



Friday 27th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

We are all super busy in school with classes 3 and 4 out on their Ashmolean Museum trip and classes all working hard. Despite the rainy weather, we are all super shiny in school and so many lovely things are happening. We are working hard behind the scenes to try and secure our tickets for our first AK trip to 'Young Voices' concert in Wembly in February for KS2 choir members. If this is successful we hope to be able to offer it again in future years as something for the choir to look forward to as they enter into KS2. In this newsletter are a few important notices and reminders including dates to save:

Buddies

I just wanted to share just a few pictures of our Year 6 and R Buddies. The whole of Year 6 are doing a fabulous job to help their Class R buddy settle into school life. They really do enjoy stepping up to the responsibility. They have lunch with them each day, play with them and read with them each week. Reception parents will soon receive a letter from their child's Buddy to introduce themselves properly. We are so happy with our Year 6 Buddies and with how beautifully our new Class R have settled; they are such a lovely class!



New School Building Update

Staff who park in Gosditch have been allocated parking places by kindly donated drive ways from the community. We are now in the process of working through these in order to clear Gosditch of cars ready for the build to commence. We are also having the school staff car parked marked with bays to correctly allocated



spaces including a visitor space. We have appointed a construction company now and all plans are still in place for an October half term start for the build.

Class R Phonics Information Meeting

Just a reminder that we will be holding a phonics information afternoon for parents of children in Class R on Wednesday 2nd October in the school hall at 2.45pm. During this meeting we will explain the way we teach phonics at school and give you many ways to support your child along this exciting journey. The meeting will finish in time to pick your child up at the end of the day.

Healthy Packed Lunch

Please click the link https://www.wiltshirehealthyschools.org/Pick_a_Packed_Lunch_Leaflet.pdf

For some excellent ideas for healthy packed lunches. There are some excellent suggestions here for nutritious lunches to send to school with your child. For parents of children in Classes R to 2, please be reminded that free hot lunches in school are available for you to book.

Class R Communication

Our plan in the first few weeks of the school year is to get all Class R parents/ new parents onto parent mail. Today it has been brought to my attention that we have a problem because only half of Class R are so far set up and a few parents were not aware of the photographs this morning which I am really sorry to hear. Communication is really important to us here. Please rest assured that Parentmail is in process and will be all resolved soon. For now, we always provide a copy of my newsletter in paper format for Class R and all dates and my newsletter can be found on our website www.akps.org.uk in the calendar section. We always put the year's dates up in advance so please always check here. Sorry for the delay, we are working hard to resolve this. Any problems with Parentmail please let the office know. I cannot urge you more strongly to check the school's calendar on the website to help you plan ahead. We have sent this message via Year R 'whatsapp' and are working hard tonight to get parent mail resolved if possible! So you may even get this electronically tonight - fingers crossed!

FOAKS new Xmas Fabios fun night out: Everyone welcome

Do you enjoy a 3 course Italian meal? We promise you won't go home hungry!

We invite you to join us on Tuesday 3rd December to start the celebrations of Xmas at Fabios Swindon £20 per person.

Use this as an evening to catch up with family, friends, work colleagues or meeting new families of the school.

Every penny raised contributes to facilities and activities for our children.

7pm arrival, starters will be out at 7.15 don't miss this fun night out. Book your place now:

email: nicolalouiseharris@icloud.com

People will be seated in tables of 8

Raffle on the night. Please save the date. Nicola Harris (Class 1 parent, Foaks)

This sounds awesome! I hope lots of people take this up, Miss Perring says the food here is brilliant! I am going to go along (Mrs Saville).

School Photos-Tempest

Important! Following the school photographs today, we have just learned that if you order online, the school will receive a 30% commission but if the order is returned via the school, we only get 10%. This is an



important extra income for us to use within our class budgets so to increase this by ordering online would be brilliant if you can! Thank you.

FOAKS Fireworks Evening- Saturday 2nd November- please save the date- REMINDER

The annual AK fireworks evening organised by FOAKS will be on Saturday 2nd November at Bradstone in Ashton Keynes. This is always an incredible evening and display and a key fundraiser for our school, providing much needed learning resources/ activities for our children such as the life education van, cooking workshops for all children, maths rockstars and Wiltshire learning interactive resources. Led by Liz Nicholls and her FOAKS team, we always need a team of wonderful volunteers from our parents and staff family. No matter how small your offer is, it really makes a difference. I know Liz will be in touch for helpers soon but please approach her and offer if you can. This is our annual biggest fundraiser of our school year and biggest event for the local and wider community. Thank you so much, my staff team and I really enjoy volunteering and have our annual favourite jobs we like to help with, mine is the bar and singing in the band when I can!

Annual Flu Vaccination- nasal spray Information Wednesday 4th November

We will soon have our free annual flu vaccinations (via nasal spray) in school for our pupils provided by Virgin Care. The date for this is Wednesday 4th November but parents need to give their consent if they would like their children to have the vaccination so please see the poster below for the web address to do this as we cannot do this for you. All information about the vaccination can also be found on the website below. Paper letters for this have also been sent home.

For further information and to complete a consent form please access:

<https://schoolimms.virginicare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

Have a lovely weekend and thanks as always for your continued support

S.L.Saville

Mrs Saville

Head Teacher

All dates for the year are on the calendar on the school website on www.akps.org.uk to help you plan ahead

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 nd October	2.45 in hall Class R Phonics Information Meeting
Wednesday 9 th October	Boogie Bounce Day for all classes- in hall with Sally
Friday 11 th October	1.20 leave for church Harvest Festival at Holy Cross – please send in food bank donations for children to take to church
Sunday 13 th October	11am Church Harvest Festival Holy Cross- all welcome 12.30 Harvest lunch school hall- all welcome
Tuesday 15 th October & Wednesday 16 th October	Life Ed van Visits
Wednesday 16 th October	Life Education Van Day 2 World Food Day Zumba with Meryl- for all classes
Thursday 17 th October	Yoga with Sharon in all classes
Tuesday 22 nd October	9am Heroes and Heroines Children's last day
Wednesday 23 rd October	Teacher training day for staff- school closed to pupils End of Term 1
Saturday 2 nd November	*AKPS FOAKS Firework Evening at Bradstone- volunteers –please*
Monday 4 th November	Term 2 Starts 8.50am bell on playground

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