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Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to this special end of term festive edition of my letter. I have asked that each class write a synopsis of the first two terms to share their thoughts of AK school life with you.



#### **Class R's thoughts on the first two terms:**

Max said "The best thing was toasting marshmallows"

Alice said "I really liked when we first learnt about time"

Grace Said " I enjoyed it when we made our Elmers out of milk bottles"

Lara said "I liked two things - making sparklers and toasting marshmallows"

Ben "We are learning new sounds"

Eva "I love the writing toolbox"

Freddie B " I like the popoids and the construction"

Freddie P "I liked having a dark storytime and hot chocolate"

Lauren " I liked the buddies coming to have hot chocolate"

Evangeline " I liked the dark den"



## **Class 1**

Class 1 have settled in really well since September and are enjoying their learning. When they were asked what they have enjoyed most so far, the majority said that they loved handwriting (Hoorah!!) because of 'the peaceful music'. We practice our handwriting each Friday morning accompanied by a selection of classical music! They have also enjoyed our poetry, particularly the worm poem because 'it was funny when the worm was dancing in my hand', 'because the little boy ate a worm and spat him down the loo' and because 'it felt tickly and soft and a little bit bumpy'. We have also enjoyed 'measuring outside' and the children have really enjoyed doing P.E. with Mr Brown outside: ' I love it!'.



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### **Class 2's thoughts on Terms 1 and 2.**

All the children have embraced their home learning with their favourite project being constructing the wind chimes and we certainly have had some fantastic creations!

"I have really enjoyed doing the school play because it's been fun learning my words and performing in front of lots of people." - Ethan

"I have enjoyed learning about alliteration because it really gets your brain thinking." - Eva

"I loved making my wind chime for home learning." - Evie

"I like knowing my 5 times table." - Henry

"I'm pleased I can write long sentences and do a bit of joining up now." - Samuel

"I want to say thank you for our lovely head teacher. She is cheerful and energetic and good at the Granny Rap!" - Lucy



### **Class 3's thoughts on the first two terms:**

"We have improved our Cracking Times Tables and our handwriting".

"I really think that my writing's got neater" - Jessica

"I love Music" - Leo

"I'm proud that I took part in the school athletics" - Jack

"I enjoy doing my homework and think my handwriting has improved" - William

"I really enjoyed the singing we did with Mrs Saville and choir with Mrs Crowley"- Darcy

"I loved getting a gold head teacher award for embracing school life"- Daniel

"I've enjoyed reaching Level 10 Cracking Times Tables and doing lots of maths" - Grace

"My highlight is my shield homework"

"I'm proud of my homework that has gone on display two weeks in a row!" - Eliza



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"My highlight has been getting my lunch time merit" - Matilda



#### **Class 4**

We enjoyed the class assembly because the class could share what we had learnt throughout the terms. Story writing was also fun from planning our stories to reading others to making our own. We were all keen on poetry writing since we could all come up with simile poems about us or other things and colour ones and performance poetry. When our topic was 'A Right royal battle', recreating the battle of Hastings with a game was awesome, but before that happened we painted scenes of the Bayeux of Tapestry. In music, we listened to a rap about rapping and then wrote one about a clean school. Everybody liked learning about the French words for clothing as well as numbers. After speed tables we did cracking times tables, In an R.E lesson we made Christingles and the whole class went swimming. We have had so much fun!



#### **Class 5**

In Year 5 we thought about this term and came up with some of the things we have learnt this term. Here are some of the ones we discussed:

- we know how to make a lino cut and then print it
- we can write poems in poetry format
- we know how to add fractions
- why it is important to make our brush strokes go in the same direction in a painting
- how to use semi colons
- how to challenge ourselves using the star challenge
- how to blog

We can't wait to learn more!



#### **Class 6**

In Year 6, we have been buddies with the children in Reception since September. We've enjoyed reading to our buddies every Friday, as well as spending time with them at break and lunchtimes.



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Our *In Our Element* topic taught us about different natural disasters. We learnt about volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, avalanches and much more. We enjoyed writing reports about Tsunamis which will be on display outside our classroom.

Finally, we have set up our own blogging site ([kidblog.org/MrsVossClass6](http://kidblog.org/MrsVossClass6)) so that we can share our learning with the world! We have enjoyed writing about what we have done in school, commenting on one another's blog posts and reading blogs from other schools around the world.

#### **AK Pupil Newsletter *The Whisperer*, written by pupils!**

Oliver in year 6 has worked incredibly hard to plan and write a fabulous new newsletter for the children of AK. For future editions, he will plan to work with a team of budding AK reporters and I cannot wait to see what they come up with. I am so impressed with this first edition! We are really impressed that Oliver has used his initiative and produced an excellent newsletter for our pupils. Edition 1 can be found under newsletters - Pupil Newsletter on our school website: [www.akps.org.uk](http://www.akps.org.uk).

For more information about what each class has been up to, take a look at the class pages on our school website. Any home learning brochures and termly letters/ curriculum overviews can also be found on here. Staff will be writing to you with a new termly letter, home learning brochure and curriculum overview in the first week back in the New Year. Key dates are also put onto the calendar on the school website and every newsletter I have written can also be found, just in case you are desperate for a re-read! I will send out details of after school clubs in the first couple of weeks.

#### **Heroes and Heroines- Gold...**

Thank you for your tremendous support for all of our children this morning, it is excellent to share their achievements and celebrations with so many of you. Until next time...

#### **AK's Got Talent- I am so impressed!**

I thoroughly enjoyed AK's Got talent and learnt so much about our children. The children were an absolute delight for the two hours while they fully entertained us all. I treated them to the Granny Rap at the end of the show and promised them a better talent show entry from me next time. The whole school was superb, really supporting one another and giving each other a time to shine. They were all super stars. I look forward to doing another one in the Summer term: *AK's Got Talent: Summer Spectacular*. I will also see if there is any way I can invite parents and carers along to watch



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and share in the magic. It is brilliant to see so many of our children having a go and celebrating one another.

### **Christmas Movie from FOAKS**

A super afternoon was had by all at the Christmas movie. The popcorn was thoroughly enjoyed and the room certainly felt festive. Thank you FOAKS for providing another special event for our children.

### **Santa visited Breakfast Club**

This was an absolutely brilliant event. The children enjoyed a yummy breakfast and a special visit from Father Christmas and one of his elves. It was brilliant to see so many smiley faces from both pupils and the staff. Thank you to those who were able to join us, we hope your children enjoyed themselves. Thank you to my staff team who came in early to make sure it all ran smoothly for the children. A special 'thank you' to Mrs. Sampson and Mrs. Morton for their commitment to the Breakfast club and for this wonderful morning for our children.

### **A final Team AK Task...**

Please can we work together to check our children's hair over the Christmas break so that we can aim to enter the New Year head lice free. Thank you.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support during my first two terms at AK, it is really appreciated. I would also like to say a special thank you to my whole staff team who have been working incredibly hard here at AK, I am lucky to work with such a fabulous forward thinking team; to all parents and carers for your continued support; to our Governors who have been very supportive and embracing the new challenge; to FOAKS for their continuous support for our school; to the Church and local community for supporting the school so fully and to your children who are the whole reason we are here and bring a smile to our faces each day.

Enjoy your festive break together and I very much look forward to welcoming you all back in the New Year to what will be an exciting year together.

Yours festively,

*S.L.Saville*



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