



Friday 9th January 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

A very warm welcome back to the New Year here at Ashton Keynes school. A very warm welcome to our new pupil, Samuel Drewe who has joined Class R, we welcome him and his family to Ashton Keynes. Samuel has already settled in like he has always been part of the class.

***NEW* January's Governor of the Month**

Caroline Hukins is one of our 5 parent governors, she is also our Vice-Chair of the Governors and has 3 children in the school, in years 1 and 2. Her background is in fundraising and management within the charity sector, and she currently works part time as a fundraiser for the Royal Forestry Society. She is our subject link governor for Literacy, and so will be coming in to see how literacy is taught throughout the school, and to support our various initiatives for improving the children's achievement in this area. Caroline is also the link governor for school dinners and Modern Foreign Languages so will have a look at both of these areas during her time in school. Caroline will be meeting with Mrs Saville to discuss the Literacy Action Plan 2014/2015, and will visit classes to see how we teach reading, writing, phonics, and spelling throughout the school, she may even encounter some drama and speaking and listening on her way. She will support us with the delivery of our school improvement plan in this area, which is a key focus for the current year (Key action 1: improving writing and Key Action 2: improving reading). We really look forward to welcoming Caroline into school. If you see Caroline around please feel free to approach her.



Reminder of important dates:

Tuesday 3 rd February 9.10am	Class 5 assembly for parents/carers/ grandparents of Class 5
Friday 13 th February	TD (Teacher Training Day)- school closed to pupils.
Monday 16 th -Friday 20 th February 2015	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February 8.55am	Return to school for Term 4
Tuesday 3 rd March 4-7pm	Parents Evening 1
Thursday 5 th March 3.45-6pm	Parents Evening 2

Signing up boards for parents evening will be available one week before, I will remind you nearer the time.

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AK Clubs for Terms 3 & 4 2015...

Club	Year Groups	Day and venue	Time	Club starts on	Last session is on	How to join
Phoenix Martial arts	All	Tuesday School Hall		Tuesday 6 th January		Cost- ask instructor
Sewing	Years 3 & 4 to start Then other year groups	Monday Class 1	Lunchtime 12.30-1.00	Monday 12 th January	Monday 9 th February	Letter from Miss Langer May be a small cost at end to purchase item made.
Tag Rugby in preparation for schools competition	Two teams made up of pupils from Years 4, 5 & 6	Monday Outside	3.15 - 4.15	Monday 19 th Jan	Monday 9 th Feb	Mr Brown will contact pupils for the teams via letter
iCan 'Multi-Skills'	Years 1 & 2	Thursday Hall	3.15-4.15	Thurs 15 th Jan	Thurs 19 th March	Letter via Mr Brown Costs £27 (9 Weeks)
Multi Sports	KS2	Friday Hall/Outside	3.15-4.15	Friday 16 th January	Friday 27 th March *	Letter via Mr Brown Costs £27 (9 Weeks)
Blogging	Years 5 & 6	Tuesday Class 6	3.15-4.00	Tuesday 27 th January	Tuesday 24 th March	Letter via Mrs Voss Free
Recorders	Years 3 & 4	Tuesday Class 3	3.15-4.00	Tuesday 13 th January	Tuesday 10 th February	Letter via Miss Redman Bring your own recorder (we have a few to lend) FREE
Choir	Years 2-6	Thursday Class R	3.15-4.00	Thursday 26 th February	Thursday 26 th March	Letter via Mrs. Crowley FREE
Art	KS2	Tuesday	3.15-4.00	Start after half term	Dates to follow	FREE
Lego	Years 1 & 4	Tuesday	3.15-4.00	Start after half term	Dates to follow	FREE

KS2 Multisports ends a week later due to the TD day on 13th February.

What a great range of clubs on offer this term here at AK, hopefully something for everyone. Any clubs that have a high demand, we will always endeavour to run again to ensure everyone can take part. I will update the timetable if more clubs come up for Term 4 after half term. Please remember that if it is parents' evenings, the clubs run by teachers will not be on during those evenings.

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New term letters, spellings and home learning brochures

You will by today receive your new term class letter along with the new home learning brochure for this term. Target spellings for Years 3-6 will continue to come home as they are but the next batch of key words for each year group will be put onto the school website under class pages. Please remember regular reading at home is really important and children should record reading in their AK yellow reading diaries. Thank you for your support with this, we hope your children enjoy the activities planned for them.

Charity Family Swim Event on 30th January- Elliot Wootley in Year 6 ,with the help of his Mum, are organising a charity swim event for Prada Willi syndrome charity which is close to their hearts and as part of this, they have organised a family swim session at the Cotswold Hoborne centre on 30th January. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Elliot's Mum, Sharon Mc. Cafferty, or see her on the playground,. Now Elliot is in Year 6 and approaching secondary school, he is keen to use his independent skills and sense of responsibility to find as many ways as possible to help raise money for a charity which supports him and other children with PWS . He will even be doing a long sponsored run in the Summer so watch this space. We are proud of Elliot for his efforts and thoughts.

Some news...

Darcey from Year 5 has been selected, along with a number of other children from Stagecoach Cirencester, to perform in the choir for the musical 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' when the touring show visits the Everyman theatre in Cheltenham in February 2015. (4-8 February). We wish Darcey luck with this and are proud of her achievement.

I sent a letter to you earlier this week asking for your help with forming our new AK school vision. Unfortunately, the new AK Header with the strapline was not delivered with the letter due to a fault with parent mail. We will re-send this to you so that you can see the new strapline which forms part of the letter. Many thanks for your patience with this. I am hoping it will also arrive at the top of this letter!

It is brilliant to be back. The children and staff have certainly hit the ground running and it feels a happy, busy and exciting start to the new year for us all.

Yours sincerely,

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