



Friday 9th October

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:



Years 3 & 4 headed off excitedly to their WOW trip to the Ashmolean museum Oxford on Tuesday. I was delighted to hear how much the pupils enjoyed the off-site learning experience but was equally as delighted to hear how beautifully behaved they all were and what a credit to the school they are. I like to hear of our pupils shining brightly not just at school but outside too.



A group of pupils from Year 6 shone brightly in the community this week as they attended the Golden Years' Harvest Thanksgiving. They all performed a script brilliantly and Mrs Morton, who accompanied them, was beaming with pride when she returned with the pupils telling me how well they represented the school. Well done to Jess, George, Lucy, Archie, Amber and Charlotte.

World Education Games

All children with Mathletics logins (Years 2-6) are now able to take part in the World Education Games, which is run by 3P Learning, who provide Mathletics. Children can login with their Mathletics password to www.worldeducationgames.com to begin practising their Literacy, Maths and Science skills, in preparation for the live competition on 13th - 15th October. In addition to this, children have free access to Spellodrome throughout the whole of October. A perfect opportunity for your child to practise their skills in these subjects while having fun!

AK School Improvement Plan Update

As I mentioned in my recent newsletter, I would like to keep you informed of actions taking place in school as they happen to help us achieve our school improvement plan this academic year. The 6 key areas of our SIP is on our website and on display in the hall. Each action has a detailed plan which is shared by all who work in the school and our Governors.

Here is the latest update:

For Key action 1 (Progress) - we have introduced 'mindfulness' to our staff and pupils, to help them to focus and reflect which will benefit their teaching and learning. This is particularly useful after break time, lunch time and at the start of the day. So far Years 2, 4 and 5 have started their sessions with Mrs Tromans, one of our TAs, who is a qualified instructor.



Key action 4: (Outdoor learning environment)- the brilliant new playground markings to improve playtimes have been well received by our children and I see also by a few parents who are enjoying them with their children in the mornings (fabulous to see). The new outdoor classroom, which will be opened on Friday 16th at 2.45pm (all welcome) is ready for the fabulous use we have planned for it.

Might Oaks

We are so lucky to have Mighty Oaks here at school to look after our children providing quality care after school and fantastic staff. I know numbers are really good all week, but understandably, as it is the start of the weekend, they are less on a Friday. Currently the club has an average of 3 children on Fridays and with these numbers, it will struggle to stay open on that day at our school. If this is the case, the children will have to be bussed to another local venue along with other schools. We are hoping numbers will pick up so it can stay on site on Fridays.

Awareness of recent bike thefts in village

Please be vigilant and keep bikes etc. locked away as there have been reports of recent bike thefts in the village.

Governor of the term

After the success of the Governor of the month which I introduced with my Governors last year, we have decided to continue it and make it Governor of the term this year. Governors are an important part of our school and visit for many reasons. The Governors of the term will focus on the 6 key areas of the school improvement plan over the 6 terms and one Governor will be assigned to monitoring each area through their visits. After their visits they write a report for the Governors and school, a summary of which is available for parents to see on our website under Governors. The Governors are essential in leading the school alongside myself and my senior leadership team and I embrace the opportunity to have them involved in monitoring our effectiveness and school improvement. They are a group of people who work incredibly hard behind the scenes supporting and challenging me and the school to ensure we work together to provide the very best for your children.



This term, the Governor of the term is Adam Loveridge and he is focussing on Key Action 4 of the school improvement plan (Developing an effective outdoor learning environment). Adam is one of our parent Governors and is very happy for you to approach him/ contact him should you have any questions for him.



Have a lovely weekend, thank you for your continued support. I really hope to see many of you at the official opening of our new outdoor classroom on Friday 16th October 2.45pm. The children will be singing for you, I really hope you can join us on this special occasion.

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 13 th October	9am Class 6 assembly for parents in the hall
Wednesday 14 th October	Zumba Kids Morning- all children will receive 30 minutes of Zumba with their classes (free of charge to parents as funded by the school)
Thursday 15 th October	4-5pm <i>Keeping up with the Kids Maths Session</i> in the hall. More details to follow. The staff sharing latest maths teaching strategies to help you support at home.
Friday 16 th October 2.45pm	Breakfast Club World Food event Official opening of the new outdoor classroom. FoAKS will kindly be providing refreshments for a small charge. All invited.
Monday 19 th October	4-5pm <i>Keeping up with the Kids English Session</i> in the hall. More details to follow. The staff sharing latest English teaching strategies to help you support at home.
Tuesday 20 th October	End of Term 1 - Dressing Down Day - remember your packets/tins 9am Heroes and Heroines Assembly in the hall for parents and carers FoAKS end of term disco for pupils (more details to follow).
Wednesday 21 st October	Teacher Training Day- school closed to pupils
Saturday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications
Monday 2 nd November	Term 2 restarts at 9am
Thursday 5 th November	Swimming restarts for Class 5
Friday 6 th November	3pm Pupil charity stalls in hall/playground
Saturday 7 th November	Fireworks Night - Bradstone field.