



Friday 24th May 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

It was so lovely to see so many of you at the Heroes and Heroines assembly on Monday, thank you! The children sang so well, despite our technical challenges, we kept reaching and didn't give up! It was lovely to celebrate all of our children with you.

Malvern Spring Show Garden Update

I know I have told you via parentmail and in Heroes and Heroines but I am super proud of our school as being one of 3 out of 11 schools who achieved GOLD at the Malvern show. Since the show, I have received some beautiful messages from the wider community who visited our garden and were so impressed by the work the children had done and by how well the children spoke about the project. TEAM AK certainly shone brightly in Malvern and across the country! I am so thankful to everyone involved, it was a massive team effort led by our Forest School leader Mr Jackson. I have included just one example, but I have received a few from people all over the country:

Dear Ms Saville,

I visited the RHS Malvern Show at the weekend and wanted to take a few moments to write to you about two of the pupils that I met from Ashton Keynes Primary School, as they manned your School Show Garden.

It was at about 10:30am on Saturday (am hoping that detail will help you identify them), and I met two boys from your school, who came over to me and asked if I'd like to know more about their garden (I think from your leaflet that one might have been Freddie, and although I didn't catch a name, the other boy had dark hair). It was an absolute privilege to chat at length with both of them about the work they had done on their garden; they were very engaging and their enthusiasm and pride in their garden shone through. I especially enjoyed seeing how proud they were of their weaving of the willow fence, and the detail on how the poppies were made. They were also quick to point out how all of the classes had been involved - it was lovely to see them being able to share the credit, and make sure everyone got a mention. They had so clearly enjoyed the whole project and its inclusivity and were keen to draw my attention to all aspects of the garden.

As a topic, it is so very important our children understand WW1 and WW2, and having read in your leaflet that you have many forces children in your school, understanding and appreciating the sacrifices made by families must be even more important. The boys were very knowledgeable, and it was clear that this was very much the pupils' project.

So, a big thank you to your pupils; I felt very strongly that you, the children and their parents, should be especially proud!

Super Year 6

We are super proud of Year 6. They really enjoyed our recent SATs week and this is exactly what we love to see. They are all excited in their new leavers 2019 hoodies and heading off to London on residential. We are delighted to be able to spend this quality time with them and are so impressed with their maturity and manner which they show every day in school. Well done Team 6!



Congratulations to all pupils and parents/carers who have/are taking part in 'race for life' mud run

I was really impressed to see how many of our pupils gave of their time and fundraised to raise money for Cancer Research by taking part in a muddy 5k run! I hear the course was very demanding but they all persevered and got through. I was delighted to celebrate them all in Heroes and Heroines this week. What a wonderful achievement and for such an important cause. Here are a

couple of proud messages I received from parents:

Yesterday Toby and Jack (yr 3), Tristan (2) and Abi (5), Darcey, Aimee and

Kayleigh (5) all took part in a 5k pretty Muddy race for cancer research down at Lydiard Park. There could have been more but these are the ones I know of!



Toby and Jack raised £250 between them : <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/toby-and-jacks-fundraising-for-cancer-research>. Toby's grandpa is having chemo at the moment.

They all loved it and were amazingly fast - they did 5k including obstacles in 32 mins!

Aimee, Darcey and Kayleigh combined raised over £500 for Cancer Research. We are so very proud of them. Well done to all who took part!

Awareness of the World Week 3rd -7th June 2019 (First week after half term)

We are putting a twist on our annual World Awareness Week by stepping it up a level this year. We have focussed on many different countries across the world over the past 4 years and have thoroughly enjoyed learning about different countries and cultures. This year the children will still travel around the school working with every teacher and teaching assistant, but the focus will be on global issues such as: recycling, education for all, bee conservation, plastic pollution to name a few. We are doing this as an introduction to our first area of school improvement for next academic year which will focus on Global Advocacy. Our week will start with a launch assembly on sustainability led by one of our parents, who is Mum of Anna (Y5) and Toby (Y3) and Max (joining us in Class R September).

We would like our children to learn how they can be advocates of change and be aware of what is happening in the world around us. This will be in focus for the whole year with us reaching for a Global Advocacy award on the way. The staff team are really excited about this and see



the Awareness of the World Week as a great way to start. Each area will be phrased as a question for enquiry and will be explored in the sessions during the week. Learning will continue in the following week with the older children writing to respond to the questions from the week using evidence they have learned and all classes having the chance to respond at their level. One example is that Class R pupils will work with Mrs Winson (parent of Ben and Jess) to design and make their own wax re-useable sandwich wrap (to replace cling film) and then during Sports' week, they will work with Mrs Tim to make a healthy rainbow sandwich/ wrap and bring it home in their handmade wax wraps and these can be re-used in future lunches! FOAKS always fund a cooking project in World Awareness week so this will be used to fund the making of the wax wraps and the food rainbow wraps which each child makes to bring home during Sports week.

Through conversation, we already have a few parents on board with this idea and if Global Advocacy is something you are passionate about, do let me know and we will look forward to getting you involved next year to help us drive this wonderful project forward. As part of our new build we will be looking at sustainability so this will also link in well.

Sports Week 2019

Mr Tanner and I are planning another action packed Sports' week for your children commencing 24th June 2019 and ending with Sports Morning for parents/carers to join us with on Friday 28th June. Children will need to wear PE/Sports kit (not football strips please) all week, make sure their drinks bottle is in school to be re-filled and bring sun hat and wear sun cream. I will let you know more detail nearer the time but we are aiming for a good range of sports and activities to allow your children to be really active all week in a diverse range of physical activities; to try to promote local clubs for children to attend and to inspire children to want to try new sports and activities. The planning stage is really exciting, more when the final plan is in place.

Take Care if travelling down Gosditch

Please take care when travelling by car down Gosditch during drop off time and travel as slowly as possible as often there are pedestrians and young children in the road. Thank you very much.

Miss Boase

Good luck and congratulations to Miss Boase who is getting married over half term. She will return to school as Mrs O'Neill. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate them both on behalf of us all here at Team AK.

Have a superb half term, and I look forward to welcoming you all back for 'Awareness of the World Week' on Monday 3rd June at 8.45am.



With my best wishes for a lovely half term and thanks for your continued support,

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 2019 to help you plan ahead:

Date	Event
Mon 27th - Fri 31st May	Half term holiday
Monday 3rd June	8.50am School restarts for term 6 World Awareness Week
Wednesday 5 th June	3.30 pm Vintage Fair with senior citizens 5.30pm Meeting for parents of new Reception pupils (Sept 2019)
Thursday 6 th June	District Athletics (invite only)
Saturday 8 th June	2.30pm and 7.30pm School choir and Siren Sisters concerts in school hall
Sunday 9 th June	4pm Messy Church in school hall
Wednesday 12 th June	Class R trip to Cotswold Farm Park Challenge Partners in school (till Friday 14 th)
Friday 14 th June	8.00am Special breakfast club session with Mel Tim (£3) Pocket Money Stalls - Fathers' Day
Tuesday 18 th June	9.00am Class 1 assembly
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 5 Residential trip to Viney Hill (to Friday 21 st) Classes 1 & 2 to Cotswold Wildlife Park
Monday 24 th - Fri 28 th June	Sports Week
Wednesday 26 th June	FoAKS Pamper evening
Friday 28 th June	9.15am Sports Morning (weather permitting) followed by picnic lunch 5.30pm Year 4 sleepover at school
Tuesday 2 nd July	Class 3 trip to Fresh Air Sculpture Quenington
Wednesday 3 rd July	Class 4 trip to Fresh Air Sculpture Quenington 9.00am Class R assembly Storyteller in school
Thursday 4 th July	3.30pm Half price book fair
Tuesday 9 th July	9.00am Class 2 assembly
Wednesday 10 th July	6.00pm Years 5/6 production
Thursday 11 th July	6.00pm Years 5/6 production (adults only)
Saturday 13 th July	Ashtonbury - FoAKS summer fete
Monday 15 th July	1.40pm Leavers church service - Year 6 parents only
Tuesday 16 th July	9.00am Class 3 assembly
Wednesday 17 th July	Moving up morning Summer afternoon of music
Friday 19 th July	All KS2 to Air Tadoo Fairford
Tuesday 23 rd July	11.00am Leavers service - school hall 1.15pm Year 6 v parents rounders match
Wednesday 24 th July	9.00am Heroes and Heroines assembly
Thursday 25 th July	TD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 26 th July	School Summer Holiday begins
Monday 1 st September	TD DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 2 nd September	8.45 School restarts for 2019/20 academic year

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