



Friday 6th February 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another super week here at AK. Your children have certainly been shining bright this week! Before I share some highlights from the week, please be reminded of arrangements for next Thursday.

**Important date reminder:**

Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3 <b>Dress down day</b> - please bring a can/tin for the Swindon food bank <b>Heroes and Heroines 9am start</b> <b>Term ends for children</b> <b>(Staff have a TD day on Friday so school is closed to children)</b> <b>(School restarts at 8.55 am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February)</b>
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**February's Governor of the Month**

Kate Cliffe is one of our 5 parent governors, and has 1 child in the school, in year 2.

Her background is in education and she currently works as a Year 6 teacher in Faringdon,



Oxfordshire. She is a trained OFSTED Inspector and Teaching and Learning Consultant for an Oxfordshire multi-academy trust. She is our subject link governor for Maths, and so will be coming in to see how Maths is taught throughout the school, and to support our various initiatives for improving the children's' achievement in this subject.

Kate will be meeting with Mrs Voss to discuss the Maths Action Plan, and will see individual class teachers and examples of how we teach maths throughout the school. She will support us with the delivery of our school improvement plan in this area, which is a key focus for the current year.

We look forward to welcoming Kate into school.... If you see her around please feel free to approach her with any queries or comments

**School Uniform**

As mentioned last week, we are going to keep the navy colour school cardigans and jumpers. We have made a minor change for the future by updating the embroidered school logo badge to the more current logo of the school (at the top of this letter). The school uniform company *YourSchoolUniform.com* will start using this logo very soon but I have asked that if possible, where orders have already been placed and have not been embroidered yet that they use the new logo on these jumpers/cardigans. There may be some orders that have been done a while

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ago and have already been embroidered which cannot be updated to the new logo in time. Any orders from now on will include the new AK logo. Please continue to use the jumpers with old logo until you need to buy a new jumper with the new logo on and gradually as a school the new logo will become predominant. We do not want anybody to incur any unnecessary costs.

### **Pupil Progress**

I will be writing next week to inform you of the new AK mid-year pupil reports which will be coming out on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February, the week before parents' evenings (Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4-7pm and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 3.45-6pm) These reports have been designed to keep you informed of your child's progress, learning behaviour and attainment in the core subjects at AK during the mid-year point and will give a real focus for the parent consultation time in March, ensuring we are making excellent use of the time. At the parent's evening you will discuss the report together and be given a card with targets so you can see the next steps we are working on with your child so you are fully aware and able to support should you wish to. These new reports will be in addition to the annual report which you will receive at the end of the year.

### **Mock Trials**

Classes 5 and 6 thoroughly enjoyed their initial visit to the mock trial court and are all excited about preparing for the trial. They made a very good first impression of the school to the magistrates, which is excellent. I would like to thank all parents/carers/ grandparents who kindly helped with transport to enable us to visit for free. We are all very excited about the forthcoming trials in March.

### **Class R circles**

We are massively proud of our very grown up Class R children who have embraced the morning circles and what a smooth start to the day it is proving to be. The staff team and I would like to thank you for your support with this, we are delighted with how smoothly it has gone and the benefits we are seeing already. If it is a rainy morning, please bring your children to the classroom as before, as all other classes in the school do. I know Mrs Serle and Mrs Crowley will be writing to you very soon to suggest a lovely way for you to visit class soon with your child and take part in a phonics breakfast together, something to look forward to.

### **Class 5 Superb assembly**

We were thoroughly entertained by Class 5's fantastic assembly of myths and comic sketches. Excellent material was written by the children to share what they have been learning this term and they certainly performed with good voice level. I am really pleased with how the class assemblies are developing and children are becoming confident with their public speaking. Well done to Team 5!



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### **Pupil Voice Newsletter 'The Whisperer' Edition 2**

Oliver in Year 6 has managed his team of writers and editors fantastically well and the second edition will be up on the AKPS website from today. I know they will be thrilled to bits if you would take a look and share with your child- it is a fabulous newsletter by pupils, for pupils.

### **Message from our School Council**

AK Buddy Bus Stop Competition

We are re-launching the buddy bus stop and we want you to design a new and improved logo.

#### **The competition rules are:**

- Use felt tip and colouring pencils
- You may create a design using a computer
- Your design must say Buddy Bus Stop on it
- Please use either A3 or A4 paper

Please hand your entry into your School Council representatives by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

The designs will be judged by the School Council and the winner revealed in assembly!  
TRY YOUR BEST AND HAVE FUN!



By Amber Class 5

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend,

*S.L.Saville*

Mrs. Saville  
Head teacher