on us all!

*S.L.Saville*  
Mrs. Saville



Head teacher

Please always check the calendar on our website [www.akps.org.uk](http://www.akps.org.uk) for dates.

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> APRIL	Tracey Corderoy, author in school, Yrs R - 3
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> MAY	SCHOOL CLOSED - Bank Holiday
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. Ising pop Concerts - all welcome
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Visit of Jonathan's Jungle to KS1
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATS
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	6.00 p.m. Year 5 parents' meeting for Viney Hill trip
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 residential trip to London
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half-term holiday
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June	TD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED