

Krishna Avanti PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Onwards and Upwards.....

Dear Parents/Carers,

From my recent communication you will all be aware that Ofsted came to visit us last week and that we will receive our report in the next two to three weeks.

While any inspection can be a stressful time for schools, it is also an opportunity to celebrate our successes. While I can not share the official judgments with you all until the report is available in the public domain, I do feel it would be nice at this stage to share some of the verbal comments that we received about the pupils:

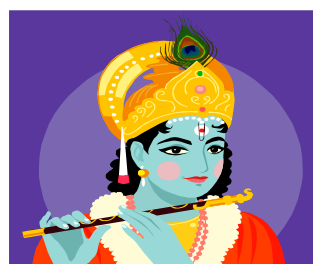
'The pupils are friendly and welcoming. They like to talk about their learning and know the next steps. They feel safe and are very happy at school. They appreciate the fact that we listen to their views.'

The most interesting comments came from our Ethics and Philosophy curriculum, as the Inspector felt that this was an excellent vehicle for preparing the children for adult life. Our theme this half term is *'Integrity'*, the meaning of which we have discussed in assemblies. As a scientist having *integrity* for me can be associated with a healthy body, as

a significant amount of research has demonstrated that if we express gratitude at least five times every day, our stress levels are reduced by at least 25% - an interesting fact!

I thought I would share some of our 'hot tips' for growing an attitude of *'gratitude'*....

1. Watch yourself talk and each time you find yourself thinking about what you have not got, think about what you have got.
2. Say or do something encouraging each day for someone else—it can be as simple as smiling.
3. Be kind to yourself and everyone around you and understand that we all carry our own load, which can influence our behaviours.
4. Welcome every day as a new day yesterday has gone and can not be changed, tomorrow has not come, BUT today is here and now, therefore, enjoy the moment.



'There is a sense of calmness to a life lived in gratitude' Mrs Edwards. Post Ofsted, June 2013.

'Gratitude—accept with joy'.
Bhagavad Gita.

A very big thank you to everyone who makes KAPS such a special and unique school.

Warm regards
Mrs Edwards

What has been going on?

Law Courts Project

Some of our children took part in a project with the Law Courts recently and we definitely now have quite a few budding judges! The feedback from the children was extremely positive and we will be aiming to repeat this activity.

Bank of England/Barclays Bank

Some of our children had a visit to the Bank of England and have also worked with members of Barclays Bank in school on specific workshops. This style of interactive and 'real life' skill based teaching is very much one that we want to

develop further, as it supports life long learning in a very effective manner—I now have a group of children who are regularly giving me financial advice and are acting as my personal accountants!

Digital Workshops—For our budding Photographers! The children have the opportunity to work with professional photographers and learn more about the process of processing and making high quality photo's.

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DATES FOR THE DIARY.....

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End of term celebrations:

Class 4 - Something special for our oldest pupils -Overnight Camp on the schools ground: Friday, **19th July**. Further information will follow and a parent drop down session for class 4 parents only will be held on **Tuesday, 9th July at 6.00pm**. If any class 4 parents are interested in volunteering and/or supporting this event, please do make yourself known to the Office Manager. We are also looking to hire two large tents for the pupils and two smaller tents for the staff. If anyone has any contacts or can support us, please do let us know. We will also be doing a BBQ on the night!!

Class 3 & 4—Legoland 3rd July

Class 1 & 2—Whipsnade Zoo 7th July

Reception Classes—KAPS and Avanti House Paradise Park 11th July

Nursery—Picnic Date TBC

**Last day of term is:
Wednesday, 24th July
This is a non uniform
day for all pupils and
school will finish at
12 O' Clock**



Updates and further information.....

Parent Drop-in Sessions 6.00-7.00pm:

Final Parents drop down session for KAPS and Avanti House parents

Focus—Behaviour Management

3rd July

(please note that we have had to rearrange the dates and this will be the only session held this term)

Staffing—September

We have now appointed two very high quality teachers. We will now begin the process of advertising for further support staff.

Further dates to remember:

- ◆ **Avanti House reception assemblies:**
LK: 28th June and PS 14th June.
- ◆ **Kirtan Event** 5.00-7.00pm 20th June.
FOKAS will be selling food items and there is no entry charge for this event.
- ◆ **New Uniform supplier fitting and distribution**
Day 25th June.
- ◆ **Sporting Events:**
-Nursery/KAPS and Avanti House Reception classes. 4th July 9.00-11.00am
-Year 1 and 2 3rd July 9.00-11.00am
-Year 3 and 4 KAPS 5th July 9.00-12.00am
- ◆ **Governors Visit—Focus**
Teaching and Learning.
8th July.
- ◆ **Rathayata Celebrations:**
10th July.
- ◆ **Whole school class assembly—**19th July.
- ◆ **Summer Fair—due to the building works, we will unfortunately NOT be unable to hold our summer fair**

Summer Clubs

The following clubs will be operating in the school during the summer holidays. All ages are welcome to attend, as well as siblings. We will be sending out their flyers shortly, however, please note that you will need to contact the club regarding registration procedures and cost.

25th July and 26th July

- ◆ Elms Sports Camp

29th June—2nd August

- ◆ The Elms Sports Camp
- ◆ Crazee Kidz—Themed work around the Charlie and the Chocolate factory

5th August—9th August

- ◆ The Elms Sports Camp.

Building Work and Car Drop-off Point

Please note that due to essential building works, the drop off and collection points for cars on the side road will be CLOSED from: Monday, 17th June. It will remain closed until the end of term. Your understanding is greatly appreciated during this time.

End of Year Reports

All parents will be receiving an end of year report by Friday, 19th July.

School Development Planning—Evaluating our progress

Between now and the end of term we will be evaluating our progress as a whole school, with both the Governors and pupils.

Things we will be doing until the end of term?

- ◆ Reviewing our roles and responsibilities.
- ◆ Assigning staff to classes—utilising their interests and skills.
- ◆ Ordering resources for our new and existing classes.
- ◆ Updating all our parent and staff booklets, as well as our policies and procedures. We will try to accommodate as many of your suggestions as possible.
- ◆ Delivering a staff training session on tracking pupil progress and using this to inform lesson planning.