



Friday 4th May 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

I know my newsletter is not due until next week but I am with Year 5 at the Malvern Show next Friday and wanted to share a few things from the past week with you.

BBC Wiltshire visit- TEAM AK live on the Breakfast show!

I love this school. Not only is it a joy day to day to see your children behaving beautifully and making strides in their learning, but it is wonderful to provide and embrace wonderful opportunities for our school to shine. Last week, we were chosen to host the BBC Wiltshire Breakfast show as part of their *Step into Summer* initiative.

I thought the coverage of our school and village community was brilliant. If the people of Wiltshire and beyond had not heard about our wonderful school before, then they will know who we are now. I felt the passion and buzz of our happy and successful school and our links with the community really shone through. It was a miserable rainy day but TEAM AK really shone brightly. Thank you for the lovely comments I have received about the show. I am now getting used to being called 'Sue' after the show!

I thought The Paris family were amazing hosts, very generously giving of their home and time and came across beautifully. A special well done to Ettie and Freddie who were up super early and were so tired but still managed to have a brilliant day of learning at school! Ettie received a merit for a superb piece of writing she did on the day even after the early start!

My thanks also go to the community, governors, staff, parents and pupils who were interviewed, well done all. Also, the BBC Wiltshire team, they were all incredible- so enthusiastic, supportive fun and helpful. Ben the presenter was brilliant and so positive about our school, thank you Ben. Also a special thank you to Emma Colman the producer who generously gave of her time to come in to speak to the children about a career in Radio in the future to inspire them which was excellent.

If you missed the shows and would like to catch them there are two:

The first is the last ten minutes as a warm up interview with me about our school:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0645z25>

The second is the whole morning with interviews related to Ashton Keynes and our school:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0645zgv>

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I think this was a brilliant opportunity for not only promoting our wonderful school but also for promoting this wonderful village and community and putting Ashton Keynes firmly on the map as a wonderful place to be.

If you would like to be part of the *Step into Summer* initiative, get your pedometers on, get out and active and record your mileage and send it in to BBC Wiltshire. They are trying to beat their target of 100,000 miles in May. Schools are submitting loads of mileage every day to help them to do this, please get on board too. Here is the link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4dGtYCTmd0jKw84jrLjh8lK/step-into-summer>

iSing pop CD is here!

I got a sneaky preview of the CD and I have to say I have face ache from smiling all the way home and all the way to school today. I LOVE the cd, it is brilliant. I hope you love it too. Well done TEAM AK and thank you to everyone who got behind and supported this project. A real partnership effort between our school and our wonderful Holy Cross church. Thank you all. Please let me know what you think to the cd and join in with the songs in the next Heroes and Heroines assembly on Monday 21st May 9am.

Malvern Show- AKPS garden

Yesterday a wonderful team of adults and six Year 4 children went to Malvern show ground to start building the garden. They worked so hard and have produced the first amazing part of our garden. This Malvern show garden has been given so much time and support from a wide range of people including volunteers and sponsors from the community and school who have given so freely of their time. The children have been fully engaged in



the design and the whole process. We have been so lucky to work with GWR for railway safety talks and support with the project based around Brunel. I will do an official named thank you once the show is complete but for now, I am feeling mighty proud of all involved. Some children and staff are attending the judging next Wednesday with Year 4 visiting on Thursday to 'man' the garden and speak to the general public. Then Year 5 and myself will be visiting on Friday. Please remember that half-price tickets for the show can be obtained through school if you'd like to go to the show and see our garden. Please see either Mr Jackson or Mrs Crowley for more information.



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500 Words: Mrs Campbell's exciting news...

Mrs Campbell, one of our TA who works in Year 6 has been a judge for the past 2 years for the BBC 500 words story competition and was excited to receive a letter:

Dear Joanne Campbell,

We're getting in touch with exciting news!

We've run our random ballot and your name has been picked out. We'd like to offer you two tickets to the 500 Words Final, live from Hampton Court Palace on the 8th June. It's our way of saying a little thank you for all your hard work judging for us.

She has received warning that it will be a very early start - 05:30 in fact!

She will be in the company of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall, BBC2 Chris Evans and his breakfast team, celebrity final story readers plus many other artists. To say she is excited is an understatement. She has promised to take as many photographs as she is permitted to plus as many autographs as she can (without being a pest!) She is looking forward to seeing if she can get TEAM AK some autographs and reporting back what she saw. Year 6 are looking forward to interviewing her about the experience. Well done Mrs Campbell.

Plea for Year 6

Please can you send in any left over newspapers to Class 6/ give to Mrs Morton for an upcoming art project linked to London. Thank you.

Teaching Appointment News

It is with absolute delight that I can now officially reveal our appointment which the Governors, Miss Perring and I recently made for a teaching post. From September, Miss Anna Boase will be returning to the team full time to teach Class 4. Those of you who have been here a few years will remember Miss Boase trained with us and was brilliant. After a year of travelling and teaching abroad and doing charitable work, then a year full time teaching in Year 4 in another school, we interviewed and appointed Miss Boase and are delighted that she will be returning back to TEAM AK as a full time member of the team. If you don't know who Miss Boase is, you soon will. She is a very creative, kind, talented and bubbly teacher who is very popular with the pupils, parents and fits in beautifully to our staff team. I know the current Class 5 will particularly be over the moon as she taught them the year she trained with us. Welcome back Miss Boase! Miss Boase will be teaching in Year 4 from September and will be taking over leading the school council and building on the wonderful work of Miss Redman with this pupil team. Miss Boase will be attending the Y4 sleepover on Friday 29th June this year alongside the Year 4 team.

I can also let you know that our lovely Mrs Hancock, TA in Year 1, who trained as a teacher with us, has just secured her very own Y 1 teaching post in a school in Swindon. We are



delighted for Mrs Hancock, this was so well deserved and she will make a brilliant teacher. Good luck Mrs Hancock! Mrs Hancock will leave us at the end of term in July ready to start her teaching post in September.

At the end of the Summer term, we will say a very fond farewell to Mrs Boswell, who joined us to work in Year 4 alongside Mrs Voss and cover Mrs Voss in her maternity leave this year. Mrs Boswell has been an incredible asset to the team. Mrs Boswell will continue to be part of Team AK and we will be keeping in touch. Thank you Mrs Boswell from the bottom of our hearts, you have been incredible!

I will let you know more staffing updates a little later on when everything is in place.

We have got so many fabulous and very exciting things planned for our children in the coming months, just look at the calendar to see. This includes: a street dance workshop for every class, World awareness week where your children will travel around seven countries learning about culture, geography and art. Your child will also do a cooking workshop from one of the countries and bring home a meal to share with you, all kindly funded by our FOAKS fundraising and provided by Mel Tim and her Kitchen Club. Check the calendar at <http://www.akps.org.uk/> for much more including: sports week, visiting story teller and visiting author!

Thank you for your wonderful support and for helping make this school so incredible. Enjoy the long weekend.

With my kindest regards,

S.L. Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

The school calendar on the website www.akps.org.uk is loaded with dates up until the end of this academic year 2018 to help you plan ahead:

Date	Event
Monday 7th May	Bank Holiday - school closed
Thur 10th - Sun 13th May	Malvern Show with AK School entry
Mon 14th - Thur 17th	KS2 SATS week
Sunday 20th May	3-6pm Messy church in school hall
Monday 21st	9.00am Heroes and Heroines assembly
Tues 22nd - Fri 25th	Year 6 residential trip to London
Mon 18th June	10.45 visiting author Eamonn Rielly
Wednesday 18th July	Moving up morning- classes get to move up and spend a morning in their new classes ready for next year.