



Friday 22nd June 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

As you receive this, I will be on residential with Year 5, so please excuse my short update which I had to write a few days in advance before I went on residential. I didn't think I'd be able to write it whilst abseiling down a 90ft drop or caving in tiny spaces which I really should not fit through! Although with me you never know, it probably wouldn't surprise you if I did make this possible! So here are a few ways we have been shining brightly:

Ruby shines brightly on BBC Wiltshire

Further to my last newsletter, Ruby took part in a brilliant radio interview which I would love you to listen to if you have not already had chance. In the interview she gets to read her winning story and it is brilliant. Here is the link for you to enjoy:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p067vt1p>

Robokids

If you get chance please check out the link below. We were so lucky to get a visit from UKESF who have very generously supplied our school with several *Robokid* kits to trial out with their pupils. *Robokid* is a hands-on electronics project for use in the classroom with Years 4, 5 and 6 (age 9-11, Key Stage 2) that aims to encourage enthusiasm for Electronics and STEM subjects. The children absolutely loved this opportunity. You can see the full write up by following the link below:

<https://www.ukesf.org/news/local-schoolchildren-get-stuck-into-robokid-kits/>

Thanks to Mrs Clarke for arranging for the school to be involved with this project.

Engineering Challenge winners...

Recently, our school took part in an engineering competition as part of the enterprise and engineering drive we have had. We have just received some very exciting news, our children shone incredibly brightly and we had a winner and a handful of pupils shortlisted. Wow! I will leave you with the communication we received below so you can see just how well our pupils have done. Go TEAM AK! Well done to everyone who entered but particularly well done to Oliver Green and the children listed below.

*I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Oliver Green Year 1**, for his design 'Slide Keep Safe', he has been chosen as a **TROPHY WINNER**; I look forward to meeting you along with **Oliver** and his family, as well as the engineer that inspired him, at the Awards Ceremony and Private Exhibition, where he will be presented with his trophy.*

*The following student/s from **Ashton Keynes Primary School** have been chosen to be put **on display**:*

Tristan Claridge Distinction Year 1

Alexander Felipe Distinction - Shortlisted Year 4

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Eva Musgrove Distinction - Shortlisted Year 5

Daniel Gimmler Distinction Year 6

Jacob Vaughan Distinction Year 6

As you know the Students work is graded Pass, Merit or Distinction, from the Distinction entries some are chosen (shortlisted) to go on to a further round of judging, some entries of those shortlisted particularly caught the judges eye and were given Judges' Highly Commended and from these the winners are chosen. Though your Distinction, Shortlisted or Judges' Highly Commended Students listed may have missed out on winning a trophy this year, those that have been chosen for display from your school are in the top percentile and as such have achieved an astonishing feat and should be congratulated; this was a tough competition this year over 2,712 entries in the South West of England alone.

We have really enjoyed all of the engineering projects we have been part of this year and we look forward to continuing with more next year and beyond as we can really see the benefit for our children.

We will celebrate the writing competition and Primary Engineer competition in the last Heroes and Heroines assembly of the year.

Year 5 in Viney Hill

As you receive this I will be on the final day of our 3 day residential with Year 5 in the beautiful Forest of Dean. I look forward to telling you all about this in my next newsletter.

Ashtonbury

Further to my parent mail, please be reminded that Saturday 30th June 3pm is Ashtonbury, a school festival/ fete organised by our very own FoAKS team. I look forward to seeing many of you there at what sound like it will be a brilliant afternoon. I have even been asked to take to the 'mic' and sing with the band! I was personally delighted about this although I am not sure how I will sound after the year 4 sleepover the night before! Any offers of help gratefully appreciated (not with the singing just with the festival) please email Suus Paris on suzyrak@hotmail.com

Sports Week

Please be reminded that next week is our annual sports week finishing with a sports morning for everyone on Friday morning. As per usual, children can come to school every day dressed in sporting/PE wear and should wear their house colour top and navy shorts for the sports morning on Friday. After the sports morning on Friday, as usual there is the chance to bring a picnic lunch to eat with your child on the field until 1.15pm when children will return to class. Some parents will be coming in to erect tents for the Year 4 camp out during the afternoon and after school.

Good Luck Mrs Voss

Next Friday, 29th June will be Mrs Voss' last day as she leaves for her maternity leave. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of everyone to wish Mr and Mrs Voss the best of luck



and we look forward to hearing about the safe arrival of their little bundle of joy which is due in July. We are so lucky that Mrs Boswell is with us and able to teach the class full time until the end of the Summer term.

Finally, it is progressing towards the end of the year. Please would you take this opportunity to check at home for any library/school reading books and any school sports kit and return it to the office. Our stocks are looking low so we would be so grateful of items returned so we can take stock. We do this every year and so much comes back. 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!

Thank you for your continued support.

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 26th June	9.00am Class 1 assembly
Friday 29th June	Sports morning (Friday 6th July if wet)
Sat 30th June	AK Fest- please see Sus Paris if you can help.
Monday 2 nd July	9.00am School Open Morning
Tuesday 3 rd July	9.00am Class 3 assembly
Wednesday 4 th July	9.00am Class R assembly
Friday 6 th July	Classes 1/2 trip to Bristol
Wednesday 11 th July	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