



Friday 7th October 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

The school is alive with learning and there is a real buzz around the school. Here are just a few highlights of how we have been shining brightly along with details of a few changes which are coming up:



Team AK Shining Brightly:

This week, the whole school have been up to the Church to take part in Experience Harvest. This was a series of engaging and creative workshops thoughtfully put together by our Friends from Holy Cross to help children explore Harvest interactively. It was also Class R's first outing as a class and I was lucky enough to be able to accompany them. I have to say they were brilliant, they walked well to the church and really engaged in the activities. All classes said how they enjoyed the experience and the Church said they were beautifully behaved and engaged. I would like to thank Reverend Shirley and her team of volunteers from the Church who provided such a memorable experience for all of our children.

Year 5 shining in the community

This week a few eager volunteers from Year 5: Grace, Ruby, Amelia, Liam, Oscar, Aoife, Elliot, Amy and Jacob visited the Golden Years Group at the village hall to deliver a play based upon a story from the bible. Mr Tarr reported that the children were excellent and confidently delivered the play and it was well received by the group. Mrs Lang, who accompanied the children, told me how brilliant the children were and how they represented the school so well. Thank you to all of the children who volunteered and to Mrs Lang for taking them.

Learning stars

This week it was Enzo in Class 4's turn to earn his learning star badge for regularly fulfilling the 10 learning behaviour areas. It is fabulous to see children wearing these star badges with pride and to see so many children striving, reaching and persevering to try and achieve their 10 ticks for their star. I cannot wait to see who will be next!



Generosity in action

Our Christian value in focus this term is Generosity and I have certainly seen our children, parents and staff living this value. I would like to say a particular thank you to Robert Hill's Granny and Mum who recently kindly donated a large set of bongo drums to the school; I cannot wait to see the children enjoying these in their music sessions. We are so lucky to

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receive donated items/ volunteered time from parents/ grandparents and friends of the school, all of which are massively appreciated by the school. I regularly see acts of kindness and generosity in this school community, it is a very special place to be.

Breakfast Club are travelling around the World

We started off this week in Britain cooking Bacon butties with vegetarian alternatives. It was lovely that some of you purchased the extra goods on the playground on Wednesday morning, the children were very grateful. The next stop is Thursday 17th November where we will be cooking a breakfast from a different country. My thanks to my brilliant breakfast club team and to Mel Tim for making breakfast cooking sessions so exciting for our children in Breakfast club. Remember you can always book in for these special sessions, see our website or speak to Mrs Morton or Mrs Cooper for more detail.

New Book Fair a success

This week a new book fair arrived at school. We are holding a sale for parents after school this Monday. It was chosen because it has a great array of books available for specific age ranges and containing many new titles. I was so pleased to see lots of children visiting the fair and leaving very excited about their new books. Thank you to the parents and children I spoke with for your feedback, it seems that the book fair is a big hit. We will make sure that it returns next year. Thank you for your support, not only does this provide some exciting new high quality reading books for your children, it also supports the school.

AKPS New Online Parents Evening Booking!

At last, I am so pleased to announce that we now have a new online booking system for our parents' evening bookings! This year, to make booking Parents' Evening appointments simpler and more convenient, we have joined the 21st century and you can now book appointments online. You can find the booking system on: <https://akps.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/> where you can book a ten minute slot for your child(ren). Upon entering the website, you will be asked a few details and it will then allow you to 'book'. If you have more than one child, please remember to allow a gap between appointments to give you time to get across to the next classroom for your appointment before it starts.

This is the first time we have used this service and so if any glitches arise, please inform Miss Perring and she will endeavour to deal with any issues. The site goes live on 9am, Monday 10th October. If parents do not have access to the internet, Miss Perring is happy to book with/ for you at the end of the school day.

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Remember, Parents' evenings are:

08/11/2016 15:40 - 19:00

10/11/2016 15:40 - 18:00

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The round for booking will open from Monday 10th October and will close on Monday 31st October. To get the slots you require, I advise booking early.

New School Lunch provider!

We are really excited to welcome Edwards and Ward School Catering to our school. Their inspiring and mouth-watering menu will be available to all children after the October half-term. Mrs Cook and I have been to sample their food in another school and were very impressed which is why we have changed provider. We want to provide the best we can for our children. Edwards and Ward are committed to providing a nutritious and innovative menu using high quality ingredients. However, rather than read about it, we want you, as parents, to sample the food, to see how wholesome and tasty it is for yourselves, and then tell your children. Therefore, we have arranged a **free taster session on Monday 17th October at 3.15pm**. It is a great opportunity for you to meet the staff who will prepare your children's school meals and ask questions as well as trying the freshly prepared trial sized meal selection. There is no need to book. We look forward to seeing you there.

Have a fabulous weekend!

Kind regards,

S.L. Saville

Mrs. Saville, Head teacher

Please always check the calendar on our website www.akps.org.uk for dates.

Date	Event
Tuesday 11 th October	Year R photo for local newspaper
Friday 14 th October	3.15pm Pupil's charity sale to parents in aid of cancer research
Monday 17 th October	3.15pm Tasting session for parents - new school meals provider
Tuesday 18 th October	School Disco organised by FOAKS KS1 - 5.00 - 6.15PM, KS2 - 6.30 - 7.45pm
Wednesday 19 th October	1.45pm Afternoon tea for senior villagers
Thursday 20 th /Fri 21 st	Teacher training days - school closed to pupils
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th Oct	Half-term holiday
Monday 31 st October	8.50am School restarts for term 2
Saturday 5 th November	Fireworks Night - bar, BBQ and live music at Bradstone Playing Field organised by FOAKS
Tuesday 8 th November	3.40-7.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 9 th November	Flu vaccination for Classes 1,2 & 3
Thursday 10 th November	3.40-6.00pm Parents Evening
Friday 11 th November	Deadline for return of artwork for Christmas cards

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