



Friday 15th January 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, it is so lovely to be back! Thank you ever so much for your well-wishes, it is good to know the operation went well, I am back on my feet and was not away for too long. Thank you to Mrs Thompson for standing in for me in my absence I know she loved being back in the school.

We warmly welcome 4 new pupils to the school: Oscar in Year 5, Enzo in Year 3, Caleb in Year 1 and Tegan in Year R. We are delighted they have joined Team AK and we are so pleased that they are quickly settling beautifully into our school family.



Team AK Shining Brightly:

The children have all returned from the Christmas break raring to go and ever so keen to learn. Fantastic!

School Council Shining Brightly!

Star Bench unveiled- thank you!

Well done to our school council who organised the dress down day to help us buy a special star friendship bench for our playground. It was unveiled on Thursday and the children were very excited. We look forward to seeing it being used to promote friendship (one of our core values) and to support anyone who may need a friend at playtime. Thank you for your donations to help school council purchase the bench for all children to benefit from. I know our very eager and committed school council team are very busy with their next project which they have designed and will be letting you know about very soon.

Mrs Hancock

Mrs Hancock, one of our Teaching Assistants, is training to be a teacher. We are delighted that she is doing her teaching practice here with us in Class 1. Mrs Hancock has already made a fantastic start to this as I observed yesterday. She is the person responsible for making our new Reading Corridor look so fabulous. When you are next in school, have a walk down our new reading corridor and have a look at our reading graffiti wall and photos of children reading in unusual places. It is looking fabulous!

The Apprentice comes to AK!

We are currently counting the money raised by classes at our very first German Christmas market. Once counted and verified the class winners of the apprentice style business challenge will be announced. We are currently putting together with the children an order of exciting giant outdoor games to buy with the money. It is very exciting and will make playtimes even better for all of our children!

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Visitors in school next week

You may remember last October we were joined by leaders from local schools who helped us review the school. We have now joined with a national initiative called Challenge Partners where national leaders review one another's schools to quality assure them. This is an excellent way of seeing what you do well in your school, learning from others, whilst finding what you can do even better. You may notice three visitors around school between Monday and Wednesday. We are looking forward to this opportunity.

AK School Improvement Plan Update

SIP Action 2 (Reading)-The reading corridor is now in place and coming along nicely. It promotes reading and authors and provides a book and listening station for pupils. We are enjoying watching the children using the corridor and the conversation about reading that it is generating.

SIP Action 4 (Worship)- Each class are writing prayers for each of our core values which will be shared in a special prayer book. We are asking children to share prayers in worship with the ultimate aim for them to feel comfortable with saying prayers spontaneously at the end of our assemblies and worship.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support,
With my kindest regards,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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

Date	Event
Mon 18 th - Wed 20 th Jan	Challenge Partners Review - see above
Wed 3 rd Feb	Mock Trials Visit - Class 6 (to be confirmed)
Tues 9 th Feb	Zumba morning for all classes
Thurs 11 th Feb	9.00am Heros and Heroines assembly - all welcome Dress Down Day for charity (to be decided)
Friday 12 th Feb	Training Day - School Closed
15 th - 19 th Feb	Half-term holiday
Mon 22 nd Feb	8.50am School restarts
Sat 5 th March	Evening - Adult disco in School Hall
Tues 8 th March	4.30 - 7.00pm Parents' Evening 1
Thurs 10 th March	3.30 - 6.00pm Parents' Evening 2