



12th December 2016

Dear Parent and Carers,

Gita Jayanti Month

Respect and tolerance of other faiths and beliefs

Story of Hanukkah

Story of Christmas

Celebrating Christmas around the World

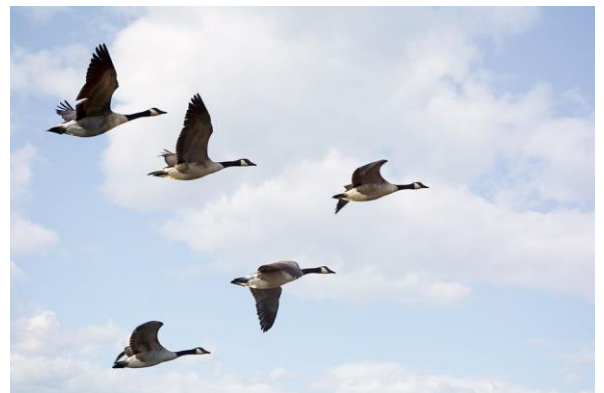


THOUGHT OF THE WEEK During worship, we have been reflecting upon Lord Krishna sharing his philosophical teachings to prince Arjuna on the first day of the 18-day battle of Kurukshetra. This is when prince Arjuna refused to fight against his cousins, the Kauravas in the battle. Lord Krishna powerfully explained the truth of life and thereby introducing everybody to one of the world's greatest scriptures, the Bhagavad Gita.

"If one offers Me with love and devotion a leaf, a flower, fruit, water, I will accept it." Chapter 9, verse 26

YOGA and MEDITATION LESSONS Mrs Hothi will end our term at KAPS with the theme of getting on and being part of the team.

Key Stage 1 - Will learn about the science of geese flying in a V-shaped formation and how they fly together to get to a certain destination. Mrs Hothi will explain how similarly, if we work together helping each other we can also get to a certain destination with everybody's help. The children will line up, like the geese in a V-shaped formation and work together to help each other do yoga poses that might be difficult to do alone.



Key Stage 2 – Will listen to the story about the redwood trees in the Muir Woods in Northern California. The redwood trees have shallow roots. However, because their roots are all interconnected it allows them to stand tall even in adverse conditions. Similarly, if we work together in a team interconnecting our talents and abilities, we can create a strong structure and help each other grow. The class will gather in a circle and will undertake teamwork yoga postures. They will see which pose allows them to work best together, creating a tight knit circle.



Parents as Partners



We look forward your visits during our **PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS ON 13th and 14th DECEMBER:** The school team are looking forward to holding a progress meeting. These meetings are compulsory. **Please remember to arrive on time.**

HOLIDAY HOMEWORK and LEARNING - As we approach the long three week holiday period, I would like to gently remind you to schedule time for the work that has been set for your child. Some of the learning will be to consolidate from the term – spellings, handwriting, multiplication and number facts.

It is important that the children continue to read every day and take part in discussions and debates. We often forget the importance of speaking and listening skills, so try to find time whilst shopping, during a car journey, during a meal time.

Furthermore, visit **Education City website** and allow your child to explore the site. We shall hold a presentation about it in January.

Finally Key stage 2 pupils are invited to enter a competition.

It is to design the front cover of 2017/2018 Student Planner.

They will be given an A4 sheet to submit their drawing on.



MATHS PROBLEM SOLVING WEEK

We will kick start 2017 with an explosion of mathematical solving learning activities!

Children will start Monday 9th January participating in creative maths workshops. They will learn about

Maths in their outdoor environment and how maths is everywhere.

Each class will focus upon a “mathematical story” and through speaking, reasoning and practical tasks they will practise number, shape and other concepts in an exciting, and imaginative way.

If you think you can help out during this week, please let your child’s class teacher know. You may be in a profession where you use maths frequently or have a brilliant way of teaching multiplication, number facts, data concepts, statistics, you may be fantastic with vedic maths or other methodologies!

Please let us know and help us develop the minds of our children.

An enormous thank you is sent to those parents who have agreed to help set up our new library. We still need more help.

Can you help on Monday 12th December? (between 8.00am – 12.00noon)

- 1. We would like you to volunteer your help to categorise all the books into fiction and non-fiction piles.**
- 2. We would like you to put barcode sticky labels inside all the books.**

On Monday 9th January 2017 (between 8.00am – 2.00pm)

- 3. We would like you to carry on helping us to put barcode sticky labels inside all the books.**
- 4. On Tuesday 10th January 2017 (between 8.00am – 2.00pm)**

Can you help to effectively scan all the books onto the PCs.

LIBRARY HELP

The school team, Year 6 Library Monitors and children are grateful to receive your help on any of the above dates.

It is a big job, but by working in partnership we can get the work done.

Please email or leave your name at the office if you can volunteer. Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

AND FINALLY... You will have received a separate letter about the nominations for Committee members to join the new elected FOKAS Committee. Please be generous with your time and support on this vital matter. We want to plan and set up exciting events for our children in 2017.

All of us at KAPSH continue to strive for excellence in education and endeavor to provide our children with a wide range of opportunities to secure positive life chances, with spirituality at the heart of all our actions.

We wish to build on our success and strengthen the opportunities for our families.

As ever many, many thanks for your continued support. I look forward to building stronger partnerships with you all. Please join our FOKAS committee.



It is very nearly the end of another year and I would like to thank the school team for an excellent term. I do hope they will have a well-earned rest.

I close this newsletter of 2016 with a big thank you to everyone who has supported the school during 2015 / 2016 – children, governors, FOKAS committee and of course families of KAPSH! We are grateful for your support this term, with your child's learning, coming to school events and involving yourself in aspects of school life.



Happy Hanukkah






We wish all our families and staff who are celebrating Christmas and Hanukkah happiness, joy and peace. Wishing you all a lovely festive holiday and a peaceful, healthy New Year.

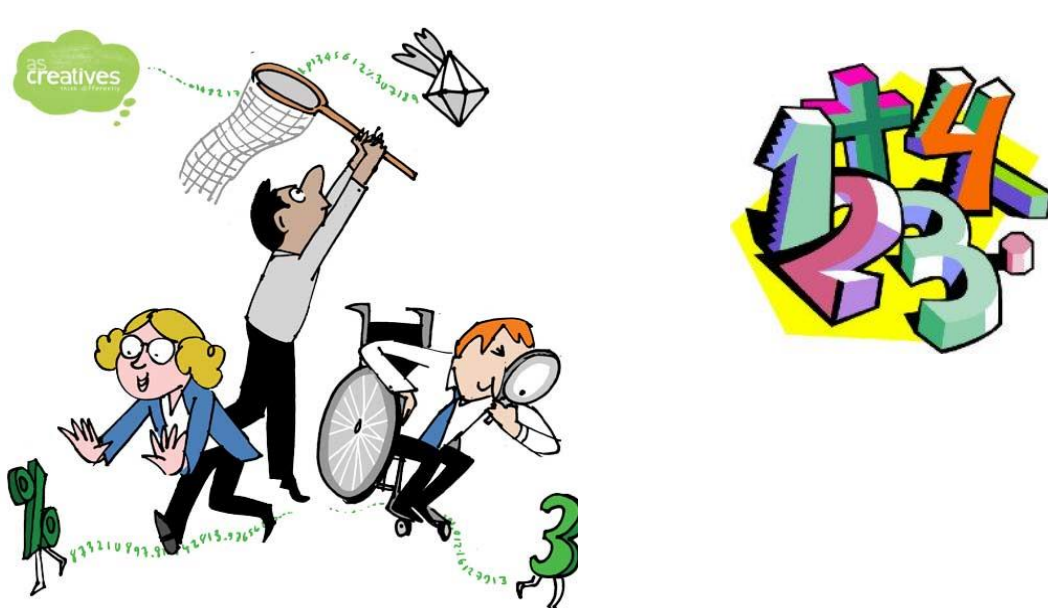
School re-opens for the spring term on **Monday 9th January at 7.50am.**

Wishing you a good week ahead.

Mrs Bindu Rai, Principal

DIARY DATES

12/12/16	Launch of The Student Planner Competition
12/12/16	Closing date for FOKAS Committee nominations
13/12/16	<p>MAGIC SHOW – ENTERTAINMENT and REFRESHMENTS organised by FOKAS</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> <p>A small committee meeting took place last Wednesday evening. The committee decided to organise a treat for the children with an end of year programme. This year the children will see ZAKOS THE MAGICIAN.</p> <div style="text-align: right;">  </div> <p>9.00 -10.00am Nursery to Year 2 1.15- 2.15pm Year 3 to Year 6</p>

13/12/16	Parent Consultation 1 evening
13/12/16	Farewell to Miss Naidoo
14/12/16	Parent Consultation 2 evening
14/12/16	Announcement of FOKAS Nominations
14/12/16	Special Leaving assembly for Ms Pandya Farewell to Mrs Joshi too
16/12/16	Reception Nativity production for parents/carers am
16/12/16	Parents invited to say farewell t the Coffee afternoon for Ms Pandya at 1.45pm
16/12/16	End of term
09/01/17	Pupils Return
09/01/17	Maths Problem Solving Week commences 
09/01/17	Volunteers required to help set up the library 8.00am -2.00pm
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10/01/17	RSBP Bird Watch month commences
16/01/17	After School Clubs commence
<p>KAPSH Has Got Talent Show in the evening – details to follow This is an event that Ms Pandya has led successfully in the past. Due to her leaving, we are planning the event in her absence and will let you know of the details in January</p>	