



Warriors of learning and challenge

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Equality, exits and protests

Exits have returned to normal - thank you so much for your peaceful understanding throughout the last 5 weeks.

Thank you to the protestors for stopping - this is great news especially as Ramadan has started, SATs begin for Year 2 today and SATs begin for Year 6 next week. We are all looking forward to peaceful ends to the days.

You should receive your letter today giving details of parent meeting times, when we will look at some new books I bought over Easter. We want your views on which classes they would be best placed in. If you have any books that celebrate diversity or help promote understanding of all aspects of equality, please recommend them to me and we can include these too.

Thank you again for all your patience, thoughts, ideas and comments over the last few weeks. I have met with Nazir Afzal who subsequently met with a few protestors and we are hopefully meeting again with parents altogether to iron out any remaining few misunderstandings. Huge thanks to Nazir for giving his precious time to Anderton Park.

Ramadan & fasting

Ramadan is a very important time to us all at APS including those of us who are not Muslim, *"Fasting in the month of Ramadan is not just refraining from food & drink, but one's eyes, ears, tongue should also be fasting. Stay away from lying, backbiting, cursing, vain discussions & suspicion. May Allah give us all the benefits of his blessed month. Ameen"*.

Y2 & Y6 SATs

Year 6 SATs week is the week beginning 13th May. Thank you to children & families for their dedication in attending Easter school in the holidays.

Year 2 SATs will be spread over two weeks, week beginning 6th & 13th May.

All children have been working so hard towards these tests and we are so proud of your determination & perseverance.

School Uniform

We have been sent some information regarding a charity that provides free school uniforms for children to have when they start the new school year in September. If support for purchasing uniforms is something that you feel would help you as a family please let one of the Learning Mentors or Mrs Bi know and we can apply for this for you.

INSET Day change

We have made a change to one of our INSET days which was due to be on Friday 26th May. This will now be a normal school day for children and the INSET day will instead be on Friday 14th June.

Games Café

The Games Café was back on this week, and will continue next week, on Tuesday 14th May, 3.30 - 4.15pm. We look forward to seeing you there. Collect your children from their classes and join us in the Small Hall. All children must be accompanied by an adult who is responsible for them. Have a look at our Twitter page for photographs.

Mental Health Awareness Week

Monday 13th to Sunday 19th May is Mental Health Awareness Week. Mental Health Awareness Week is the UK's national week to raise awareness of mental health and mental health problems and inspire action to promote the message of good mental health for all. Just like physical health, we all have a state of mental health. Things can affect our mental health and this can sometimes be difficult to cope with. There are lots of things we can do to help maintain our mental health, one of these things could be to talk to someone you trust - a friend, mum, dad, teacher etc. There's also lots of places you can look for help online. A website you could visit is youngminds.org.uk who offer information about lots of different things children & young people may face.

Computer/Console Games Workshop - Thursday 9th May, 2.30-3.30pm

Tomorrow our Learning Mentors are holding a Computer/Console Games Workshop to help inform parents of what to expect with popular games such as Roblox, Fortnite, Minecraft etc and some of the dangers that can come with children playing them. The workshop will take place in the Saffiyah Khan Suite and will start at 2.30pm, lasting for one hour. Please come along to hear more.

Important Dates

wb 6.5.19	Y2 SATs Week
wb 13.5.19	Y6 & Y2 SATs Week
24.5.19	Break up for half term
3.6.19	Back to school
14.6.19	INSET day - school closed for pupils
19.7.19	Break up for summer holidays
2.9.19	INSET day - school closed for pupils
3.9.19	INSET day - school closed for pupils
4.9.19	Back to school for autumn term 2019

Quotes from staff

We asked staff for their favourite quotes so each week we will give you one of them. This week we have...Miss Jeffers whose favourite quote is *"To thine own self be true"*.

Growth Mindset Quote of the Week

"The real fault is to have faults and not to amend them" - Confucius

Celebration assemblies

Assemblies for Y1 - 6 take place on Wednesdays at 1.45pm. Y5 & 6 - Large Hall, Y1 & 2 - Sports Hall, Y3 & 4 - Small Hall. Nursery and Reception's assembly will be at 11.00am on **Friday 10th May**, in the Sports Hall.

Want to hire our Sports Hall?

We have a lettings policy which enables people to hire the Sports Hall from 3.30 - 6.00pm, on weekdays. It can only be used for sports or arts purposes. So if you know any aerobics, Zumba or karate teachers, who are looking for a space, please let them know about our Sports Hall. It may be possible to let the hall later in the evening. Please contact school if you are interested. The rates are as follows - £20 per hour, £50 per session (am or pm) or £100 all day.