



Friday 14th May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Where is the term going? I cannot believe we are already mid-May and into our final Summer term! We have been super busy in school and making sure we make the most of every minute we have together. This is a short update with a couple of highlights as we are all working so hard in school.

Classes Shining Brightly:

The school has been buzzing since our return from Easter and every class is fully embracing the joy of being back in the classroom together. Class R and 1 have had the joy of 'Incredible Eggs' hatching in their classes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed watching carefully and observing the changes in the eggs as they prepared to hatch. The pure excitement of the first crack on the egg was amazing. (Although I think I was just as excited as the children and was feeling like a proud Mumma Duck). Class R have had 3 ducklings in an array of colours and Class 1 have had 7 chicks. I have been inundated with drawings and writing from class R about their ducks which is so lovely. The children have



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been carefully nurturing and

looking after the new hatchlings and every morning they run into the classroom to check on them. Both classes have created some beautiful writing about the experience and some have gone away and researched further at home. This piece in the photo is from Class R! All chicks and ducklings are being happily rehomed.

Emotional coach Lizzie from 'Beanology', a programme which has been designed to help Human 'Beans' rediscover and uncover all that makes them shine, joined us in school to share her passion and to help us think about our well-being. Each class had some time with Lizzie thinking about different things. The workshops included: Focusing on our differences. Making the "Feelings Factory"! And creating an inner sock coach, and outer sock critic! Lizzie will be joining us 3 times next year with further workshops for all children.

Lunchtimes:

The fine weather we enjoyed last week, really gave us a taste of freedom as we were able to get all of the children out onto the field to run around and get some fresh air.

We do still need to enforce the separate 'bubbles' though, even when outside, so we have devised 7 separate zones of the field, through which each bubble rotates on a weekly basis (one zone per week).



This segregation has stretched our MDSA Team, who are already dealing with an increased one to one requirement. Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to recruit more staff, and have had to rely on the Teachers to help out where required. We are lucky to have such a flexible and supportive team but would ideally have more members of the MDSA group so if you feel you might be interested in helping out, please get in touch with the School Office.

Rest assured, that we are always safe and compliant . We, along with you and your amazing children, look forward to a time when the bubble system can be relaxed and children can broaden their social groups at lunchtime. Your children are brilliant and really doing their best but all classes are feeling the restrictions despite the wonderful efforts of the lunchtime staff and all of the resources and activities they have provided. I just wanted to let you know because as the world starts to open up again, you may be misled into thinking we can do the same here and therefore wondering why we aren't but we have to follow guidelines. We will all continue to do our best and apply patience and tolerance until the time comes when we can regain more freedom and I'm sure classes (and MDSA staff!) will be delighted to get back to our usual routines.

PE Kit change for September:

Ahead of the next school year, I would like to let you know that we will continue with children wearing PE kit to school on designated PE days. However, I would like to smarten this up. From September, children should wear navy blue shorts/ joggers/ skorts to school for PE (not any other colour) and their house colour tshirt/ plain white tshirt and a blue school jumper or blue sweater. We will also be looking into providing smart navy blue AK sports hoodies for you to purchase at a reasonable price for next year. With the children spending more time in PE/ sportswear now, it is important they are smart and this kit can also be used for representing the school at sporting events. So thinking ahead for September, navy blue joggers/shorts/skorts only please with house colour or white tshirt and navy jumper. We sell these on our school uniform website on our school website or they can be purchased very reasonably in supermarkets. Thank you for supporting us with this and hopefully this gives you ample notice to plan for this change. Thank you!

We have so many lovely things planned for the children for the final term including a week dedicated to Global Advocacy developing advocates of the world, Sports Week and a few new sports and activities to excite your children, a musical Samba Workshop for every class, yoga, Zumba, a theatre show of 'Treasure Island' and residential for Years 4,5 and 6. This is on top of their fabulous learning in class! I think we can agree it is going to be a very exciting term here at Team AK with so much to look forward to!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, whatever you are doing. Hopefully we might see some sunshine?

S.L.Saville

Mrs Saville
Head Teacher

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 rounders match against Year 6) 1.30pm Year 6 v parents rounders match
Thursday 22nd July	9am- 1pm in set shows M & M productions special end of year treat for the whole school of the classic 'Treasure Island'
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.

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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