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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you had a summer sunny half term holiday and one where the children managed to spend lots of time outdoors instead of watching television or computer screens.

The term continues to be busy with so much for the school team to plan, teach and do with our children. We look forward to sharing many opportunities with you.

This week, we continue to worship and carry out thoughtful meditation in preparation for Snana Yatra.



FOKAS Sponsored Walk

All children will participate in the sponsored walk, whether they are raising money for vital school funds or not. There is much to learn from participating – exercising, working out how many miles the children have walked, observing health and safety code when crossing roads to name a few.

Please make sure your child is wearing trainers and has a raincoat in case there is a shower of rain, during their walkabout.



Planned Route for Year 1 to Year 6

Left out of KAPSH and onto Camrose Avenue.

2nd Left onto Haverford Way

Follow road around to Cotman Gardens

3rd left onto Collier Drive.

At the junction, cross over to Rembrandt Road

Left onto Westleigh Gardens and left onto Broomgrove Gardens then left back into the school.

Planned Route for Nursery and Reception

Nursery and Reception children will walk up to Haverford Way and return back from there. They will count the number of cars and lorries that have passed them in half a minute and then again in one minute. They will extend their thinking about different modes of transportation.

Please volunteer your help by escorting the children on this whole school activity. Kindly let the class teacher know you are free to help on Friday morning.

29/05/17 to 05/06/17	Kindly collect all your sponsor money from friends and family
06/06/17	Please return all sponsored money to FOKAS on the day of the walk. There will be tables set up for the collection of the funds. The class who collects the most will be given a special prize
09/06/17	SPONSORED WALK – please volunteer to help further details will follow Starting from 8.30am.



Thank You for your Support!!

HAPPIER CHILDREN

It's been proven that children who do some form of exercise, especially a walk before school, do better in class because they arrive refreshed, fit and ready to learn.

CLEANER AIR

The school run alone is responsible for generating two million tonnes of CO₂ per year. Imagine what we could achieve if we began converting some of these rides to strides?



BIKEABILITY TRAINING - I am delighted to share with you that our Year 5 and Year 6 children will have an opportunity to commence the Bikeability Syllabus

Cycle Training UK course. It will take place during school time by qualified Harrow Cycle Trainees. This will commence in July and further details to apply for the course will be sent shortly.

FINALLY,



I look forward to you attending Parent Consultation progress meetings on Monday and Tuesday afternoon and evening this week.

In addition to this, I have organised for you to meet professional Tabla Player and teacher, Gurdain Rayatt.

He will undertake two tabla demonstrations on Tuesday 6th June at 3.30pm and then again at 4.30pm.

You will be given an opportunity to book for Tabla classes commencing on the week beginning 26th June.

You will be requested to complete a booking form and make a payment.

The classes will be groups of 4 or 5 pupils and will last for 30 minutes. The lessons will take place during the school day.

I am excited about developing this initiative and I know many of you welcome the opportunity for your child to learn a new skill.

Many of you have been yearning for this through our discussions at parent forums and the music survey carried out recently.

I am also underway in discussion with Harrow Music Service to establish other instrumental classes.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai
Principal

Sherpa Kids - After careful consideration, John Geers (club leader) has decided to no longer host Sherpa Kids at KAPS. Therefore, come the Autumn Term (September 2017) this club will no longer be available and parents will have to look for an alternative arrangement. We are looking at options of hosting a new club and will inform parents if this does take effect.

Parents may wish to note that the government has introduced an additional 30 hours per week of free childcare over 38 weeks. Although this is aimed at children between the ages of 2-4 years, there are other childcare options that parents may be eligible to apply for and parents can check whether they are eligible for a range of government childcare offers, including 30 hours, via Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> or the Childcare Calculator at: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

If parents are eligible for 30 hours per week of free childcare (over 38 weeks) or other childcare options they may wish to visit Harrow Council website that has a list of registered child-minders. For ease of reference I've attached the necessary link below. This will allow working parents to make the necessary arrangements for the collection of their children. http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200214/childcare_options/265/registered_childminders_in_harrow

PMX - Parentmail - <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk> - We have moved across to the parent-mail PMX system and parents have been sent a number of emails for registration. If you are experiencing problems in registering, please do email Mrs Natha bhakti.natha@avanti.org.uk or come in to see her in the school office between 8.15am-10.30am – Mrs Natha would be happy to assist.

2017/18 Academic Year School Calendar/Term Dates - Please see link below for the school term dates 2017-2018 academic year. Can parents please note that any holidays or travel arrangements should only be booked during the school holiday period. There are sufficient holidays within academic year for you to make travel arrangements.

We would also like to highlight that the Christmas period is only two weeks. The school monitors attendance closely to ensure that all our children can achieve their full potential and would be grateful for your support.


[Please click here to download the 2017/18 academic year school calendar for Krishna Avanti Primary school.](#)

Pupil Premium: The Pupil Premium is funding from the Department for Education which is additional to the main school funding. It is allocated according to the number of pupils on-roll who are eligible for free school meals (FSM), a smaller amount is allocated according to the number of children of service families, and an allocation for each pupil who has been, "Looked After" (in care) for 6 months or more or a pupil who was adopted in the UK. In our school funds are allocated, for example, to support parents in purchasing school uniform, to support children's achievement and their participation in extra-curricular activities including school trips.

To find out if you qualify for the Pupil Premium Grant, please use the Free School Meals eligibility checker by visiting <http://fsm.lgfl.net> . Once you have accessed the website, you will be able to quickly and easily check if you are entitled. It gives you an immediate "yes" or "no" response and may notify the school. IF YOUR CHILD WAS ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS LAST YEAR, YOU MUST STILL RE –APPLY USING THE ABOVE WEBSITE. It's quick and easy to find out if you are eligible and it only takes a moment! If you are eligible for FSM please inform the school office by email. Please visit the school's website www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow to find out further information.

DIARY DATES: Please kindly note the additions made



05/06/17	Pupils return to school
05/06/17	Shakespeare Enrichment Week continues – performance on the Amphitheatre, weather permitting on Thursday 8 th June.
05/06/17	Parent Consultation Evening 1
06/06/17	Parent Consultation Evening 2
07/06/17	Snana Yatra
08/06/17	Judging of Book corner/ Bay Competition by School Council representatives
08/06/17	All your young masters and dames are invited to dress up in a Shakespearean costume for our celebration on Thursday 8th June 2017
09/06/17	FOKAS Sponsored Walk at 8.30am. If you would like to register your child and pay the £1 registration fee, please speak directly to FOKAS – (Dinta – 07885 253999). We would like volunteers help for this event.
09/06/17	London Fire Brigade to visit - Recreation of Fire Of London for Year 2
12/06/17	INTERFAITH WEEK led by Year 6 – We warmly invite all parents and carers to deliver a presentation or a talk or a story about any particular faith for about 8 – 10 minutes. As an inclusive Hindu Faith school, it is important that our children understand and learn about all faiths and beliefs and how they are connected to fundamental British values of respect, tolerance and living in a racially diverse society. Please let myself or your child’s class teacher know if you can contribute to enhancing children’s spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
14/06/17	Deadline for booking Tabla lessons with Gurdian Rayatt
15/06/17	Empty Classroom Day learning – outdoor learning where lessons are planned outside the classroom
19/06/17	Refugee Week
19/06/17	Y1 Church Visit
21/06/17	Rath Yatra celebrations – details to follow
22/06/17	EYFS fundraiser for Great Ormond Street Hospital Baked Cake Sale – details to follow
23/06/17	Year 6 Junior Citizen morning Trip
27/06/17	Nursery Picnic - weather permitting TBC
28/06/17	Sports Day choice 1 weather permitting TBC
29/06/17	Sports Day choice 2 weather permitting TBC
30/06/17	Science Museum Year 4 trip
30/06/17	Possible Year 1 trip to Willows Farm - to be confirmed about the coach costing
06/07/17	Reception Pupils - Teddy Bear Picnic in the park
09/07/17	SUNDAY FOKAS SUMMER FAIR – save the date, support and help out.
12/07/17	Sports Day choice 3 weather permitting TBC
14/07/17	Year 6 Leavers day trip out - TBC
14/07/17	Annual Pupil Reports go home
17/07/17	Year 5 to visit Wembley Stadium and to meet friends of Sinai Primary School
17/07/17	Parent Open Evening 2.30pm – 5.00pm – a chance to wander around the classrooms to view the learning that has been showcased. A chance to have an informal talk to your child’s current class teacher and to meet your child’s new teachers
20/07/17	Year 6 Leavers Graduation and Performance
24/07/17	Children spend time with their new teacher
25/07/17	 Celebration and Goodbye assembly. Break up for the summer holiday