



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday was just brilliant- it was so lovely to see hundreds of you join us on zoom for an online version of 'Heroes and Heroines' it highlighted how much we have missed that precious time together. That celebration together as a school family, uplifting singing really was boosting and I cannot wait for our outdoor version at the end of July! A super short newsletter with a few highlights. Everyone has been working so hard in school and making the most of every minute the children and staff do not fail to impress me every day with their fabulous efforts.

### **Classes Shining Brightly:**

#### **Roman day**

I have loved seeing our Years 3 and 4 classes and staff all come to life as Romans this week. They absolutely loved their rich Roman experience days which involved catapult making, cooking and roman crafts and so much more. Thank you for providing them with such brilliant costumes and thank you to my staff team who planned and whole heartedly embraced these experience days for your children.



#### **Congratulations**

Nano in Class 5 wowed us when she took part in a competition with David Walliams after watching the video from school. Nano had to write and explain who was her favorite character in David Walliam's books and she did this brilliantly. Using her avid reading and writing experience she only went and won (there were only 10 winners nationally) a set of signed books from David for home and a set for our school library. Well done Nano we are so proud of you and we will all treasure these signed books in our new school library.

Class 3 all took part in a competition to write about sports people who inspire them. We were delighted that we had a whopping 7 winners who each won a £20 book voucher from the competition and so Congratulations go to; Ella, Felix, Jess, Seb, Harry, Poppy and Eve.

#### **Lunchtimes:**

Further to my message last newsletter we have had a positive response and a couple of new wonderful additions to our MDSA team which is brilliant-we are still looking for more new recruits so do come forward if you would like to know more, this is a fabulous team to join! We have really exciting long term plans for our lunch times from September and these include dedicated sports staff delivering activities and adults with story-telling activities. We look to extend to a full range of activities and zones including construction, creativity, walking/jogging and also areas for calm and free play. We desperately await news of being able to mix bubbles outdoors for this to all work successfully but ultimately it will really offer some excellent structured activities to keep all children interested and engaged at lunch but also offer free space if they choose not to. I can't do anything about the weather but dry weather really helps at lunch as you can imagine but we do have plans in place for a very special all-weather track which I will tell you more about when I can.



We have the most beautiful outdoor grounds and when bubble management is tricky for classes I remind them how some schools in inner cities have little/ no space but have the bubble challenges and therefore we are incredibly fortunate to have what we have here.

**Christian Value in focus next term is: Truthfulness**

As we finish this term, I have set all children the task to be secret agents of ‘service’. To do something kind/helpful for others and to expect nothing in return. I hope your child manages to do this. Moving ahead to next term, we will focus on truthfulness, something which I think is really strong here as a value at school. We will think and reflect about why it is important to tell the truth, how this links to trust and how we can all make mistakes but it is important to tell the truth, reflect and learn. We will think about making the right choices and having the courage to be honest.

**iSing Pop is back!**

Woohooooooo... I have provisionally booked in a date for iSing pop to return to AKPS with a new set of songs and dance routines and a new concert for November. This is all subject to Government guidelines but so excited to be thinking positively about this. Those of you who are new to school, the songs like ‘Stars’ we sang in ‘Heroes and Heroines’ yesterday is from iSing pop and the children get to work with project leads and learn the songs and dance routines and then you get to come to a special concert where the whole school performs for you. This will be our third experience. We make a cd of songs and ticket charges for the concert help us to fund the project which is worth every penny! It is a great way of bringing the community together in song and celebration. You all know how much we LOVE iSing pop here at Team AK! I cannot wait to learn a new set of songs and moves!

**PE Kit change for September:**

Please be reminded that from September, children should wear navy blue shorts/ joggers/ skorts to school for PE (not any other colour) and their house colour t-shirt/ plain white t-shirt 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 t-shirt 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 return after half term on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June. All staff are in on Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> June taking part in some key whole school training. The rest of the week is super exciting as it is our dedicated Global awareness week! For sports week, please send your children in every day wearing their PE kit. We are looking forward to welcoming you back after a much needed break to a fabulous summer term full of things to look forward to.

Have a great half term and look after yourselves,

*S.L.Saville x*

Mrs Saville

Head Teacher

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Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	TD day staff training day school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Term 6 starts at 8.45am
8 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup> June	Global Awareness Week in class bubbles
28 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 4 camp over AK residential 5.30pm until 9am on Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> July.
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> 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	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 <sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.akps.org.uk) to help you plan ahead.

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