



Monday 8th May 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Nrsimha Caturdasi 09/05/17

This is the divine appearance day of Nrsimhadeva, Lord Krishna's man-lion incarnation, who removes all obstacles on the path of devotional service out of His great compassion

A special assembly is to be held by Class 1A and 1B on 12th May 2017.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

This week we continue to focus our positive thoughts through mindfulness. We think about all the good work already achieved and we offer prayers of gratitude.

YOGA and MINDFULNESS - The children started with sun salutations and pranayam. They then talked about their goals as a class and individually. What do they aspire to be when they get older? They thought about different people in the world, and then what qualities are needed to reach our dreams... "we have to be passionate, persistent and resilient in the face of adversity". The children learned from J.K. Rowling's speech given at Harvard University of how she believed in wanting to share her imaginative stories with the world and never gave up towards pursuing her goal. In yoga, the children learnt many postures with a partner and undertook harder yoga poses such as the full wheel and handstand. They learnt that just like pursuing a future goal, it requires practise. Mrs Hothi finally explained that we can achieve our goals, if we ask for help and keep practicing every day.





SPONSORED WALK ORGANISED BY FOKAS On Thursday. I held a meeting with Dinta Lakhani regarding the plans for the forthcoming sponsored walk. **I was disappointed to find out that we have only received 73 registration slip replies.**



I would like to emphasize the importance of this event. It was thought to be a great way to get the children fit, to appreciate being outdoors and to raise vital funds for the school.

The events organised by FOKAS add a different dimension to the school's life. They give the children something outside the normal curriculum to look forward to and get excited about. We love the buzz in the school, for example, when they were getting ready for KAPSH Has Talent Show and the smiles on the children's faces as they searched for clues in Lord Krishna's Jewel Hunt!

We want to raise money for items of direct benefit to the children, which the school could not otherwise afford. **The money raised is used to buy extra resources. In addition, it provides a closer link between home and school at bringing staff, parents, carers, children together socially in support of the school.**

Planning for events can be hard work, busy but fun. If you are able to get involved, please let us know.

Currently, the school team would like to purchase ICT equipment. We would like to purchase more laptops and iPads.

We want to invest in musical instruments so that every child can learn to play an instrument. We want to purchase Mridangas, tablas and at least two harmoniums.

We also want to replenish the reading scheme books across the school.

In this way we will be able to effectively support reading at home and certainly get more boys enthusiastic about reading. This is part of our school improvement plan.

School Council have also suggested some awesome ideas. They would like a swimming pool, an artificial ski slope as well as more playground equipment.


We know some ideas are impossible but we want to certainly try to give our children the best outcomes that are possible. **Please kindly help.**

Friday 12th May	Eco Committee to launch the Sponsored Walk in Assembly A new set of letters to go home. Please register for the event by completing the slip and bring £1.00 to school
Wednesday 17th May	FOKAS Committee to deliver a presentation. They will give out prizes for the Lord Krishna's Jewel Hunt at 1.40pm
Tuesday 23rd May	Revised deadline to return sponsor registration slips and £1.00
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 school The class who collects the most will be given a special prize
09/06/17	SPONSORED WALK – please volunteer to help by emailing FOKAS4U@outlook.com . Further details will follow in due course.

ATTENDANCE I thought it's important and beneficial to show you the current attendance figures.

This is from 1st September 2016 to 2nd May 2017.

You will see that some classes have been reaching the school target of 97%.

Group	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	% Attend
Nursery - GauraNitai	3.2	0.2	96.6
Reception A - Matsya	4.0	0.2	95.8 
Reception B - Achyutam	3.4	0.4	96.3
Year 1 B - Kurma	2.5	0.6	96.9 
Year 1 A - Keshavam	2.8	0.2	97.0 
Year 2 B - Varaha	2.6	0.2	97.1 
Year 2 A - Damodaram	2.2	0.3	97.5 
Year 3 A - Narasimha	2.9	0.5	96.6
Year 3 B - Raam	2.0	0.1	97.9 
Year 4 - Vamana	4.0	0.5	95.5 
Year 5 A - Krishna	2.5	0.3	97.2 
Year 6 A - Balaram	4.3	0.2	95.5 
School Average Total	3.0	0.3	96.7

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING (Figures below are calculated over a school year)

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!



25 children were late from the w/c 2nd May 2017.



Not being punctual to school reduces your child's chance of success. Your child's progress could drop across ALL subjects!

Your child will be missing learning opportunities if they are not in school or are late to school. We work closely with our Education Welfare Officer and unauthorised absences could result in fixed penalty fine. Please work with us to provide your child with the best chances of learning, by ensuring they are in school every day and on time.

SAFEGUARDING AFTER SCHOOL Thank you for choosing to send your child to an after school club. It is pleasing to hear that many children are benefiting from attending these enrichment opportunities.

I would like to update you that Miss Patel and I shall be holding a meeting with the club leaders to remind them of their duty of responsibility and to promote the welfare of children under their care.

I am in the process of requesting all club leaders to wear a visible ID badges and will ask them to ensure that in the first few weeks of starting a club they know exactly who is signing their register to collect a child at the end of a session.

This will forge safer practice and ensure that no child goes home with a person who is not listed on the collection list.

The new system will echo the process we have in school at normal pick up time at 2.30pm. However, if you are late for collecting your child, they will be safely escorted to Sherpa Kids childminding service. We will contact you to let you know what has happened.

You will then be charged by Sherpa Kids whilst they look after your child.

Failure to collect your child on time can be viewed as neglect of care. Please ensure that children do not become anxious or distress by late pick- ups.

If you have any queries about this serious matter, please do not hesitate to speak to Miss Patel or myself. We are the Designated Safeguarding Leads for the school.

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 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 : Set out below



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	Y1 Lord Nrsimha Assembly at 8.30am (parents are invited to attend)
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 - TBA
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