



Friday 14th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

I am delighted to welcome you all back to school and to welcome new joiners across the school into TEAM AK. It has been such a great start to the year! We look forward to another exciting and excellent year ahead. The staff and children are all fired up and ready to go!

As you will have heard from my recent parent mails, we have been over the moon to learn that we have been nominated for the 'Pride of the Cotswolds School of the Year' and that we are finalists, shortlisted to the final three schools! In addition we were incredibly delighted to learn that we are the only primary school in the finals! This is all as a result of the wonderful nominations made by parents and carers and the local community for our school. We cannot be more thankful and we will attend an upcoming presentation evening to find out where we have finished. Honestly, we are so delighted to have got this far and go with absolutely no expectations of winning just to represent our wonderful school and TEAM AK. This is a huge well done to absolutely everyone who is part of this school family. Thank you!

WI competition

I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful pebbles which have arrived for the show on Saturday. Chris from the WI came to collect the pebbles and was very impressed with them. The show is on in the village hall tomorrow, know they'd love to see some children and families there if possible.

Life Education Van

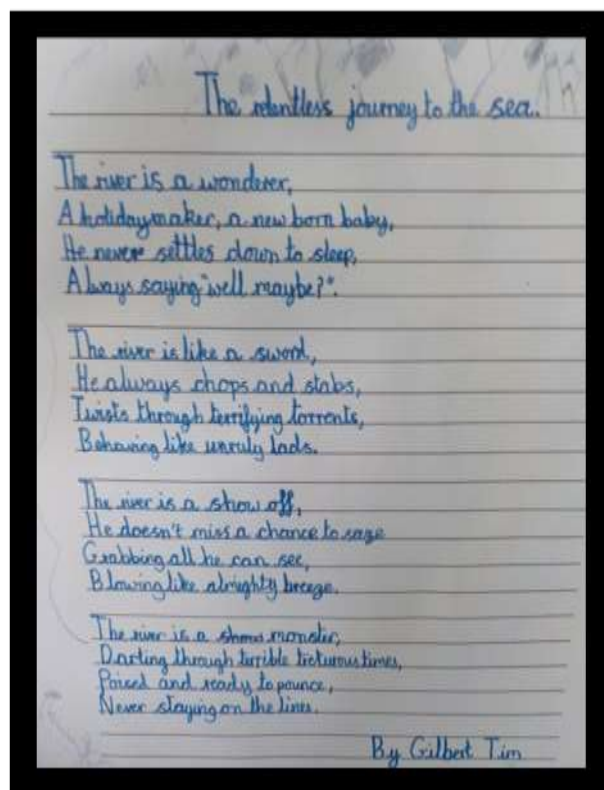
Our annual visit of the Life Education van is next week (Tuesday and Wednesday), funded by the money raised by our FOAKS team. Life Education provides health and drug education to children by visiting schools in a specially equipped mobile classroom to deliver carefully developed, age appropriate programmes. The children love visiting the multi-sensory mobile classroom and meeting Harold the giraffe! The centre will be located on our school playground and will be open after school for parents on Tuesday should you like to visit.

New Class R

We could not be more proud of how our new Reception class have joined the school. We have a full class of 30 children and lots of new families joining our school. It has been incredible to see how quickly they have settled and how much they seem to be enjoying 'big' school. I have loved watching them literally skipping and some running into school and every time I visit the classrooms, every single one of them is chatty and happy and engaging. They have certainly enjoyed meeting their Year 6 buddies! I look forward to sharing with you some of their learning and adventures this year as they grow with us.

Whole School Spiritual Journey

We have started this year off with a brilliant text called 'River story' by Meredith Hooper. We are using the book throughout the school to take the children on a spiritual journey. Using this text, we have completed Geography, Science, RE and DT work. The children have written poems and created artwork based on a river's journey. The children have been thinking about water in the world and how they can raise money to support others in the world through a water aid project at the end of term. They are creating pebbles which form a river of pebbles to flow through our spiritual reflection garden and represent each individual within our school as one collective family.



Performing Arts Workshops- Musicals!

One of the really exciting up-coming events for your children will be taking place on Tuesday 25th September where every class will get a musical theatre performing art workshop with a specialist from the PPQA (Pauline Quirk Academy) very generously provided by Dee Thompson, Mum of Zack and Tyler. Dee has provided drama workshops and a promotional filming experience for the school and this is the next wonderful event she is providing for our children. I cannot wait! Thank you so much Dee and PQA!

It is so early in the year but we have already planned so many exciting things for our children and staff to look forward to and we look forward to another fabulous year together.

Have a lovely 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 2019 to help you plan ahead:

Date	Event
Monday 17 th Sep	YR in full time
Tuesday 18 th Sep & Wed 19 th Sep	Life Ed van Days Parents can visit after school Tuesday
Thursday 20 th Sep	Y4 swim starts
Thursday 27 th September	School photographs
Tuesday 2 nd -5 th October	Book Fair (Miss Harrold is organising this- same set up as last year)
Thursday 4 th October	Join Mrs Saville and Miss Perring for a hot dinner - space hopper event! Order your lunch online!
Saturday 6 th October	FOAKS adult disco

Friday 12 th October	1.20 leave for church Harvest Festival - take food bank cans donations
Sunday 14 th October	11am Church Harvest Festival Holy Cross- all welcome 12.30 Harvest lunch school hall- all welcome
Wednesday 17 th October	Zumba with Meryl for pupils
Friday 19 th October	9am Heroes and Heroines
Tuesday 23 rd October	Water Aid Day- dress down wear blue 50p Unveil pupil pebble display in spiritual garden End of Term 1
Wednesday 24 th October	Teacher training day school closed to pupils
Monday 5 th November	9am Term 2 starts Parents evening online sign up opens for bookings
Wednesday 7 th November	Y 3 and 4 Corinium trip
10 th November	4.30pm AKPS Firework Evening at Bradstone Fields- help appreciated please!
11 th November	2.30 pm in village hall WW1 Concert Party in celebration of the Armistice involving some pupils organised by the village
Tuesday 13 th November	3.30-7pm Parents Evening Flu vaccination day for YR-5
Thursday 15 th November	3.30-6pm Parents Evening FOAKS School Disco Mighty Oaks in Class R classroom from 5-6
Tuesday 20 th November	9am Y5 Class Assembly to parents/carers 1.30pm Senior Citizen Tea Party hosted by Year 6
Sunday 2 nd December	4pm Christingle in Church 5.30 Christmas tree lighting at pub—choir to sing
Friday 7 th December	1.30pm FOAKS Pocket Money Stalls
Monday 10 th December	10.45-11.45 KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal for children in school and playgroup/ nursery 1.30-2.30 Nativity - all welcome
Tuesday 11 th December	Whole school trip to the Pantomime- Aladdin 11.30 coaches pick up, packed lunch on coaches, 1pm production, 3.30 pick up from theatre, 4-4.15 back at school
Wednesday 12 th December	1.30-2.30 Nativity - all welcome
Thursday 13 th December	5.30pm-6.30pm Nativity (adults/ older siblings only please)
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day- 50p for Save the Children 1.20pm leave for 1.40 Christmas Service Holy Cross Church- all welcome
Wednesday 19 th December	Zumba Morning After school FOAKS Movie Night
Thursday 20 th December	9-11 AK's Got Talent Christmas Special- pupils only
Friday 21 st December	9am Heroes and Heroines End of Term 2