



Friday 13th March

Dear Parents and Carers,

WOW- Thank you for the cake sale- we raised £100.36

The building of the willow tunnel has already commenced, which is very exciting for our children and there are various plants popping up all over the school grounds, making them look fantastic. Thanks to Kelly Noonan and Kathryn Gray for their generous help with this. We have enough money to do some planting and growing with the children which we will be able to cook/ market for you all!

Red Nose Day

Once again, the children looked amazing today. Thank you for your donations and to the school council and Miss Redman for organising the sale of noses. We sold out of 240 noses in 3 days, raising an instant £240! Very important for our children to understand we are part of a global community and we play a part in trying to support others across the world. We have had the choir singing the Red Nose Day song and children using their initiative to fundraise in school. Well done all!

Sporting Success

Team AK have had several KS2 runners at each of the Cross-Country events at Fairford, Deer Park and Kingshill schools. Everyone is a winner who crosses the line at these fun events but a special mention must go to Daniel (Y5) who has finished in the medal positions on two occasions! Today the Tag Rugby children proudly represented the school and worked hard. We are really proud of the games they won.

CIRENCESTER MOCK TRIAL MAGIC

I am delighted to report that our school did amazingly well and we won Best Court Reporter out of 24 reports written by children from many different schools. Well done to Erin in Year 6 who wrote the winning report, amazing achievement for her and for Team AK! It is very difficult to win prizes in the competition as the standard is so high, some of the schools have been doing this for years! We should be so proud of our school for doing so well on our first attempt! We look forward to taking part again next year. There is a write up in the Wilts and Glos Standard and an online report with a super photograph of Clarke (Year 5) in role as the police officer. Here is the link:

http://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/11848200.PICTURES_Primary_school_pupils_take_part_in_mock_trial_competition_in_Cirencester/

We are being presented with a cup and certificate and prize for Erin on Monday in assembly.

AK Art Leaders

This week our Year 6 planned and led art sessions for groups of children from across the school. They all took this very seriously, planned amazing activities and thoroughly engaged the children. A lot of fun was had by all and some super art work produced.

AK Vision Statement

Thank you so much for your feedback, we received feedback from our children, parents, Governors, staff and the church which enabled a team of us to take the key points and form our school vision.



Our staff and Governors have worked extremely hard to create a new 'strap line' which really encompasses our school: **SHINE BRIGHT ★ REACH FOR THE STARS**

Everyone at our school has the chance to shine and be recognised and rewarded for what they do. We all strive to be even better and to challenge ourselves to reach that bit further.

Our whole school community has worked together to form our vision statement:

Our vision is to enable all children to **reach their full potential**. To provide **academic excellence** and **skills for life** which **prepare children for modern Britain**. We will instil a **love of learning** in a happy, stimulating environment which **inspires challenge**, and **independence**, where children feel secure to take risks and learn from their rich experiences. Their journey through school will be **underpinned by Christian values** whilst being **inclusive** of all. Our school will be a place that the **whole community is proud** of.

At AKPS, we value team work and it is a place where our pupils:

Think
Enjoy
Amaze
Manners

Achieve
Kindness



Our worship council working with the Reverend Shirley has defined our core Christian values:

'We **persevere**, we are **creative**, we **trust** one another and we are **friendly**.'

This will be put onto the home page of our website and I am looking at creative ways of building this into the school environment and all we do at AK. I would like to explore creating a 'living values' interactive display with real examples of how children and adults use the values in school and a display of our vision statement as word art. Mr. Chris Powell, one of our parents, is happy to help us with this as he provided some fantastic visual ideas for the vision feedback. If you have any ideas, I would welcome them, please come and share them with me.

Dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 17 th March	9am in the hall Class 1 assembly to parents/ carers/ grandparents
Thursday 19 th March	7.30 pm FoAKS AGM - School Hall
Tuesday 24 th March	6.15 pm Classes 3 & 4 evening production (tickets on sale £1 each)
Wednesday 25 th March	Breakfast Club Easter Event 6.15 pm Classes 3 & 4 evening production (tickets on sale £1 each)
Thursday 26 th March	School Discos organised by FoAKS (more details to follow)
Friday 27 th March	9.00 am Hero and Heroines Assembly for all 1.30 pm Easter service in the church - all welcome. A lovely way to end Term 4 together.

All dates can be found on our website in the calendar. www.akps.org.uk

Have a lovely weekend,

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