



Tuesday 4th October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

At school, we are trying to make sure that the children answer in longer and detail sentences. Speaking, listening and communication skills are very important in the development of our children. For this reason, please look at the information below to support you at home time. This will hopefully stop the grunts and simple yes, no answers.

10 Questions to Ask Your Child about their Day at School

Get a sense of your child's life at school by asking questions that elicit more than a one-word response.

The trick is to ask about things that are specific, but still open-ended. Move beyond "fine" and "nothing" by asking your child to describe his/her world. It's also great to start the conversation with an anecdote from your own day. Try one of these conversation-starters:

1. Tell me about the best part of your day.
2. What was the hardest thing you had to do today?
3. Did any of your classmates do anything funny?
4. Tell me about what you read in class.
5. Who did you play with today? What did you play?
6. Do you think math [or any subject] is too easy or too hard?
7. What's the biggest difference between this year and last year?
8. What rules are different at school than our rules at home? Do you think they're fair?
9. Who did you sit with at lunch?
10. Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
11. Tell me one thing that you are proud of today?



“The more you **read**
the more **things** you know.
The more that you **learn**
the more **places** you’ll go.”
-Dr. Seuss

COMMUNICATION and WEBSITE

Please look at the website.
We have created a list of recommended reading books.



LOTS of REMINDERS...

HARVEST FESTIVAL CELEBRATION leading up to GORVARDHAN PUJA Harvest Festivals have been held as long as people have been sowing and gathering food.

It’s our special Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 12th October. **It will be performed by Year 2.** I shall be sharing with the children stories of Harvest around the world and acts of kindness throughout the coming weeks. Harvest Assembly is a lovely occasion which encourages the children to think about where our food comes from and how lucky we are to live in a country where food is plentiful. We invite you to send into school, food tins, packets, boxes (**watch the ‘use by’ dates!**) for the HARROW FOOD BANK. If you could spare an item or two for your child to bring in, that would be much appreciated. I know that food banks up and down the country are really stretched at the moment and this is a local cause which we are very keen to support. **Please send in items to your child’s classroom from Monday 3rd – Friday 14th October. Items which would be much appreciated are on the list.**

The Trussell Trust Food banks provide a minimum of three days non-perishable emergency food to local people in crisis. All food given out is donated by the local community.

Shopping List..... Thank you in advance for your support.

Milk (long life, UHT)	Instant mash potato
Sugar (500g)	Rice
Fruit juice (long life carton)	Tinned fruit
Soup (tinned or dried)	Jam
Vegetables of any kind (tinned)	Biscuits or snack bars
	Rice pudding (tinned)
	Tea Bags/instant coffee





HAPPINESS A few weeks ago, the school team shared thoughts about the meaning of happiness and how it can be viewed, particularly in today's society where we are constantly bombarded with happiness being closely associated with materialism. Consideration was given to the thought that happiness comes from the acquisition of purchasing many items. Further thought was given in relation to

Hinduism and other religions where happiness lies in the opposite direction. This is where the happiest people are those who do not focus upon acquiring, but those who lose themselves in giving, thinking and carrying out selflessness actions.

With this theme in mind, please discuss the meaning of happiness with your children. I'm sure you will find it fascinating what their interpretation is and how they think it can be connected with our Harvest Festival.



"For a person who has suitable shoes on his feet, there is no danger even when he walks on pebbles and thorns. Similarly, for one who is always self - satisfied there is no distress. Indeed, he experiences happiness everywhere." Srila Prabhupada

- Harvest Preparations for our Harvest Festival,
- Black History Month
- Launch of School Council Hustings and Elections

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK After prayers at collect worship time, our school assemblies will focus on different core values of character formation – respect, integrity, courage, empathy, gratitude and self- discipline. They will relate to our SEAL curriculum, Social, Emotional, aspects of learning too. The values will also be discussed during circle times throughout the week in class. It would be useful if you could talk about this at home too.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH is a wonderful national event in October to celebrate the diversity of our society and the contributions Black men and women have made to the development of technology, economy and culture. At our school, pupils will learn about the achievements and contributions of inventors, scientists, explorers, sporting celebrities and authors.

In 2016 there is even more need and purpose in reflecting on such things; to help sustain respect and understanding between our peoples, and combat the racism and xenophobia.

Since Brexit, I just wanted to let you all know that, the outcome will make no difference at KAPS as we have, and always will, actively promote tolerance and understanding between different groups within our society and on a wider global scale. We are committed to ensuring that we all appreciate and value the diversity of culture which exists in the UK.

It is our job and moral duty to prepare children to live in a diverse society, to tackle ignorance, embrace diversity and prepare them to be the global citizens of tomorrow.

The EU Referendum doesn't change that and KAPS will continue to oppose racism or intolerance in any form.

We would like you to contribute towards our Black History Month celebrations. If you have any suggestions, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible. We look forward to receiving your support throughout the month.

**A celebration of different Heritages, Identities, Cultures
Krishna Avanti Primary Pupils are GLOBAL LEARNERS**

SCHOOL COUNCIL LAUNCH 2016 This week I shall be launching the campaign for School Council Representatives 2016. The children have been given homework to plan and to prepare a speech that they will deliver through a Hustings process.



Pupils will learn the importance of democracy and pupil Leadership. They will have their views and opinions recognised and impacting upon significant improvement changes being made in our school



SCHOOL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE This is a very responsible position and a great privilege, as the school's

councillors are voted for by their peers and represent their classes' views at meetings. The councillors will be co-ordinated by myself. We will meet regularly to discuss issues of importance to the children. I can assure you that the children are dedicated about making a difference and supporting us to continually improve our school.

A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN Now that we are approaching a month of being back at school, I would like to invite you to **The Open Forum coffee morning on Friday 14th October at 8.00am.** The calendar is already full, so apologies that it will be in October.



This will be a good way to get to know each other better, share our School Improvement Plans and more importantly for you to contribute your ideas. Once you have dropped your child off at their classroom, please come along for a coffee / tea and chat. Please enter via the main entrance. Come to listen and contribute about how we can make our school even better for your children. We always welcome and value your suggestions.



MEDICAL FORMS We are still waiting for the return of some pupil medical forms. This essential information helps us to understand the needs of the children. If you have any medical queries, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Please view the diary dates on the next page.

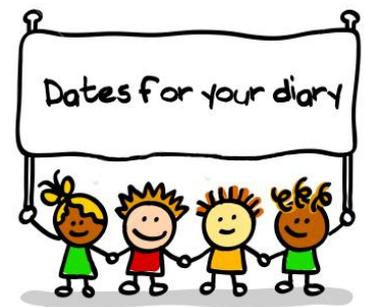
Wishing you a good week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Bindu Rai

Principal

DIARY DATES for the autumn term to help you plan ahead. You'll see from the dates there's plenty to look forward to. There will be some additions of workshops and class trips. However, a separate letter will be sent home.



03/10/16	Black History Month launch
04/10/16	World Animal Habitat Day
07/10/16	Year 5 trip to St Albans Verulamium Museum
12/10/16	Year 2 Harvest Assembly – From Field to Fork
14/10/16	Parent Open Forum Coffee Morning 8.00am
14/10/16	Election for School Council
19/10/16	Class 4A Black History Month Assembly
21/10/16	Class 5A Diwali Assembly (Gorvandan Puja 31/10) (Sri Prabhupada disappearance day 3/11)
21/10/16	Break Up Half Term
07/11/16	Pupils Return
08/11/16	Support Anti – Bullying and E-Safety Month Raising awareness
08/11/16	Year 6 visit Westminster Abbey
09/11/16	Class 6A Remembrance Assembly
11/11/16	2 minute Silence – Remembrance Sunday, Royal British Legion & Armistice Day
15/11/16	Announcement of new School Council Representatives Announcement of ECO Committee Announcement of Dream Jar Challenge Winners
16/11/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
16/11/16	Reading Workshop Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.45pm - TBC
24/11/16	Science Week commences (mid –week)
30/11/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
30/11/16	Reading Workshop Year 1 and Year 2 at 2.45pm -TBC
30/11/16	Celebration assembly about Science
07/12/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
13/12/16	Parent Consultation 1 evening
14/12/16	Parent Consultation 1 evening
16/12/16	Reception Nativity production for parents/ carers am
16/12/16	End of term
09/01/17	Pupils Return
09/01/17	No After School Clubs this week
10/01/17	RSBP Bird Watch month commences
16/01/17	After School Clubs commence
19/01/17	KAPSH Has Got Talent Show in the evening – details to follow