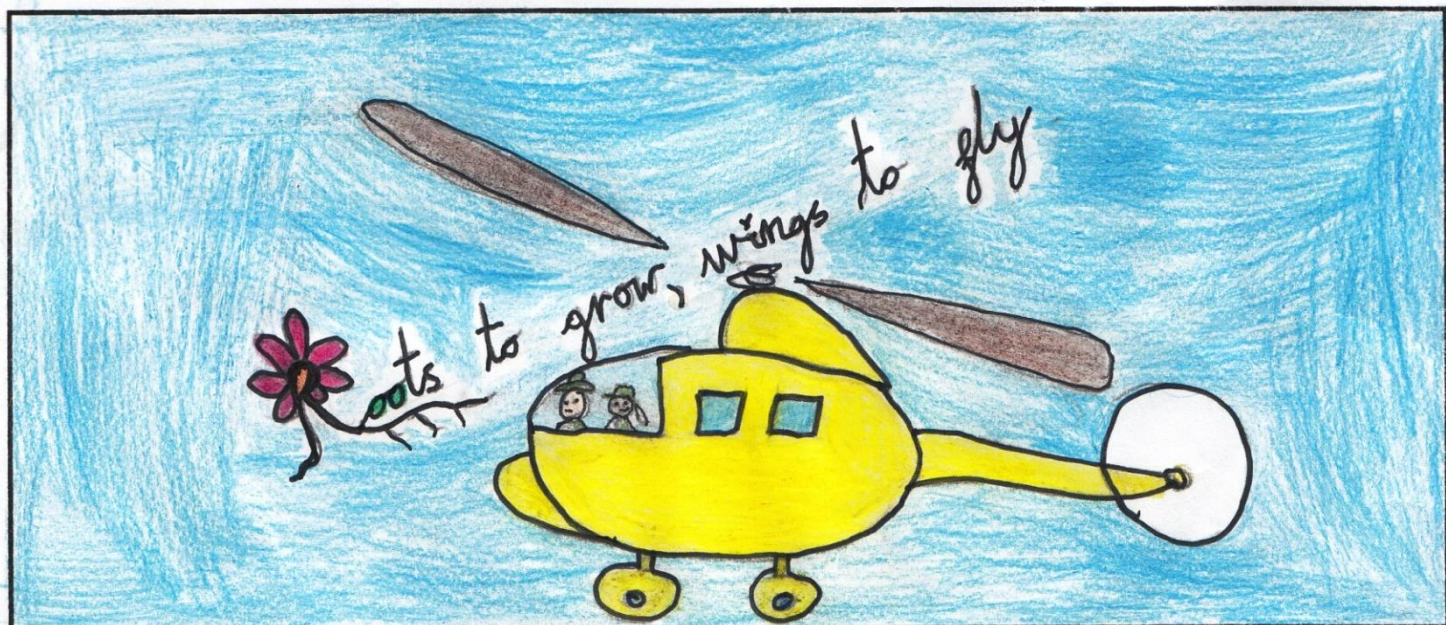


Akrotiri School Newsletter

5th May 2017



Stars and Golden Mentions of the Week

**Sophie White
Isabelle Fletcher
Jackson
Kenrick-Wilks
Sophia Hazell
Alice Williams
Ella Smith
Lottie Bowles
James Crone
Fraser Parkinson-Stuart**

**Charlotte Chappell
Annie Branton
Chloe Clarke
Victoria Sansom
Nico Lancaster
Ellie Cain
Erika Verbout
Keira Carlile**



Half Term Heroes of the Week ending 7th April.

**Laney Curtis
Chandler Archer
Sophia Sutcliffe
Fallon Brett
Campbell Scott
Eliza-Jane Garcha
Dillon Herbert
Holly Witham
Harry Tomlin
Hannah Wagstaff**

**Zack Brown
Tristan McIlmoyle
Henry De-Long
Lexie Davison
Lucy Collins
Angus Blackburn
Briannah Butler
Lucy Tomlinson-Smale
Tyler Wickham**

LEAVING AKROTIRI SCHOOL

It would be really helpful if you could let us know if you are likely to be posted before September 2017.

We are planning now for the new academic year and the clearer we are about pupil numbers the better we can organise classes and teacher responsibilities.

‘Notification of Leaving’ forms are available from School Office. Thank you.



Head Teacher Update

Dear Parents/Carers,

Start of term

As always it has been lovely to welcome our pupils back from the Easter break and to welcome some new pupils to school. We have a very busy term ahead. You will all have received information about the new class topics and many classes have exciting trips planned. We have Sport's Days planned, Bikability, Children's University Graduation, a Big Arts Week and transition days to St' John's for our Year 6 pupils! Lots to do in a short space of time. We will look forward to hopefully seeing you at many of our events throughout this term.

Staffing

I am delighted to report that Mrs Brett has settled well into FS2 following her maternity leave. It is absolutely lovely having her back in school and seeing how much she is enjoying being back and part of the team once again. Mrs Bowles has also settled into life in FS1 very quickly too. She is very happy to be part of our team and the children in both classes are settled as their learning continues seamlessly due to the excellent hand over for both teams.

Foundation Stage have also welcomed Mrs Tara Brett onto the team as she begins work in the FS Office. She will be in FS daily to provide support to parents and staff.

We are pleased to also welcome Mr Richard Ashford to school as our new IT support. He will be helping us in school from Monday to Thursday which we are delighted about.

On Monday 15th May we are looking forward to welcoming Mr Mick Clarke back to school. He did a fantastic job as an LSA before he left us for his teacher training. He is going to be completing his final placement with us in Year 4 with Mrs Cotter for a period of 8 weeks. We are looking forward to having him back in school once again.

FS Toilets

I would like to apologise to everyone regarding the delay in the construction of our new FS toilets. I have been working very hard to get them built but there have been long delays due to building regulations which must be approved in the UK. All of this is out of my control and I share the frustrations of all pupils, parents and staff. I don't think that the toilets will now be completed this school year. To support the children we have changed the toilets around in the FS building. The staff now share one toilet which is the disabled toilet, and the children have sole use of the old staff toilets which provide more toilets and privacy. We have placed steps in the toilets and at the sinks.

We are going to provide some temporary shading in the outdoor area of the new classroom as the shading will be installed at the same time as the new toilets. Apologies once again and many thanks for your patience.

Head Teacher Update (cond)

84 Squadron Mosaic

Our mosaic is now finished. I am sure you will agree that it is a fabulous tribute to 84 Squadron. We plan to fit a notice board on the one side of the wall which will contain pictures and information on the journey we have undertaken to create our tribute. I hope you enjoy reading about the opening further on in the newsletter.

Library Support

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our volunteers who come into school and support us both in and out of the classroom. We are very grateful for the time they give to support our pupils and staff.

I would like to give Mrs Patterson a special thank you as she has done wonders with our library. She comes in every week to ensure that the library is tidy and inviting. Many members of staff have mentioned how invaluable her support is. Many thanks to everyone.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please contact the school office.

Rebecca Robinson
Headteacher

New School Perimeter Fence Procedures

As you will all be aware, we now have a perimeter fence around the school to bring us fully in line with the UK regarding safeguarding procedures. I am delighted that we are now in a position to fully monitor all visitors to school in addition to having clear boundaries for the children as the school is so close to the main road.

Foundation Stage

Foundation Stage have a bell system to enable us to control access to the main building during the school day. We will have a new keypad and buzzer system installed in the next couple of weeks which will allow the staff to enter with a code and for visitors to buzz for entry via a camera and microphone which is linked to the Foundation Office.

Main School

We are now in a position to begin trialling the new systems and I would appreciate your help as we begin to establish our new safety procedures. We now have 7 entry points into the main school:

- 1.** The side gate which links the main school to Foundation Stage. This gate will have a keypad which will allow staff and pupils to pass from one building to another. Pupils will not be able to walk between the buildings without an adult. These gates will be opened for pupil drop off and collection at 07.35-08.00 and 13.20-14.30.
- 2.** The single gate at the bottom of the path beside the Barrack Warden building is an emergency exit. It will be opened for entry and exit each day at 07.35-08.00 and 13.20-14.30.
- 3.** The side gate which leads from the pedestrian crossing opposite the pavilion fields to the Key Stage 2 building is for pedestrian access. It will be opened for pupil drop off and collection at 07.35-08.00 and 13.20-14.30.
- 4.** The 2 large gates beside the large side car park opposite the pavilion fields which lead into the school playground are emergency exits and gates for deliveries. They will be opened for pupil drop off and collection at 07.35-08.00 and 13.20-14.30.
- 5.** The main point of entry to the school for all visitors is at the bottom of the path in front of the staff car park which is in front of the school. This is the only point of entry into school during the day. There is a buzzer and camera on the gate that will link you to the school office. Visitors will then be buzzed into school in order to report to the main school office. It has a microphone so we can communicate with you too. Visitors will be asked to sign in and wear a visitor badge if they are going to remain in school i.e. visiting classrooms or attending a meeting. For assemblies and concerts where we have a lot of visitors to the hall, you will be buzzed in as usual and able to take your seat in the school hall. If any parent or visitor needs to then visit another part of the school, they will have to be signed in at the office and escorted by a member of our office staff. We would be grateful if this entry gate is not used when dropping off or collecting your children as it doesn't have a direct path to the playground where the children can be collected at the end of the day. When leaving through this gate you will need to press the buzzer in order to have the gate released.
- 6.** The 2 large gates beside the main entrance at the bottom of the staff car park are emergency exits. These gates will be locked during the day and only opened for deliveries.
- 7.** The 2 large gates at the top of the staff car park which lead to our KS1 building are emergency exits. They will be opened for pupil drop off and collection at 07.35-08.00 and 13.20-14.30.

Appointments and visitors to school

If you need to collect your child for an appointment during the school day, you will be asked to report to the school office. A member of the office staff will then collect your child for you from their classes. When returning from an appointment, please return your child to the school office and they will then be returned to the classroom. If you need to visit school for any other reason please always report to the main school office where you can sign in and a member of the office staff can assist you with your enquiry.

As Headteacher, my main priority is keeping all the children safe. I need to ensure that we always know who is in school. These are new procedures and I would really appreciate your understanding and your patience as we implement our new systems. The new fence enables us to keep your children safe and I fully believe in our new systems. Please feel free to contact me if you wish to discuss any of this. We want to get this right and will appreciate your feedback. All of these new procedures will begin on Monday 8th May.

84 Sqn Mosaic

On Monday 24th April the completed mosaic to commemorate the Centenary of 84 Sqn was unveiled by Grp Capt Blackburn. Members of 84 Sqn, members of the SGC and Daisy's parents were invited to the unveiling. Like all good unveiling ceremonies there was in fact a rope to pull and Daisy, from Y6 who had designed the mosaic, was asked to pull the rope! Daisy's design has been brought to life with the help of a local artist Anne Clayton who has generously given up her time to help complete the project. She worked with every single child from FS1 to Y6 to ensure that they got to place their tile on the mosaic.

The mosaic has truly brightened up the outdoor environment of our school and is the start of ambitious plans that we have to improve our school.




DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

SUMMER TERM 2017

Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Last Day of Term	Friday 21 st July

SCHOOL TRIPS / EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

YEAR GROUPS	WHAT AND WHEN	TIME	WHERE	COMMENTS
FS2	Sports day Wednesday 17th May			More details to follow
Y1 & Y2	Sports day Friday 19th May			More details to follow
Y3-Y6	Sports day Tuesday 23rd May			More details to follow
FS1-Y6	Big Arts Week Week beginning Monday 22nd May			All week

School Academic Calendar for 2017/2018

AUTUMN TERM 2017

Staff Training Days	Monday 4 th & Tuesday 5 th September
First day for children	Wednesday 6 th September
Half Term	Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October
Last Day of Term	Wednesday 20 th December

SPRING TERM 2018

First Day for children	Monday 8 th January
Half Term	Monday 12 th February – Friday 16 th February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 29 th March

SUMMER TERM 2018

Staff Training Day	Monday 16 th April
First Day for Children	Tuesday 17 th April
May Day Holiday	Monday 7 th May
Half Term	Monday 28 th May – Friday 1 st June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 24 th July