



Thursday 29th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all managed to enjoy the sunshine over the Easter holidays and that it refreshed and energised you. It is super to be back and yet again we have so much to look forward to over the coming Summer terms. Our Christian value in focus this term is 'service' and we started the term celebrating and reflecting on the life and service of Prince Phillip, the Duke of Edinburgh and will continue to focus on serving others throughout this term.

Classes Shining Brightly:

All classes have settled beautifully back into school after the Easter break. Again, we are full steam ahead and everyone is making the most of every minute. Alongside the daily learning and experiences in class, the staff and children are busy planning and creating very special art installations to show how important the whole curriculum is to us at AKPS and to reflect new growth and hope for the future and create incredibly high quality pieces of art progressively created by each class using a wide variety of methods and media. All subject leaders have been given designated areas of the new corridors to create high quality areas to celebrate learning in their subjects which we will look forward to sharing at the opening of the hub. We are also overhauling our grounds and refining and refreshing our spiritual reflection garden with beautiful reflective prayer spaces as well as planting allotments in forests schools. We are really embracing a period of renewal and growth after a time of challenge. One of our core values is creativity and I would like to see this reflected strongly through this work and really evident around the grounds and building of our school. This will all be ready for the grand official opening and pupil led tours in September.

Save the date- Saturday 25th September- 'Shine Party' to celebrate 150 years of the school and official opening of our new learning hub

We would love to invite you to our school's 'Shine Party' which will take place on Saturday 25th September from 2pm. This will be an outdoor event where we will be celebrating the school's 150th birthday and the official opening of the David Tarr Learning Hub.

We are still in the process of planning the event, but already have an exciting programme taking shape! The numerous village choir groups will be performing, along with community musical ensembles, with The AKsional's playing into the evening. We will have a well-stocked bar, BBQ and tea tent along with stalls and family activities.

Most excitedly for us, we will be officially opening the Learning Hub and the Bishop of Swindon will be coming to bless the building.

You will have the opportunity for a pupil led tour of the hub after the official opening at 3pm.

We are having a shine party!

CELEBRATING

150

years



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Saturday 25th September 2021
from 2pm onwards





We do hope you can join us so we can show you what all of the kind donations and contributions have achieved!

We will be in touch during the Summer with a more detailed programme and to confirm numbers but for now we just wanted to make sure you had the date in your diary.

This invite will of course be extended far and wide to the AK community past and present. School and the FOAKS team are working super hard together to create this wonderful event for us all. This will also be a fabulous local History project as every child will learn about the History of the school through a project led by upper KS2 and we will reach out to the local community for support with this too.

Wiltshire Air Ambulance Visit

We are so thankful to paramedic Simon who has been in school with us for the past 2 days working with every class to deliver really important life-saving skills to our pupils. From calling 999 and alerting help to learning how to deliver CPR in Years 5 and 6, all classes have experienced a really important workshop. We aim to repeat this experience every year so that children build up the skills they need progressively and in an age appropriate way. Thank you for your donations of £2 per child towards this. Wiltshire Air Ambulance is a charity and runs solely on donations so your contributions are really important and I really do think this workshop is an excellent and essential life lesson for all children. This is not officially part of the national Curriculum but part of our



wider Shine Curriculum and commitment to developing and enriching the lives of all of our children and to keeping them safe.



Music peripatetic lessons

As you know, we offer a wide range of music at AK from lessons in class for every child, singing lessons and choir to individual and group peripatetic lessons from musicians from Wiltshire. If this is of interest to you, do contact the school office.

Congratulations to Mr & Mrs Voss

I am delighted to share the news that Mrs Voss is expecting a baby. She is beyond excited and if you see Mrs Voss, you won't fail to notice that she is pregnant therefore she was keen for me to let you know. Baby Voss is due in early September.

End of day new pick up – THANK YOU!

You have been amazing. Thank you for helping us make this a well organised swift and safe procedure at the end of the day. I noticed the police made a visit to the area this week to look at parking; please make sure



your car is parked in an area it should be and not on school lines or too close to school for the safety of pedestrians as the police will be taking note, thank you.

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
Thursday 27 th May 9.15am	Heroes and Heroines on zoom- merits from the classes- come and join us if you can to shine together
Friday 28 th May	End of Term 5 and start of Half term
Monday 7 th June	TD day staff training day school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 8 th June	Term 6 starts at 8.45am
8 th -11 th June	Global Awareness Week in class bubbles
28 th June	Sports week- children in PE kit all week please
Friday 2nd July	Sports morning - 7 carousel sport activities for each class – parents and carers (2 per family max) invited to join outdoors 9.15-12pm No picnic lunch. The event ends at 12pm.
Friday 2 nd July	Year 4 camp over AK residential 5.30pm until 9am on Sat 3 rd July.
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th July	Year 5 residential to Viney Hill outdoor camp and forests school (Mon-Wed) Year 6 residential to Viney Hill outdoor camp and forests school (Wed-Fri)
Tuesday 20th July 11am-12	Year 6 leavers assembly to parents/ carers outdoors 11-12 Parents have lunch off premises (to get energy for rounder match against Year 6) 1.30pm Year 6 v parents rounders match
Thursday 22nd July 2.30pm	Heroes and Heroines outdoor celebration- a chance for us to celebrate our school and pupils together and end the school year on a high. End of term
Friday 23 rd July	TD day staff training day school closed to pupils.

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