



Monday 26th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,



I start this week's newsletter about the parking before and after school around the vicinity of our school.

I have been informed that a number of cars have been parking across driveways of houses at the beginning and end of the school day causing obstruction to vehicle owners who are prevented from gaining access to the road from their driveways due to inconsiderate parking.

This is an offence under the Highways Act 1981.

Sadly, I also have to mention that Robert, each morning directs the traffic, for the safety of our children, but has informed me that he too, has been

at the hands of verbally aggressive parents.

Here is an extract from the formal complaints we have received:

"I am writing to inform you that I have reported (see below and attached vehicle registration number submitted) one of your parents for blocking my neighbours' driveway. This was moments after another parent had blocked my driveway and only moved his car when I threatened to report him. I was unable to get his details though I really wish I had! This situation is indicative of what we, the residents of Broomgrove Gardens have had to deal with. The parents arrive on our road from about 2pm and cram into any space they can find that is closest to the school when the whole road further down is open to them! They have continued to block driveways all of last school year and it is starting again only some of the parents are now arrogant about it and do not seem to care how inconsiderate their parking is."

"I am a disabled woman. My neighbours' are elderly. It is not acceptable for it to take 5 minutes for me to pull out of my driveway to collect my own son from his school. It is unacceptable that I have witnessed my neighbours struggling as well. It is unacceptable that the parents are blocking the road trying to park as close to the school as possible and arguments ensue. It is unacceptable that when told that they are parking inconsiderately, blocking driveways that they often argue saying "I am collecting my children from school" or "but I won't be long". Like they have a right somehow and others like myself don't have children to collect as well! It is still very inconsiderate behaviour and many parents do not seem to care or will argue with you when the inconsiderate parking is pointed out!"

At KAPS, we have a reputation to maintain in the community and adhere to our school ethos and values, but not only during school hours. It is important that we model this, in front of our children at all times.

Please park in the designated parking bays and NOT on the yellow lines or in private driveways.

Please do not breach the regulations. Further breaches can result in legal action being taken against those responsible.

COMMUNICATION and WEBSITE I would like to kindly request that if you are having problems receiving emails, text message, then please let the Office team know.

We are currently adding extra information, resources and links to the website that will support you and the children.

Please note that Homework continues to be emailed each week. If you are not receiving it, please let the class teacher know. In addition to this, our Student Planner is another way to communicate to the school.



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 Foodbanks 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



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.

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

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.

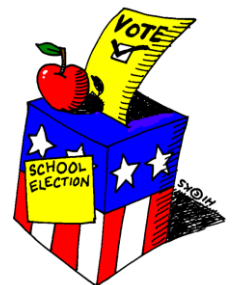
**A celebration of different Heritages, Identities, Cultures
Krishna Avanti Primary Pupils are GLOBAL LEARNERS**



SCHOOL COUNCIL LAUNCH 2016 This week I shall be launching the campaign for School Council Representatives 2016. The children will be given homework to plan and to prepare a speech, which 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.



We're here to help!

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.



YOGA and MINDFULNESS LESSONS have commenced again and are a wonderful time for reflection! I shall be forwarding information to you shortly about developing concentration exercises at home.

As always, Mrs Hothi begins each class session with sun salutations. Last week, the children remembered their summer holidays and translated it through yoga poses. The session ended with pranayama and a mindful practice of concentrating on an object through the use of the breath and gaze. This was quite a challenge for the majority of the children, so it would be a good idea to practice it at home.

**“When the mind is ruled
By the roving senses,
It bears away one’s wisdom
As the wind a ship on water”.**

– Bhagavad Gita

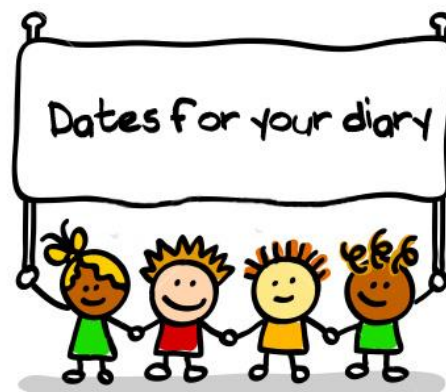
Please view the diary dates on the next page.

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.



26/09/16	School Council Hustings and Election Week preparations
30/09/16	Healthy Harold Workshop Reception and Year 1
01/10/16	Navaratri commences
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 (Gorvandhan 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
16/11/16	Prospective Reception parents Talk and Tour of school 9.30 – 10.45am
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	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