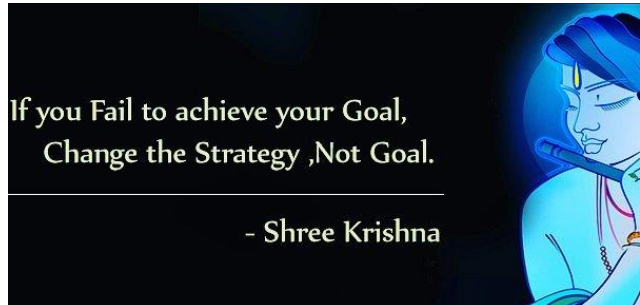
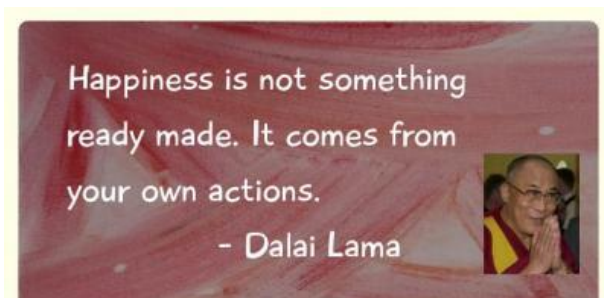
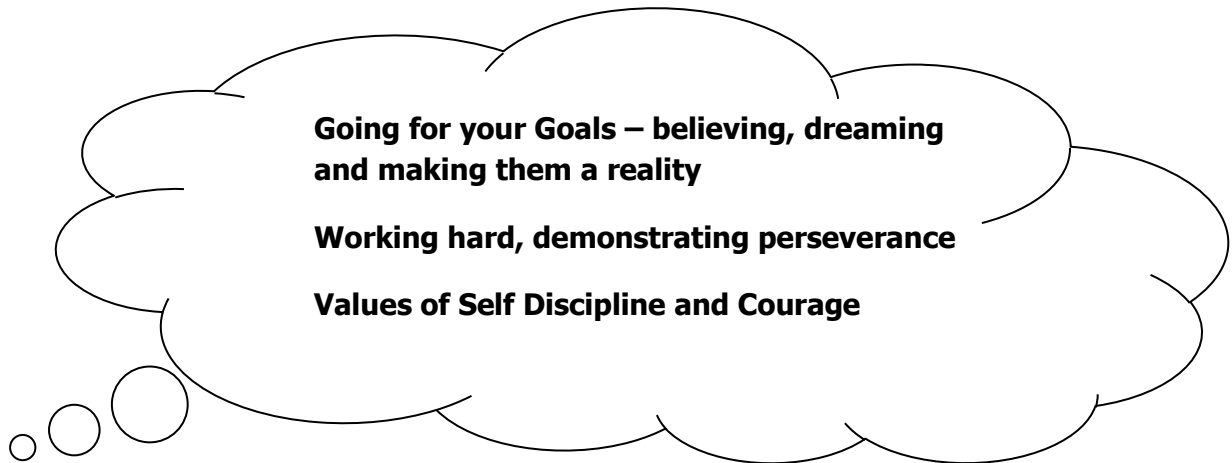




Tuesday 2nd May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



THOUGHT OF THE WEEK A positive attitude is important to keep our spirits up and to keep us moving in the right direction but we must also remember that our attitude towards others is equally important.

SATs The next fortnight is going to be a busy time as we undertake various assessments across all Year Groups. Please ensure that your child arrives to school refreshed and well-rested each morning. Can you also ensure that they bring their water bottle so that they can sip water only, in order to sustain their concentration levels.

The school team would just like to wish our Year 2 and 6 children good luck in their SATs. We are proud of how hard they have all been working – they deserve every success.

PUPIL SURVEY Just before the Easter holiday, the children completed a school survey for us as we wanted to find out from them what they value about our school, what they would like us to make better and things that they might worry about. The responses were overwhelmingly positive and a joy to read. They have also given us some ideas to make our school even better, some of which we have acted upon already. I will be sending the results in a separate email to you. Please have a look at the responses and the comments you gave too in the parent survey. I am sure after reading the results, you will be as proud of your children.

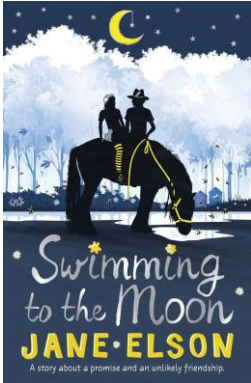


READING, LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS - We are so grateful to all our parents who came along last week to help Mrs Maciel continue to organise and barcode all the books. This final part of the job was very time consuming, since each non fiction book's ISBN number had to be inputted onto the computer cataloguing system by hand.

Thank you so much to the parents (names highlighted below) for giving up your day to help get all the books onto the Reading Cloud.

Manish Shah, Taranjit Goradia, D. Popat, Mona Kansagara, Padmavathi Tammana, Falguni Patel, Mallika Madhaparia, Deepmala Patel, Artiheral Bharadia, Priya Zalavadia and Manali.

BOOK GROUP



I was delighted to attend last Wednesday's lunchtime Book Group. The Harrow Junior Book Award is underway and Mrs Maciel has selected three avid readers from Years 5 and 6 to read five different books and discuss them during the lunchtime Book Group Club. They are also requested to write a detailed review. The children invited me to hear their thoughts about "Swimming to the Moon" by Jane Elson. It was interesting to hear their varied thoughts and interpretations about the characters and the plot. Mrs Maciel carefully steered the children's thinking to a deeper level by asking high order questions.


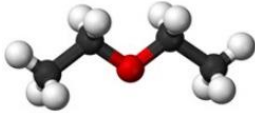




The children are excited about being chosen to participate. I look forward to hearing in the coming weeks which books they would recommend to their fellow classmates.



KIRTAN STUDIES AT LUNCHTIME Another successful activity has also commenced during lunchtimes on a Wednesday and Thursday. I am thrilled that Balaram Nityananda has begun to teach children across the school. Ms Ahuja and Mrs Joshi have also been present to guide the children as they develop their skills of playing the Mrdanga. The children have already learnt three Mantras. This demonstrates the level of commitment and self discipline the children have. It is so encouraging!



HOUSE TEAM POINTS THIS WEEK Now that we have familiarised ourselves with the House Teams, each week I shall publish the scores of the Inter House competitions and scores related to demonstrating our KAPS Values.

WIND-WHITE	ETHER-YELLOW	EARTH-GREEN	WATER-BLUE	FIRE-RED
				
Lord Krishna's Jewels Hunt score 5 th 137	Lord Krishna's Jewels Hunt score 4 th 149	Lord Krishna's Jewels Hunt score 2 nd 178	Lord Krishna's Jewels Hunt score 3 rd 163	Lord Krishna's Jewels Hunt score 1 st 190 



We are taking part in the Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers scheme. The vouchers are being handed out in store until Tuesday 2nd May, and we would be really grateful if you could please bring any vouchers into school as soon as possible after the closing date.

100% ATTENDANCE - This week, the children who achieved 100% attendance in the Spring term, will be congratulated. What a fantastic achievement! Please continue to support your children with punctuality by ensuring that they are on time at school at 7.45am every day.

AMBER = Worrying

Attendance between 91% and 95.9% would raise concerns for pupils' progress and which we could address.

RED = Serious Concern For attendance which falls below 91%, parents will receive a red letter outlining absences for the term, and highlighting the serious impact that this would have on progress if it continued.

Attendance week ending 28th April was 98.6% for the school. The current school attendance for the academic year to date is 96.8%. Your support would be appreciated for us to reach our academic target of 97%.

38 children were late from the w/c 24th April 2017.



Parents will be alerted with an 'amber' letter, which may help to identify patterns of absence.

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.

PMX - Parentmail - <https://pmx.parentmail.co.uk> - We have moved across to the new 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.

Pupil Premium - funding to support vulnerable learners - 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. 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. Please visit the school's website www.avanti.org.uk/kapsharrow to find out if you are eligible.

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.](#)

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai,

Principal

DIARY DATES:



03/05/17	School Council launch Book Corner Reading Competition
08/05/17	Year 6 SATs Testing period commences
09/05/17	Nrsimha Caturdasi The appearance of Lord Narasimhadeva
12/05/17	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip meeting at 2.00pm
15/05/17	Year 2 SATs Testing period commences
19/05/17	Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trip
22/05/17	Shakespeare Enrichment Week
25/05/17	Pupils break up for half term
26/05/17	Training day for school staff only
29/05/17 – 04/05/17 Half Term Holiday	
05/06/17	Pupils return to school
05/06/17	Parent Consultation Evening 1
06/06/17	Parent Consultation Evening 2
07/06/17	Snana Yatra
09/06/17	FOKAS Sponsored Walk – Please send in your registration form and £1.00. We would like volunteer help for the event. Further details will be sent out.
15/06/17	Empty Classroom Day learning
19/06/17	Refugee Week
21/06/17	Rath Yatra celebrations
23/06/17	Year 6 Junior Citizen morning Trip
28/06/17	Sports Day choice 1 weather permitting TBC
29/06/17	Sports Day choice 2 weather permitting TBC
12/07/17	Sports Day choice 3 weather permitting TBC
14/07/17	Year 6 Leavers day trip out
14/07/17	Annual Pupil Reports go home
17/07/17	Parent Open Evening – a chance to wander around the classrooms to view the learning that has been showcased. A chance to 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