



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



### Team AK Shining Brightly:

We have been back for a busy but really brilliant two weeks where the children are all certainly making the most of every minute!

*teaching and learning opportunities within school*

### Class R's First school assembly and school trip

Team R were incredible on Tuesday as they performed for the first time in front of the whole school, parents and carers. Their personalities certainly shone through and they entertained us with their wonderful singing and by sharing some highlights from their fabulous learning this year. I was particularly impressed by how brave they all were, and by how much they clearly enjoyed sharing with us. We loved seeing the film of the chick hatching experience which was expertly filmed by our special YR nature cameraman, Jenson, and hearing how the class looked after the chicks as they grew. The children were clearly excited about their recent trip to Adam's farm and they entertained us by singing a very clever take on Old Macdonald's farm including all of the very lengthy names of the animals they saw! We were proud of each and every one of the children, both of how they have grown individually and as a class. As I watched the assembly, I could not help but notice how proud the Year 6 pupils were of their Year R Buddies. Well done Class R on a wonderful first class assembly.



*Class R had an amazing time at the Cotswold Farm Park. The weather was beautiful, the animals were wonderful and the children were a credit to our school. We watched a goat being milked, a sheep being sheared, held ducks, chicks and rabbits and fed goats, pigs and lambs. We had a tour of the farm in a trailer on the back of a tractor and we got to play in the farm's special woodland area.*



### Class 4's special forest school treat

Class 4 chose for their special treat, a nature walk and visit to the park! They all headed off in their hi-viz jackets with binoculars and nature books to the village's Millenium green to look closely at wildlife and nature. The children used the money that they raised at the Christmas market enterprise to buy binoculars and nature books, which is lovely! On the way they stopped to observe some professional carvers creating a unique wooden sculpture of *Father Thames* by the River Thames (opposite the shop). I am sure this will inspire some further poetry and



descriptive writing from the class once they are back in school to add to the wonderful poems they have been writing about sunsets.

## SIAMS Outstanding!

I have written to you all via parent mail to share the report from the recent inspection which we are all absolutely delighted with and which represents our school beautifully. It is also now proudly on our website. Thank you ever so much for your feedback, we really appreciate it. Well done Team AK!

## Sporting Superstars

Team AK have been really busy attending many sporting events in the past 2 weeks including: rounders, cricket and district sports. As always we are super proud of all children for their attitude and behaviour when representing the school and of how smart they all look. They have performed really well too and most of all have enjoyed themselves! We are so lucky to be part of Sports clusters in both Gloucestershire and Wiltshire so that we can access a real range of sporting competitions and opportunities for our children. We are also very lucky to have such a wonderful sports coach who is so passionate about ensuring that our children feel involved and are excited to engage in healthy competition. I know that this year we have many children from District sports who finished 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> in their events and therefore have qualified for the Area sports event. Well done everyone and a massive thank you to all the parents and carers who offer their support to the school with transport to ensure these events can take place.

## AKPS Marathon on Tuesday!

On Tuesday 20th June it is our AKPS Marathon which we are really looking forward to. Every adult and child will get the opportunity to run and have a part in each class running their 26.2 mile marathon. Parents and carers are welcome to come and join in at the end of the day with an open run from 3pm. As you are aware, this is a sponsored event and last year we raised money to provide our fabulous new Team AK sports kit which has had such a positive impact on our children and on how proudly and smartly they represent the school at sporting events. We also used the gift aided part of the money for our link school in Uganda and raised £401 for the anti-bullying charity supported by the inspirational Ben Smith who ran an incredible 401 marathons back to back. This time we are raising money to top up the wonderful legacy that the previous FOAKS team left us to provide an all weather pitched area for children to be able to play sports/ ball games even when the field is too wet to use. This will be incredible and will improve our playtimes, benefitting all of our pupils. It will be another legacy for the fundraising we do for our school and further enhance our children's opportunities in school. Thank you in advance for your support.



## Sports week is almost here!

How exciting, on Monday 26th June our Annual AKPS Sports week will be here! Please send your child into school dressed in PE/Sports wear every day. On the Friday, it is essential that they wear their house colour t-shirt for sports day. Please also ensure that your child has suncream applied, has a hat and a drinks bottle that can be refilled throughout the day. (As you can tell, I am hoping for lovely sunny weather). Children can wear trainers or daps, whichever they already use for PE. They will need their school jumper/cardigan in case it is cooler. Year 6 are allowed to wear their leavers hoodies for the whole of this week. We will be having a visit from a very special sportsperson who is a Commonwealth gold medallist to inspire our children but this will be in the last week of term due to her training schedule. (A letter will be sent out about this very soon).

Mr Tanner will shortly be unveiling his very exciting timetable for the week but yet again we have tried to provide a diverse range of sporting opportunities to try to reach out to everyone. By the end of the sports week your child might have discovered a new sport they would like to continue in an extra -curricular club after school/ in a community club. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the Friday morning of that week (Friday 30th June) at our annual Sports morning. If you would like to bring a picnic rug and some lunch, you are welcome to join us for a picnic lunch afterwards. In the afternoon, your children will be required to return to class for the afternoon of schooling as usual.

## Auditions for the Year 5/6 production- shining stars in the making!

This week, the Year 5s and 6s have been auditioning for the Year 5/6 production of *Pirates of Currybean* and we were so impressed with them! The excited queues for auditions were forming on Monday and Tuesday lunchtime ready to share their talents with Miss Thomas and Miss Perring! The level of talent shown in auditions was phenomenal. Every child in Year 5 & 6 auditioned with lines learned from our amazing script. The attitude of the children about the allocation of parts was exemplary. The show dates have now been confirmed as Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July both starting at 6.30pm. Tickets will be on sale very soon, a parentmail will be sent out to let you know when tickets are ready to purchase.

## Help with reinforcing maths strategies at home

Please find on our website, under policies, the new calculation policy created by our Maths leader Mrs Voss, to help you to see the way maths is taught in our school in each year group to enable you to reinforce this at home by using the same methods as we do in school. I am sure you will find this a very useful document to have access to.





## **Our Christian value in focus is Respect**

This term we are focussing on respect both as a Christian value and a British value. On our website you can find a help sheet of how you can continue supporting with this at home should you like to. In school, we are already seeing many ways in which children are showing respect for one another, the environment and others in the world. Some pupils in Class 6, Hana, Zoe, Amber, Tilly and Jake have been incredibly thoughtful making a beautiful wooden, hand painted sign for the little girl who sadly passed away a few years ago and for who the spiritual garden was a memorial garden. This shows true and natural respect for others, we were all very moved. Once the area has been painted by children in forest school with Mrs Willis, we will be inviting the little girl's family in to see the area. Also, these children have worked with Mr Taylor, who has been visiting our school before his teacher training course, and they have held an art club each day so that children from across the school can contribute ideas to the 4 core value circular stepping stones which they are creating for our spiritual garden.

## **AK Music and Arts Festival**

We are so looking forward to being part of this wonderful community event during the week of 26<sup>th</sup> June. The choir are performing on the Wednesday evening and on Sunday afternoon, I am hoping lots of children will help me to do a performance of our iSING pop songs to the community in the hope to engage as many people as possible in song and dance. Hopefully lots of children will come to prevent me from doing a solo! Adults please join in- you all know the songs and actions! We are also involved in writing for the festival and creating some art work inspired by Year 6's residential to London. There are so many opportunities for you or your children to get involved during the festival, it will be brilliant!

## **Thank you Mrs Tim!**

I would like to give a special mention of thanks to Mrs Tim. Every week our KS1 children have free fruit provided for them - last week we had gorgeous fresh British strawberries. This week we had fresh peppers and we were a little confused how the children could easily eat these so we cut them up into slices. Mrs Tim, upon observing this, went home and made fresh hummus for all of the children who wanted it to accompany their pepper slices. How thoughtful was this? Thank you Mrs Tim for this kind and generous act!

## **AK's First School Fest!**

Please be reminded, just in case you have missed the brilliant, massive sign outside the village shop) that on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June it is AK's Fest from 3-7pm at school. I know the FOAKS team and helpers are working super hard to put a wonderful event on for us all. Bring your picnic blankets and hope for sunshine! I hope to see many of you there, I am really looking forward to it!



## Photograph Deadline

Please return any orders for class photos by the end of school next Wednesday (21<sup>st</sup>). Thank you.

## Safari Caps

Please remember in this hot weather that we have blue sunhats with neck protection for sale in the school office at £3.50 each.

## Safety First

We have reminded all of the children about not riding bikes or scooters on the playground before or after school to keep everyone safe and to avoid any collisions occurring. Please help support with this by reminding your child and any younger siblings to walk and push their bikes/scooters.

Can I also politely remind you that the play equipment should not be used after school for safety reason as we are not covered after school should an accident take place and if not fully supervised this could happen. Also, Mighty Oaks after school club book and pay to use the equipment and playground after school, the children who are in the club will be wearing hi-viz jackets and are the only children who should be on scooters or using the playground/ play equipment after school. Thank you for your cooperation with this to keep all of our children safe.

With my best wishes,

*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.

Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	4pm Messy Church in school
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Classes 1 & 2 trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Ashton Keynes Marathon 6pm New Reception parents meeting (entry Sept 17)
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> - Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 residential to Viney Hill activity centre
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	FoAKS School Festival
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Week
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	7pm School choir perform as part of AK Music Festival in Holy Cross Church
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Am Sports Morning- please save this date in your diaries Y4 Residential- one night forest school camp at AKPS
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Between 3-6pm Pupils performing Ising Pop songs as part of AK Music Festival
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15 - 11am Open morning Class R coffee morning

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Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1.30pm Y6 Leaver's Church Service for Y6 pupils, parents and carers
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm Y5/6 production of <i>Pirates of the Currybean</i> tickets on sale soon.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Visit to Royal Air Tatoo (KS2)
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	11am Yr 6 Leavers' Assembly for parents and carers Noon Balloon release 1.30pm Yr6 v parents rounders match
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving up morning- children visit their new classrooms and teachers/TAs- Year 6 preparation for Secondary session
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	9am AK's Got Talent for pupils and staff 1.45-2.45pm Surprise treat for pupils and staff in the hall for achieving their TEAM AK award!
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9am Heroes and Heroines, end of year assembly for parents and carers to join in with! 3.15pm Term 6/academic year 2016/17 ends