



Wednesday 23rd October 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

Thank you so much to all of you that were able to join us yesterday morning in Heroes and Heroines, it really was an uplifting and really loving time celebrating our children in such a well attended and supportive environment. The children have been working so hard in class and enjoying lots of yoga, Zumba, forest schools, baking, singing and learning. This newsletter is a very slimline one with a few notices.

Building Update

The building commences today! Hooray! It is due to complete on 29th May 2020 which would be fantastic! We are really excited about the build and phase 1 plus is where we are beginning. The local authority will fund the build of three new replacement infant classrooms, Year 1 and 2 toilets and a hygiene room. The school will be contributing to the plus part of the build to make it extra special. The school are planning to fund:

- An enlarged staff room as ours is currently not fit for purpose with the number of staff we have
- Additional purpose made toilets within Class R specifically for Class R
- Fully enclosed access throughout the whole school including a link to the existing hall
- A secure perimeter to the school building and additional doors to access the hall for users outside school hours
- New internal access from the main entrance
- Refurbished Year 5/6 toilets

We have an awesome fundraising team and they have a clear plan to try and raise additional funds to achieve extra plus parts of the build including:

- A new open plan library area with learning zone for whole school use
- A small room for peripatetic music teaching/ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support)/ small group work
- Helping the school fully secure the links and building with security swipe entrances
- Class R and KS1 outdoor space

If we raise significant extra funds we can look into phase 2 which is the large atrium area but this may take longer to realise so in the interim we are putting in the foundations and relevant starting points for the future. The fundraising team will be in touch soon with their thoughts and plans and I can guarantee a lot of fun along the way via some awesome events. They have a detailed plan, this newsletter is just to give you a little outline for the start of the build from my perspective. We are also reaching out to businesses and charities and the wider community to fundraise for us. We are delighted so far to have secured resources for the build from Cullimore's among other donors. Team AK are so grateful for all of the support to help make our school an even better place! THANK YOU! The fundraising team will keep us updated on the direction of fundraising as we move forward but this gives you a little initial idea of what we are hoping to achieve.

We are super excited about this and want to really focus all of our efforts on the Phase 1 plus model of the build and make our school building superb.

New drop off/pick up procedures from November 4th 2019

As building works commence over half term. We have sent out these procedures yesterday via parentmail and I ask for patience, flexibility and a smile as I anticipate some frustration during this inconvenience but if we all understand that this is short term and for a fabulous long term gain then we can get through this period of transition calmly together! This new build is going to be awesome! 'Short term pain for long term gain'.



Food bank

Cricklade have just opened a new food bank and we have a blue box in the office which we can gradually pop in items which will help people in need. I also have a referral pack should any of our families need support from this fabulous charity. You gave so generously to the foodbank for Harvest, thank you for this but this will be an ongoing support. I think Christmas can be such a challenging time for some so it would be kind to help. We would like to collect a few items for Christmas so on asking what they need, here is a list and if you are shopping and would like to pick up an item please bring it in and pop it into the blue box - we would be very grateful. The list is: tinned puddings (rice/sponge), UHT milk, tea, coffee, tinned meats, baby foods, Christmas chocolate selection boxes. Thank you for your kind support.

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

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 have been practicing with the AKsionals band and am now singing 5 tracks! Woohoo! I will also serve on the bar so do pop and say hello to me!

Reminder: 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).

Thank you as always for your continued support and partnership; I LOVE being your Head teacher, please have a restful and happy half term,

S.L.Saville

Mrs Saville, Head Teacher

Date	Event	
Saturday 2 nd November	4.30pm	*AKPS FOAKS Firework Evening at Bradstone- volunteers –please*
Monday 4 th November	8.50am	Term 2 Starts
Wednesday 6 th November	3.20pm	Messy Church in school hall
Thursday 7 th November		Swimming restarts for Class 4
Tuesday 12 th November	3.30-7.00pm	Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 th November	3.30-6.00pm	Parents' Evening cont...



Tuesday 19 th November	9.00am	Class 5 assembly
	1.30pm	Senior Citizen afternoon
Monday 25 th November	3.30pm	Book fair in school hall

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



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