



Friday 6th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

Well last week was even more sporty and active than usual. With a successful sports week, Year 4 overnight forest school camp and a festival, we have been very busy indeed!

Sports Week

We had another fabulous week. It was really lovely to see your children enjoying the week and taking part in the wide range of sporting activities on offer. This year we had some of our regular visitors such as: archery, cricket, martial arts, Zumba, tennis and had new visits including: Bop-a-thon with disco lights and glow sticks and Skippy John! We were visited by parent Bec Buckle who talked to the children about her London Marathon experience and really inspired us all, thank you Bec for doing this! The week was incredibly well organised and was a real success, ending with our sports morning which was lovely. Thank you to all of the visitors who contributed to the sports week, we really enjoyed working with you. It is really important for further developing community links through sport. Also a huge thank you to Mr Tanner, our sports coach for organising such a slick week and sports morning. Well done Team AK.

Marathon

Again thank you to all of the parents who were able to help at the AK marathon. This was another brilliant event which children and staff thoroughly enjoyed. It was incredibly well managed as it was so hot and all children had the chance to take part safely. Thank you for sponsoring your child, all of the money raised will go towards jogging bottoms to go with our AK sports kit. If you still have pennies to send in from sponsorship, please return to the office asap, we are ever so grateful.



Congratulations to our tennis county finalists!

We are so proud of our tennis team who got through to county level competition competing against 11 other teams and finishing in 4th out of 12 teams in total. This is an absolutely fabulous achievement. Well done!

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Year 4 camp out

Last Friday, Class 4 had their first class sleepover. They experienced: outdoor dining, cooking marshmallows on the fire pit, forest school session making wooden whistles and outdoor story telling in our willow story-telling area before bedtime. The children then camped in the tents which parents had kindly set up and they slept! It was all very exciting but really beneficial to the children. The whole class were lovely and the staff team and I loved the whole experience. I know they are more than ready for 2 nights camping in the Forest of Dean next year during Year 5.

Ashtonbury

This was a fabulous event. Thank you so much to all who worked hard to make this possible. It was such a lovely atmosphere with wonderful stalls, the band was brilliant. The school choir sang beautifully to entertain us all and looking around, I saw so many happy faces. We even had a unicorn! Thank you for supporting events like this as they support our school and your children. The bottle donations were brilliant and the stall was a sell out! Thank you all so much, especially to the FOAKS team and all of the volunteers, you are incredible.

Next Friday, 13th July end of year reports will come home with your children with a letter inside sharing my staffing plan for next year. If you do have time, it is really lovely to receive the parent feedback forms from the reports. Thank you for this.

Amy in Year 6 Haircut

In the final Heroes and Heroines on Wednesday 25th July 9am in the hall, Amy in Year 6 will be having her hair cut to donate to the Little Princess Trust. She wrote me a beautiful letter to check it was ok to do this and I thought it would be brilliant. Another very thoughtful request. There will be a collection bucket should you want to donate to the Little Princess Trust. <http://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/> There is also a 'justgiving' page for this which Amy and her Mum have set up: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Amyshaircut

WI village show September 15th- get your creative hats on over the Summer!

I am ever so excited about this year's competition. Get your children collecting their best pebble over the summer and get them thinking. This task is to be completed outside of school. Here is the task:

Children (Please state name and year group on the back- so judges cannot see them)

Use your creativity to decorate a pebble. This can be painted or decorated in any way.

Extra challenge: You could submit a short piece of writing alongside your pebble to either: describe what it is, a character description for your pebble, poem for your pebble or an idea of your own. It is the pebble itself which will be judged.

I have worked with Chris from the WI to come up with the task and I think this is a brilliant one for your children to really enjoy and pebble painting is very popular at the moment. If you



would like some inspiration, google pebble painting and there are some incredible images to get your child's creativity flowing. The extra challenge of a piece of writing to go with the pebble would be really lovely because we really value writing here at AKPS and it is fabulous for the community to see our children's wonderful writing. I wonder if they have a Headteacher category for this, I am so excited about it that I would like to enter!

When we return to school in September, we will have planned our annual learning metaphor/spiritual development fortnight and during this wonderful experience, we will be decorating a pebble from every child to celebrate their individuality in one family. These will become a permanent outdoor display for our children and parents to enjoy.

Thanks to all who have been returning school sports kit and school library and class reading books. We are doing a stock take over the summer and updating the library books so please make sure you have returned any books and kit by the summer.

Also, if you are having a clear out, we would be very grateful of any books for our library and wet play games for classes/ breakfast club. We are ever so grateful of any donations, they all get utilised so well. Thank you all so much!

With the heat wave predicted to continue, please remember to continue sending in suncream, hats and drinks bottles so we can keep your children safe in the sun. We have special measures in place in school to ensure there are areas of shade for our children and brand new fans in every classroom. We are also monitoring to try to ensure children are regularly drinking their water to keep hydrated.

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
Tuesday 10 th July	9.00am Class 3 assembly
Wednesday 11 th July	Storyteller in school 6.30pm Classes 5/6 Production
Thursday 12 th July	6.30pm Classes 5/6 Production
Friday 13 th July	Class 6 trip to Fairford Air Show Annual reports to parents
Monday 16 th July	Pm Treat for school - Fisherman's Tale theatre show
Wednesday 18 th July	Moving up morning - pupils visit their new class and teacher 2.00pm Summer afternoon of music for musicians and village community
Thursday 19 th July	Pm Treat for school - Charlotte's Web production
Friday 20 th July	1.45pm Leavers service in Holy Cross Church for Yr 6 parents only



Monday 23rd July	a.m. AK Got Talent - pupils only
Tuesday 24th July	11.00am Leavers' assembly in school hall for Year 6 parents 1.30pm Rounders match - Year 6 v parents 3.15pm Balloon release
Wednesday 25th July	9.00am Heroes and Heroines assembly - all welcome