



19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a busy few weeks in school and there has been so much shining going on, so much great learning has been taking place in school. We are so proud of your children; every time we have a visitor in school they are always so impressed with how engaged, respectful and happy our children are- it is fantastic!

### Heroes and Heroines

Please join us on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm on the playground for our termly Heroes and Heroines for a chance to celebrate our children and see them shine and enjoy an uplifting sing along.

### Jubilee plans

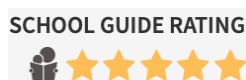
On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, all classes will be focussing their attention on the Queen's Jubilee. We are inviting children to dress in red/ white/ blue or all three or just dress down (non-school uniform) and this can be as simple/ creative as they like. If possible, we would appreciate a 50p voluntary contribution to go towards a class celebration on the day. Each class will be focussing on learning about the Jubilee and the Queen's Reign and will involve a class celebration.

### Staffing News

It is the time of year when I turn my attention to staffing ready for September which I am currently doing. I would like to share that Mrs Jade Smith will be leaving us to pursue a non – educational career which she is very excited about. Mrs Smith has been with us for 7 years teaching within Year 1 and Year 3 and leading pupil premium across the school and leading MFL (French). To enable Mrs Smith to start her new role quickly, we have Mrs Voss returning after half term from maternity leave and she will take over the class from Mrs Smith's departure on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June until the end of term. Miss Igoe will become our pupil premium lead and there will be a thorough hand over on both accounts before Mrs Smith leaves. I am grateful for the time Mrs Smith has given to our school family, she came for a couple of years to help us out and as she has a considerable journey to school, we always knew at some point she would move on and we are delighted for her. She will always have fond memories of her time at AKPS and of teaching but in the words of Mrs Smith, " it is time for a change and I still have time to start a new career". I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Smith the very best for her future and in thanking her for her contribution to the TEAM AK family.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Voss back after half term. She will work in class 3 Wednesday until Friday after Mrs Smith's departure. We have missed Mrs Voss and she is really looking forward to returning. Before the summer, I will as I always do share our staffing plan for September which we are currently working on.

### Year 6 celebration



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I need to share with you how impressed we have been with our Year 6 children. They had a fabulous week last week during their KS2 Sats week. They all worked hard but enjoyed lots of treats including breakfast and a special DT project making waistcoats for their bears. I was so impressed that they were super keen to engage in writing suspense stories with me and they wrote some excellent stories too! What a super class, we are so proud of them and cannot wait to take them to London on residential in July.



### Val's Visit

We were so lucky to be joined by Mrs Val Threlfall, who has been a village resident for over 50 years and came in to share her first-hand experience of the Queen's coronation in 1953 and show her original artefacts. She kindly did this with our oldest classes and they were thoroughly engaged with lots of questions. In the words of Addison, 'That was awesome'. It is so important for children to hear from members of the community with their experiences of life and Historical events, what a precious experience to pass on to our pupils. The children will go on to write diary entries for the coronation in 1953 in role as Val as a child all based on what they learned from Val today and Val will look forward to reading them.

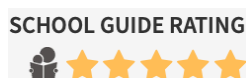


### Parent meeting for Year 6 London residential reminder

Please be reminded that the meeting for the London residential will be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 4pm in the Hub. It will last approximately 30 minutes. I will parentmail out all medical forms and kit lists for your attention. I will also send out a PDF of the presentation if you cannot make the meeting. The meeting is a chance to hear about the trip first hand and ask any questions. I look forward to seeing those of you who can make it on Monday.

### Sports Week

We love sports and activity in this school and have been so proud of our year 5 sports leaders delivering activities to pupils from across the school at lunchtimes to keep them active and engaged in team games. We have also loved seeing the children utilise the new running track at lunch and break time to keep moving and active and enjoy the staff and pupil running club on Thursday lunchtimes. We are so excited to be planning our annual sports week which will be taking place on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June all week. Children can wear sportswear all week and will engage in a diverse range for sporting activity. We aim to motivate, engage, inspire and challenge your children and remind them of the local opportunities for sports beyond the school, we hope to find something for everyone! Mr Hockaday and Mr Tanner will unveil their exciting timetable for the week to the school very soon but it includes a special visitor to inspire the pupils with their sporting accolade and teach them about how our core value of perseverance



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really does pay off. We are planning to have our annual sports morning for families to join us on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July so please save this date.

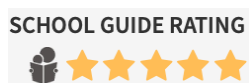
Have a super weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs Saville

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