



Friday 17th April

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back, I hope you had a good Easter and managed to enjoy the sunshine.

New EYFS outdoor learning area

The Early Years area has now been officially opened. We had a fantastic morning where the sun shone and so many of our Class R parents and Governors were able to join us. I was able to say thank you to all who made the build possible and the children presented them with special thanks you cards they had made. Mr. Tarr said a prayer and Sid (Our youngest Class R pupil) helped me cut the ribbon to officially open the outdoor learning area. The Year 6 reporters took quotes from visitors, ready to write a report for the newspaper and then the children and adults enjoyed a reading breakfast together. It was a fantastic morning, thank you for joining us. It is a wonderful space for our Reception children to learn and for future Reception children to benefit from. I know the Year 6 Buddies are looking forward to using the area to share stories with their Class R buddies this week. If you haven't already seen the new area, please pop and have a look, we are delighted with it. I know the children are extremely excited and already love learning out there!

Star Challenge for Parents and children at home

Thank you very much for those I have already received, but I would love some more responses so I can make a display in the hall. Here is the challenge again for you:

Can you and your child have a think about what makes a **successful learner**. We will be displaying your work soon in our hall. Try any level of challenge from the star challenge (one star, two star or Wow) below- on A4 sized paper or card please. Be as creative as you like.



Design an AK Learning Superhero



Write down all the learning powers you need to be a successful learner (e.g. ask questions, persevere, be a good listener, be independent, be organised etc.)

WOW- Design an A4 poster drawing your AK learning superhero and surround them with the learning powers you think a successful learner need.

Please remind your child to name their work on the front so when displayed, we can see who it belongs to.

Reminder about morning arrival

If you are running late in the morning, please understand that the Year 6 pupils are instructed to lock the gates and cannot open them again. Please do not enter school by climbing over the gate but enter school through the main entrance by the office, sign your child in and leave via this route. We operate this system for the pupil's safety and to ensure pupils arrive on time for registration.

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Clubs

Club	Year groups	Day and Venue	Time	Club Starts on	Last session is on	How to join
Rounders	Years 3, 4, 5 6	Field with Miss Igoe and Mrs Saville	3.15-4.15	Monday 20th April		Free Letter from Miss Igoe
Art	Years 3, 4, 5 6	Monday	3.15-4.00	Monday 27th April		Free Letter Miss Thomas
Sewing	Years 3 & 4	Monday Class 1 & outside	12.30-1.00	Starting soon		Letter from Ms Langer
Phoenix Martial Arts	All	Tuesday School hall	3.15	Already started		Cost - Ask instructor
Coding Club Computing	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday in class 3	3.15-4.00	Tuesday 21 st April	Tuesday 19 th May	Free Letter from Miss Redman
Tennis	All	Tennis courts and school hall if wet	Various	Already started		Cost - Ask instructor
iCan multi - skills	Years 1 & 2	Thursday Hall	3.15-4.15	Thursday 23 rd April	Thursday 2 nd July	Cost Letter Mr Brown
Cricket	Years 3, 4, 5 6	Field with Mrs Thompson	3.15-4.15	Thursday 30 th April	Thursday 21 st May	Free Letter from Office
Choir	Years 2-6	Class R	3.15-4.00	Already started		Letter from Mrs. Crowley
iCan Multi-sports	Years 3, 4, 5 6	Friday Hall/Outside	3.15-4.15	Friday 24th April	Friday 3rd July	Cost Letter Mr Brown

Governor of the Month for April



Mark Cryer is one of our 5 parent governors. He has two daughters currently at the school in the infants. He is a local tradesperson. He also undertakes ultra-marathon running, so he clearly has drive, perseverance and commitment to go the distance. He is on the finance and premises committee so is coming in to visit school at crucial budget setting time and will be discussing future premises ideas. Whilst he is in school, he will also be seeing how the school has taken on the Government's new Curriculum 2014.

FoAKS Presents The Inaugural School Ball - A Midsummer Night's Dream

Saturday 27th June in the School Hall 7pm-Midnight Dress code: black tie

Tickets £35 each and include a glass of Prosecco on arrival, 3 course meal, bottle of fizz per table of 8 and live music from MOJO.

FOAKS will be taking table reservations and selling tickets after school in the playground on Wednesdays and Fridays. Tickets are exclusively available to the school until Tuesday 5th of May,



when they will then go on general sale to the village. It promises to be a wonderful evening for parents to get together so buy yours early before they sell out!

Dates for your diaries:

Sunday 19 th April	4-5.15 Messy Church in School Hall- all welcome! 'Breakfast with Jesus on the Beach'
Thursday 23 rd April	Tag Rugby tournament in Cirencester
Tuesday 28 th April	9.00am Class R assembly
Thursday 29 th April	Class and Leavers Photographs
Monday 11 th -Friday 15 th May	Year 6 KS2 SAT test week
Monday 18 th -Friday 22 nd May	World Awareness Week Sharing Assembly at 2.30pm on Friday 22 nd May for parents/ carers with Golden Headteacher merits built in. Friday 22 nd May - Dressing Down Day - 50p for children to wear a colour and be able to name it in another language. Money raised will go to clean water and library charities in Guatemala.
Thursday 21 st May	To encourage our Year R, 1, 2 children to have a free hot school dinner, Mrs Saville will be inviting the children to have lunch with the Headteacher. Please remember to book your meal in advance.
Monday 25 th May- Friday 29 th May	Half Term Holiday (There is also the Monday 1 st June as it is a TD day- see below)
Monday 1 st June	TD Day - School closed to pupils. School reopens on Tuesday 2 nd June 8.45am
Monday 8 th - Friday 12 th June	Residential trip for Classes 5 & 6
Sunday 14 th June	3pm AK Church Fete in Church Walk. Competition- Who can make the best boat? Who can make the best garden on a plate? Judging will take place on the day. So get designing! Good luck!
Tuesday 16 th June	9.00am Class 2 assembly
Thursday 18 th June	FoAKs presents Happy's Circus on the school field. Gates open: 4.30pm. Show: 6pm- 8pm. Tickets: £10 adult, £8 child, £32 family (2 adults & 2 children) available from FoAKs In addition to a fantastic fun packed family show, they'll be a BBQ, bar, raffle, games, face painting & circus stalls
Saturday 27 th June	7pm-midnight Inaugural School Ball A Midsummer Night's Dream
Week of Monday 29 th June Sports Day- Friday 3 rd July	AK Sports Week- more details to follow. We are planning an exciting action packed sports and healthy week ending with our family sports day on Friday 3 rd July- please put this day in your diaries.
Thursday 16 th July	AK's Got Talent- advance warning for children to prepare their acts! 2 mins maximum.

All dates can be found on our website in the calendar. www.akps.org.uk

With very best wishes,

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