



Friday 29th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy couple of weeks we have had in school. The children are now really settled into their new classes which is excellent. I have been so impressed with the learning behaviours I have seen across the school on my daily visits to classes, children are really up for the challenge. Every time I have visitors to the school, they are always impressed by the impeccable manners that our children have and by their wonderful behaviour. Well done Team AK!

Team AK Shining Brightly:

In our staff meetings every week, we start with sharing the ways in which our classes have shone that week. I have heard how staff are delighted with the outstanding quality of home learning with almost 100% being handed in every week in some classes, brilliant learning behaviours with children really challenging themselves, the excellent quality of presentation, wonderful deep questioning and thinking skills and what wonderful Buddies we have in our school. Here are a few more specific ways your children have been shining:



Drama is a real hit at AKPS



Class 6 have continued to take part in amazing drama sessions led by 'Superstars'. We are also delighted that the Glee club has started and has been successfully taking place every Tuesday after school. Children have told me they look forward to the sessions and enjoy working collaboratively with



children from different year groups. The children have been

dancing, singing and acting, and we cannot wait to see what else they have in store.



Class R attended their first assembly and they shone beautifully!

I am ever so pleased with our new Class R children and I was delighted to be able to share this with the new parents/carers who attended the Year R parent/carers phonics workshop this week. The Class attended their very first whole school assembly this week, beautifully supported by their super Year 6 Buddies. They were all brilliant, sat well and joined in with the singing, even trying the actions to



the 'Stars' song. They also had their first forest school that afternoon and I know Mr Jackson and their teachers were super proud of them all.

In *Time to Shine* assembly, the class were again brilliant and I was really proud that both merit winners, Jessica and Fleur felt comfortable and confident receiving their awards in front of the whole school. What a super start to school for Class R!

Pupil's shining by leading clubs

We now have a range of clubs led by children each lunchtime. We have eco club on Tuesday, nature club on Wednesday, a comic design club and we have 2 more clubs in the pipeline for coming weeks. The children come to me with ideas for clubs and then have to plan the sessions, think about resources they need and announce their club in assembly. I am ever so impressed with how well the children rise to the challenge and by how well organised and led the clubs are. I thoroughly enjoyed nature club on Wednesday which was set up by some keen and eager pupils in Class 4 and attended by 35 children from Year R, 1 and 2. I am so proud of how our children use their initiative and rise to the challenge and I am keen to support and encourage this.

Year 6 Sports Leaders put to the challenge!

Over the past two weeks, Year 6 pupils have been filling out applications, having interviews and working hard to try and earn roles as House Captains, Vice House Captains and Sports Leaders. Mr Tanner has really been putting them through their paces as he attempts to find the new sports leader team for this academic year. This year, the sports leader team will be taking on even more responsibility than ever before, using their skills to provide break and lunchtime activities for the rest of the school, and leading within lessons. I cannot wait to find out who Mr Tanner appoints to these roles and will announce them in my next newsletter for you to find out. This year, as per our school improvement plan, we will be developing pupil leadership across the whole school so I will look forward to sharing with you the ways in which we do that over the coming months; creating more leadership opportunities for lots of our children.

Pupil is donating her hair to 'The Little Princess Trust'

Madi in class 6 wrote a beautiful letter to me, explaining that she would like to donate her hair to the trust where it will be made into a wig for children who have lost their hair during treatment or illness. She explained that it costs around £300 pounds to make a wig from the hair so she is setting herself a target of this and more if possible. Her parents are setting up a just giving fundraising page and Madi will be having her hair cut during the Heroes and Heroines assembly on Wednesday 18th October. If you would like to donate to this cause, please do so on the day or visit the just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/Preet-Cook>. Well done to Madi for doing this, it is incredibly kind and thoughtful. Thank you for your support.



A few announcements and reminders...

Vacancy for Clerk to Governors

Please be aware that further to the email that was sent out about the Clerk to the Governors vacancy, the deadline has been extended to Thursday 12th October. An application pack can be requested from the office as paper version/ electronically.

The Travelling Books Book Fair is back on Wednesday 4th October until Monday 9th October!

Reminder: Following its success last year we have asked the book fair to return. It is a chance to purchase some great value and quality books with added benefits of our school benefitting from extra books as a result of the sales. The fair is open Thursday 5th October during lunchtime, Friday 6th October 3,15pm in the hall and Monday 9th October during lunchtime. The trolleys will be open during the period in the hall so book choices can made and then purchased at the shop. Discount flyers have been sent out to all classes. Thank you to Mrs Hancock for organising this for our school.

Have a super weekend.
Kind regards,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville
Head teacher

Here are some dates until the end of term 2. We have now fully updated the school calendar on the website www.akps.org.uk with dates up until the end of this academic year 2018 to help you plan ahead.

Date	Event
Wednesday 4 th - Monday 9 th October	Travelling Book Fair in school with great value books to purchase which support our school reading resources (see detail in newsletter)
Friday 13 th October	1.40-2.30pm Harvest Service at Holy Cross Church. Please would you kindly bring food bank donations to be carried to the church for the service.
Tuesday 17 th October	Author visit Debi Evans (more information to follow) Pm Fire safety workshops for Years 2 and 6
Wednesday 18 th October	9am Heroes and Heroines End of Term 1
Monday 30 th October	Start of Term 2 Life Education Bus
Tuesday 31 st October	Life Education Bus Visit
Saturday 4 th November	Fireworks Night from 4.30pm- bar, BBQ and live music at Bradstone Playing Field organised by FOAKS (Tickets discounted in advance)
Tuesday 7 th November	3.30-7pm Parents Consultation Evening (NOT YEAR 6)
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Wednesday 8 th Nov	3.30-6pm Parents Consultation Evening (YEARS 2 & 6 only)
Thursday 9 th November	3.30-6pm Parents Consultation Evening (NOT YEAR 2)
Friday 10 th November	12.30pm onwards Flu vaccination for Years R-4
Tuesday 14 th November	1.30pm in the hall an afternoon for Grandparents/ senior members of the AK community lead by Year 6 (please let the office know if you would like to attend so they can provide refreshments for you) Invitation to follow.
Thursday 16 th November	FOAKs School disco for EYFS/KS1 & KS2
Tuesday 21 st November	9am Class 5 assembly to parent/ carers
Tuesday 5 th December	11am onwards Annual whole school visit to the pantomime 'Peter Pan'
Wednesday 6 th December	9am Class 4 assembly to parents/carers
Tuesday 12 th December	1.30-2.30pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Wednesday 13 th December	1.30-2.30pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Thursday 14 th December	6-7pm EYFS/KS1 Nativity
Friday 15 th December	1.40- 2.55 Christmas Service Holy Cross Church
Tuesday 19 th December	9-11 AK's Got Talent Christmas Special-children only 3.15pm FOAKS Christmas Movie night
Wednesday 20 th December	9am Heroes & Heroines End of Term 2