



Friday 12th July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

Another amazing couple of weeks here at TEAM AK! The school has been alive with singing and acting for assemblies and performances. Class R did a wonderful first assembly and made everyone proud, Class 2 shared their fabulous learning with us all and Classes 5 and 6 entertained us all with their incredible production Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits! Class 3 are busy preparing for their class assembly next week now!

As a reward to all children for being the best school team, we have a theatre company production in the hall next Thursday afternoon where all classes will be watching a production of 'The Hobbit'. It is designed to entertain and be suitable for children 4-11 years and is the company we have used for the past two years and they are incredible so something for us all to look forward to! This performance and the pantomime has a real impact on the stage presence and performance skills of our children and therefore the overall performance of our productions. Thank you for your wonderful positive comments about our productions, I am glad you can see the impact too! I am very proud of how all of our children sing and perform, it is very special.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Tanner, baby Tanner has arrived safely and she is beautiful! Belle Eloise weighing in at a dainty 5lb 15oz! We had a sneak preview this week and she is tiny and perfect! I am so lucky as I managed to get a little cuddle with her too! Our love and congratulations to them all.

Book Sale Thank you

Thank you so much for buying books at our book sale. It really did offer some excellent bargains and hopefully earned us some more books for our library! Thanks to all staff and pupils who helped organise and run this event.

IMPORTANT PLEASE READ AND TAKE ACTION ASAP...Buildings in KS1

Further to my parent mail today, please be reminded that the deadline for submitting your comment of support is next Tuesday. Your support is really needed and appreciated. We get really excited when we see who has added comments for support.

Here is the link:

<http://planning.wiltshire.gov.uk/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/Generic/StdDetails.aspx?PT=Planning%20Applications%20On-Line&TYPE=PL/PlanningPK.xml&PARAM0=900624&XSLT=/Northgate/PlanningExplorer/SiteFiles/Skins/Wiltshire/xslt/PL/PLDetails.xslt&FT=Planning%20Application%20Details&DAURI=PLANNING&XMLSIDE=>



Ashtonbury 12.30-4 TOMORROW!

May the sun shine on us all! Thank you to everyone who is getting involved to make this happen. Today my office has been filled with bottles for the bottle stall, thank you for your generous contributions! I took a selfie in my room today with the imaginary caption... If only every Friday could be like this/ A typical day in the life of your Headteacher!

I look forward to seeing many of you there in a FOAKS event for the community and to raise money for all of our pupils in our school!

Cotswold Wildlife Park Years 1 & 2

I was absolutely delighted to be invited to join Years 1 and 2 on their trip to the Wildlife Park. It was a brilliant day and I loved spending time with your children and seeing them fascinated by the wildlife and filling me full of interesting facts! Their behaviour was exceptional- well done KS1! Thank you to the staff and adults who made the trip possible.

Quenington Fresh Air Sculpture Visit Years 3 & 4

Last Tuesday I accompanied Year 3 to the Fresh Air Sculpture event and I was so inspired. I know Class 4 loved it too when they went the next day. The children were so lucky to be guided around the sculpture trail in small groups by real artists and then took part in a team sculpture making session. It inspired us so much I am planning for a sculpture challenge in school next year so watch out for this, our gardens and sculpture trail will open next Summer! I am looking forward to working with some local artists and volunteers on this. We are so inspired and will invite the team from Quenington to our trail as they are keen to see what we do. The feedback from the organisers of the event was that our children are exemplary and that made us all feel super proud.

Storyteller Enjoyment

Your children may have told you about the visit of our storyteller who came into school and worked with each class in the outdoor willow storytelling area on Wednesday 3rd July. This is something we pay for as a treat for the children each year as they really do enjoy it and it models excellent storytelling and engagement through stories. I love seeing how children ask for requests from previous years when they remember stories or short songs, it is brilliant!

Year 4 Camp

Year 4 were amazing and loved their camp on the field. We thoroughly enjoyed outdoor play, eating and dancing! We also fitted in yoga and meditation under the stars! Well done Year 4, you were awesome and I look forward to taking you camping for two nights next year! Thank you to my staff team for volunteering their time to enable this to happen.



Library Book Return- IMPORTANT

Please can any school library books be returned to school for our annual stock take of our library. Books need to be returned by Friday 19th July if possible, but certainly before the end of term please. This will mean that from now on the library will close to enable the stock take to be done by staff and pupil leaders. Thank you!

RHS School Gardening Level 3 Award for AKPS!

Today we received a certificate for achieving Level 3 of the RHS school gardening awards. We achieved this via our work for the Malvern show garden and thanks to Mr Jackson for submitting the application on our behalf as our forest school leader. We have just submitted evidence for Level 4 now as we have met the criteria with our work in weekly forest school so I look forward to us receiving that next level certificate shortly. We keep reaching for the stars, even in gardening and forest schools!

Car Parking Solution Part 1

Our new build will not increase the capacity of the school but improve the current facilities but we are totally aware of the problem with parking in Gosditch in particular. So, we've come up with an initial plan (part 1). In terms of solving the parking issue completely, we would ideally need a local field/ piece of land in the village to be donated to our school to use as safe parking but currently this has not presented itself- you never know!

In the meantime, we need to try and do something. Therefore we are asking for help from local residents to help provide safe parking for our staff members who currently cannot fit in our car park and therefore have to park in the road outside school. Whilst they park totally legally, when parents arrive at pick up and drop off it is incredibly congested out there and therefore can be unsafe for people walking and cause problems with the school bus passing by. In addition sometimes parking is so tight it is difficult for local residents to fully use their drives and we are very keen to avoid any problems/frustrations for them. This will also go into the village newsletter. Here it is:

"Can you help? Do you have a spare parking space near your home, in easy walking distance of the school?"

The school is looking for people to offer free parking spaces to staff within school hours so they don't need to park on Gosditch in the road. This will be especially important with the upcoming school building works project, when the road will have to be kept clear.

If you can help, we will identify one member of staff who will park with you regularly on certain specified days within specified hours. We'll then put them in touch with you. If you're usually at work all day or you have spare parking spaces, this may work for you!



Thank you very much for considering this. If you can help, or would like more information, please contact Nick Plummer (Governor of AKPS) on n.plummer@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk or call 01285 860063 to discuss.

Beeswax wraps

I have been ever so happy to see many children using their beeswax wraps which they made in school for school lunches. The staff team are all designing theirs too now so we can all use them for our lunches too. I was really excited to hear that Class R have sent off their beeswax wrap designs to a competition! Let's see how they do in that- either way in my eyes they are all winners!

Dear Eco-Warriors!

*Thank you for submitting an entry from your school for our Beeswax Wrap Design Competition. We're really chuffed that so many schools have been keen to get involved, and we'd like you to say a massive thanks to your students for putting so much effort into their designs, and also **Good Luck** of course!*

We will be back in touch when we have chosen the winners if you have included SAE we will get the designs back to you too.

Warm regards and I hope you enjoy the final term of the year

Tom Beer

Business Development Manager

www.thefoodwrapcompany.co.uk

I have also been so impressed with the letters which have been sent to companies from various classes. Many children have received responses from big companies and even a response on behalf of the next Prime Minister! Lots of responses commented on the quality of the children's letters and the level of questions they asked. Go TEAM AK! Great global advocacy in action!

Staffing for next Year

In with your child's report next Thursday will be an overview of staffing to let you know who will be in your child's teaching team next year. Here is a sneak advance preview for those of you who read my newsletter:

Class	Teachers	Teaching assistants
R	Mrs Serle (M,T,W) & Mrs Crowley (W, T,F)	Miss Noonan(M-F) am & (Mon, Fri and Tue/Th pm alternate) Ms Watson Tues, Wed Th pm Mr Jackson Monday-Th am Mon pm 2:1 Mrs Marsh (M-Fri ams) & Tues & Thurs 3-3.15pm Mrs Campbell Fri pm
1	Mrs Smith (M,T, W (am) & Miss Kibblewhite (W(pm),T,F)	Mrs Watts Mon-Th ams Ms Watson Fri am Mrs Hunt T, W, Th pm Mrs Morton Mon & Fri pm 2: 1Mrs Willis (T,W am only) 2:1 Mrs Hill (M,Th & Fri am only)
2	Miss Igoe (F/T)	Mrs Simpson (F/T)



		1:1 Mrs Morton Mon- Fri-am Tues, Wed Th pm 1:1 Ms Watson (Mon-Th am)/Mr Jackson Fri am
3	Miss Redman (M-Th) & Mrs Voss (F)	Ms Harrold 5 ams Mrs Voss Wed & Th am additional support (support and challenge)
4	Mrs O'Neil	Mrs Thomas 5 ams Miss Kibblewhite Wed am additional support
5	Miss Thomas	Mrs Lang 5 ams 2:1 Mrs Barrett 5 ams
6	Miss Perring (Mon-Fri) Mrs Voss (Wed & Thur pm)	Mrs Campbell 5 ams
ELSA	4 pms Mrs Lang (KS2)	Additional ELSA as required within the day from Mrs Watts & Mrs Morton (KS1)
Forest School	Mr Jackson & Mrs Willis (Tue & Wed pm)	
Sports	4 days Sports Coach Mr Tanner & Team (M,T,Th,F)	A diverse range of sporting activities throughout the year- visitors/ clubs/ workshops. We will providing 6 Zumba sessions and 6 Yoga sessions (1 per term for all children and staff next year).
Speech & Lang.	Mrs Thomas (Mon, Tue and Thurs pm) Mrs Marsh (Tues and Thurs pm)	

Writing Competitions

We have entered the Cirencester Area Soroptomist Writing competition again this year, a competition which our school does really well in and enjoy.

Here is a competition that you and your child can enter into from home over the Summer if you would like to. I'd be delighted to hear from anyone who does take part! You never know, there could be a winner among you! Here are the details:

This summer we're launching an exciting new competition for children across the country to write a short story inspired by the myths, legends, and folklore surrounding English Heritage historic places for the chance to win fantastic prizes for them, their family, and their school; and I'd like to invite your class to take part!

Could your pupils write a winning story in 500 words or less? To enter, they'll need to:

1. Gather inspiration from stories of the past at one of our [English Heritage sites](#).
2. Write a story inspired by their chosen site's myths, legends, and folklore in 500 words or less.
3. Submit their story on our entry sheet ([download here](#)) by emailing tellingtales.writingcompetition@english-heritage.org.uk.*

From St George to sea monsters, medieval ghosts to buried treasure, and so much more, the stories behind our incredible historic sites offer a fantastic opportunity for your pupils to unleash their imaginations and hone their creative writing skills as part of this competition.

Need some more inspiration? How many local legends can you name where you live? You might be surprised by the stories right on your doorstep. Illustrated by artist Clive Hicks-Jenkins, our [interactive map](#) lets you explore the myths, legends and folktales of England in your web browser.

We'll be accepting entries from 10am on 5 July 2019, and the competition will close at midnight on 20 September 2019.

For further information, please visit www.english-heritage.org.uk/tellusastory.

I wish your pupils the very best of luck, and I'll look forward to reading their stories!

Kind regards, **Dominique Bouchard** English Heritage
Head of Learning and Interpretation



MDSA Vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a midday supervisor to join our wonderful team. If you are interested in joining our school team and working with our fabulous pupils please contact the school office ASAP! I very much look forward to hearing from you. Please speak to any of our MDSA's (quite a few are parents and grandparents) and I know they'd be delighted to tell you about the role or pop in and book a chat with me.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend and I look forward to seeing many of you at Ashtonbury School Fete tomorrow!

With my very best wishes,

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
Saturday 13th July	12.30 - 4.00pm Ashtonbury - FoAKS summer fete
Monday 15th July	1.40pm Leavers church service - Year 6 parents only
Tuesday 16th July	9.00am Class 3 assembly
Wednesday 17th July	Moving up morning
Thursday 18th July	Theatre Production for pupils
Friday 19th July	All KS2 to Air Tadoo Fairford
Tuesday 23rd July	11.00am Leavers service - school hall 1.15pm Year 6 v parents rounders match
Wednesday 24th July	9.00am Heroes and Heroines assembly
Thursday 25th July	TD Day - SCHOOL CLOSED
Friday 26th July	School Summer Holiday begins
Monday 2nd September	TD DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday 3rd September	8.45 School restarts for 2019/20 academic year

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