



Friday 4th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's newsletter has been written by Mrs Saville Headteacher but also by Classes 3 and 4 who have been Headteacher for the day!



Team AK Shining Brightly:

My Chair of Governors, Sarah Harris, Miss Kibblewhite, Mrs Hancock and I recently accompanied our 5 writing competition winners and their families to the awards evening - we were beaming with pride as our school shone! We did ever so well and I cannot wait to take part again in the Summer involving all classes.

Classes 3 & 4 took over the school! On Tuesday 1st December, the school was taken over by the pupils and I must add, they did a sterling job! At the end of the day, the Headteachers Poppy and Scarlett left me a note:

Dear Mrs Saville,

Thank you for letting us use your office and be Headteachers for the day. Your job is certainly a lot harder than it looks!

They were asked to write some of the newsletter. After a learning walk, this is what they wrote:

Reception: Class R have been working really hard to create some beautiful stars and helmets for their Christmas Nativity and have been practising time and time again. Their classroom looks amazing! They have got a mini Christmas tree and it looks pretty good.

Class 1: They have been looking at Christmas, Diwali, Lights and bonfire night [Guy Fawkes].

Class 2: They have been writing about the Christmas story and in Maths they have been doing fractions.

Class 3: In class 3 they have been learning about time on an analogue clock in Maths and in English they have been learning about advertising adverts and also decided to write their own advert! In art they have been sketching autumn leaves and making autumn mobiles.

Class 4: In Maths they have been working on symmetry and in English they have been starting to write recounts.

Class 5: In Maths Class 5 have been learning to round whole number to tenths and hundredths. In English they have been they have looking at and making advent calendars.



Class 6: Their topic is 'Come and join the celebration' and in English they were writing NCRs (non-chronological reports), in Maths they have been doing BODMAS.

I would like to thank all of the children in Classes 3 & 4 for working so hard to ensure the school ran smoothly on Tuesday, from teaching lessons, meeting with the caretaker to help do his job, being office administrators, MDSAs, leading worship to being Headteacher for the day, they all did brilliantly.

Team AK Cross Country Success

Today children from across KS2 represent the school brilliantly in the local schools cross country competition. There were 8 schools from the local area competing and we managed to get a Silver and Bronze medal finishing 2nd and 3rd! The team were so delighted with their success and we are proud of each and everyone one of them for doing their very best. This is a fabulous achievement for Team AK. Thanks to Mr Brown and all of the parent volunteers who helped today.

Parents & Carers Shining Brightly! THANK YOU!

On behalf of all of our very lucky children, I would like to say a huge thank you to all parents and carers who helped at the Christmas Pocket Money stalls, and also at the wrapping event. You really are very kind and the children massively appreciate how much hard work it was for you all. I love this event as it is something everyone can join in with and what a treat to get some wrapped presents at the end. It would not happen without the volunteers- thank you!

AK Christmas Movie Evening Date Confirmation

Just to confirm that this is on Monday 14th December at 3.15pm in the hall. Tickets will be available shortly from the office or from FoAKS on the playground. I am really looking forward to it!

Parent/Carer Plea

The start of the day up until the staff are on the playground from 8.50am is a really crucial time for the teaching team in order to be able to provide the very best they can at the start of each day. With quite a few parents going into the cloakrooms and children going into the classroom to deliver things it can be very distracting at this important time of the day. Unless in an emergency, please can you refrain from visiting the cloakrooms to put your children's belongings away before the bell goes in the morning. The children can bring their belongings to the circle and then put them in once the bell has gone, developing their independence and responsibility. The staff will come out onto the playground by 8.50am should you have any questions for them before school starts. You are very welcome to have a look for things in cloakrooms etc. at the end of the day if you need to instead.

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In addition at the end of the day the school hall should not be entered for retrieving lunch boxes until all lessons have finished in the hall as this disturbs learning. Thank you for your cooperation with all of the above, it is really appreciated.

AK School Improvement Plan Update

SIP Action 4- outdoor learning. Our new AK Gardening club is now in full swing with Mr Jackson, Mrs Gray and Miss Noonan. Here is a bit of exciting news about what is happening:

I'm delighted to tell you the school now has a *Friends of the Earth Bee World* meadow growing in our grounds close to the outdoor classroom. Kathryn Gray applied for seeds from Friends of the Earth and last month, after having levelled the soil dug out of the base for the outdoor classroom, she sowed the seeds with the help of five children from Class R. Shoots are appearing already and in the Spring it will be a haven for bees, as well as providing a splash of colour in the spring and summer.

Gardening Club with Mr Jackson started three weeks ago. In the first week, the children made newspaper seed pots and planted peas in them to grow at home. In the last two sessions, the children have been busy digging the new garden bed and planting bulbs around the outdoor classroom. I know Mr Jackson has lots of exciting plans for the club. Many thanks also to Mrs Gray and Ms Noonan for volunteering to help with the club and for bringing along tools to use during the sessions. I cannot wait to see what the team do next!

Forest School- success. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their first forest schools session making willow wreaths and natures curtains. Mr Jackson said that they were the most prepared best dressed bunch yet! Well done Year 2. Also, for the first week, it didn't rain on them all! In January Classes 1 and R get their afternoons, something for them to look forward to (parents will be given a note beforehand so they can send in a warm change of clothes, waterproofs and wellies). We are putting up a page about AK Forest Schools on our website and information is also on our class pages with some photographs!

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Fair last week. We managed to choose some lovely books for our library as commission on the sales.

Have a lovely weekend,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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Please always check the calendar on our website www.akps.org.uk for dates.



Date	Event
Tuesday 8 th December 1.45pm	1.45 pm Nativity Performance - all welcome
Wednesday 9 th December 1.45pm	1.45 pm Nativity Performance - all welcome
Thursday 10 th December	School Christmas Lunch (sorry too late to order now) 6.00pm Nativity Performance - all welcome
Saturday 12 th December	7.00pm School choir to perform at Ashton Keynes Choir Performance in Holy Cross Church
Monday 14 th December	A.M. Ice-skating for KS2 children 3.15pm FoAKS Film Night
Tuesday 15 th December	A.M. Zumba morning for whole school provided by the School
Wednesday 16 th December	8.00 a.m. Christmas Breakfast Club with visit from Santa £3 for session 9.00a.m. Heroes and Heroines assembly - all welcome
Thursday 17 th December	A.M. AKs Got Talent (Pupils only - sorry) 4.30 pm German Christmas Market in hall
Friday 18 th December	1.30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church - all welcome
Monday 4 th January	8.55a.m. School restarts for Spring Term