



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,  
**Team AK Shining Brightly:**

I am feeling super proud of our school, we are all working so hard and the school continues to buzz and be a really exciting place to learn. We have a visiting author next week and a storyteller booked for June. Before the end of term we also have residential for Years 4,5 & 6 and KS2 Airshow trips, sculpture trips in Years 3 & 4, the Malvern show garden, Awareness of the World Week and Sports week to name just a few things! The school calendar shows all of the wonderful things we have planned so do keep an eye on this so you don't miss anything.

**Recycled plastic bottles made into Poppy Sculptures are revealed...**

I said I would show you what we did with the recycled plastic bottles and I am so impressed to share... Thanks to our visitor Marie who did a wonderfully inspiring workshop with our Class 4 pupils and to the Year 4 staff and pupil team for continuing this work to make over 60 poppies for the show! They are so stunning, they look like glass sculptures and they had fun making them. They will be positioned within our Malvern show garden as a symbol of remembrance.



**Malvern Spring Show Garden Update**



Some children and helpers went to start building the garden 'Ashton Keynes Remembers' yesterday and everything has been coming along nicely. There is a lot of hard work and commitment going into this garden and we are really grateful. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being involved. We will put some pictures and the garden guide which we have written (in the photo here) onto our website so you are able to read it.



If you are able to go to the Malvern show, I hope you enjoy our garden. We have an interactive star challenge quiz along with a beautiful 1945 garden we have designed and grown, just like you would have found in our village during this time. It has been a lovely garden and community history project for the children and staff of our school. Let's go for GOLD!



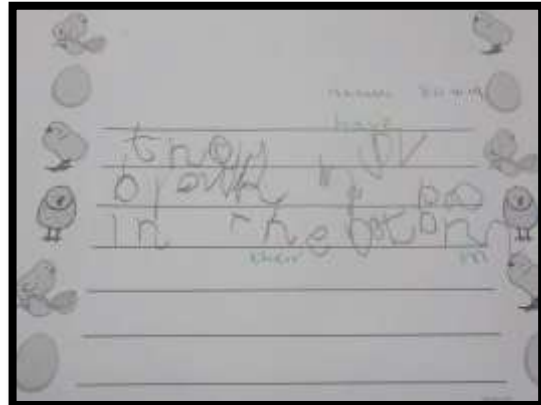
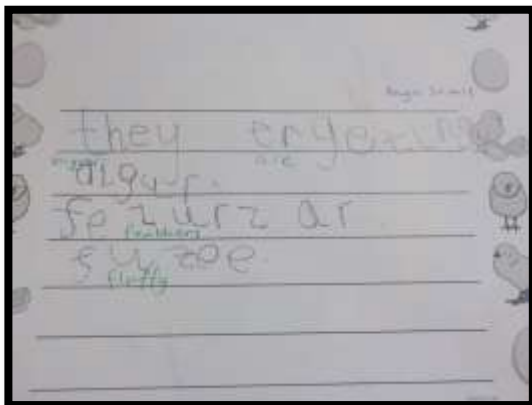
### Thank you from Gilbert and Zack

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your kind donations at the end of term for our sponsored silence event. We are lucky to have raised £105 for CCS adoption agency. We received a letter to thank us all very much and to say that the money would be used for a great cause. Thanks so much Gilbert and Zack (Year 6)

### Chick Update in Class R

Class R have been fascinated to watch the progress of our chicks over the last couple of weeks. 9/10 eggs successfully hatched and we have seen them grow into the rather inquisitive chicks you see in the photo! Our chicks have inspired lots of beautiful writing and drawing. Please enjoy the independent writing we did as reporters on the chicks and have shared with you in the photos.





### **School Building Update**

On Tuesday evening we had a drop in evening to look at the preliminary proposed plans for the build. We are working very hard behind the scenes to try and achieve the best improvement for our school. It is a very exciting time. The plans are almost ready to go to planning but we are aware that to get what we need: 3 classrooms and linking the school together with additional indoor learning space, we will need to fundraise on top of the funds we have been given from the LA for 3 classrooms. This is a one off opportunity and we are trying to make sure that this is done to really make the school shine and to maximum benefit. Therefore if we have to try and fundraise to do that then we will reach for the stars and do this. We have seen how successful village fundraising has been for the village hall and church and are hoping we can all pull together as a community to raise funds and improve our school through this new building incorporating the much needed three new KS1 classrooms. The project is not increasing pupil numbers, but replacing classrooms and linking the school together to create more learning space for all to use. I will arrange another time after school for parents and carers to pop in and see the plans once more has been decided. I am so delighted to be able to work with our Governors to help lead this project forward for our school. We are reaching for the stars so that our buildings can shine brightly too!

### **Reminder of Heroes and Heroines**

Please be reminded that as I am taking Year 6 to London and will be there on the last day of term, the Heroes and Heroines assembly will take place on Monday of the final week (20<sup>th</sup> May at 9am) in the hall. It has been on the school website calendar for ages but I thought I should remind you as it is a totally different day to usual.

### **Lateness before and after school**

This is a polite reminder that school starts at 8.50am when the bell goes and ends at 3.15pm unless children are in pre-booked after school clubs/ events. We fully appreciate that one off things happen that result in an occasional lateness at either end of the day but this must not be regular. In the case of regular lateness, you will be contacted by our member of staff in charge of attendance, Miss Perring. At the start of the day, children often start learning from 8.50am with learning groups happening across the school and therefore if they are late, they miss this vital input. At the end of the day, the staff have meetings/ clubs to attend and this means that they cannot supervise your children and therefore they are not safe if unsupervised. Of course on occasions when this cannot be helped we make sure someone is with your child to keep them safe but unfortunately for some children this is becoming regular and this cannot continue and therefore the Educational Welfare officer for Wiltshire will have to be contacted. Many thanks for your understanding and support with this. Every minute in school counts and punctuality is really important.





## Cycling/Scooting Safety

Quite a few adults have commented how they are concerned that pupils when travelling independently of their parents down Gosditch to/from school seem to lack awareness of vehicles and people around them. Please could you remind your children to travel safely and slow down and be particularly aware in these busy areas.

Have a superb long weekend, let's hope the sun shines on all of us and I shall look forward to welcoming you back on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 8.45am.

With my best wishes for a lovely bank holiday weekend.  
Your very proud Headteacher,

*S.L.Saville*

Mrs Saville  
Head Teacher

The school calendar on the website [www.akps.org.uk](http://www.akps.org.uk) is loaded with dates up until the end of this academic year 2019 to help you plan ahead:

Date	Event
Friday 3rd May	TD Day - School Closed
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday - School Closed
Tuesday 7th May	Author visit
Thursday 9th May	Class 4 to Malvern Show
Friday 10th May	Class 5 to Malvern Show
Mon 13th - Thurs 16th May	SATS week - no medical appointments (if possible) please
Tues 21st - Fri 24th May	Year 6 residential trip to London
Wednesday 22nd May	Zumba morning FoAKS quiz night
Thursday 23rd May	Year 5 engineer challenge
Mon 27th - Fri 31st May	Half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	8.50am School restarts for term 6 World Awareness Week

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