



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to term 2! I hope you all had a great half term and you are all ready for the term of glitter in the build up to Christmas!



**Team AK Shining Brightly:**

**Generosity in action**

Our Christian value in focus last term was *Generosity* and I have certainly seen our children, parents and staff living this value. The last Friday before half term was a prime example. The children had been asking me for weeks about opportunities to raise money for charity. I set aside Friday afternoon and said that anyone could take part if they wished and what a wonderful response we had! The chosen charity was Cancer Research and the team effort of all of the pupils and their parents both making, selling and buying means that we now have a healthy amount to send off to the charity. Thank you all for your generosity and to our pupils for their initiative and kindness.



### **New spiritual/ reflective garden**

Thanks to Costain and Thames Water, we have started improving our reflective/ spiritual garden. We now have a beautiful new solar powered silver ball water feature which we all absolutely love. There is also an outdoor blackboard for children to write reflections and prayers on as well as two new benches which are due to arrive. The team from Costain and Thames water are working with our Eco council to teach the school about sustainability through use of solar energy and recycling.

The two new benches when they arrive are made from recycled plastic. We have many bulbs and plants to be put into the area through forest school sessions. We have plans to complete this area in the coming weeks. We have got a visit from Costain who are joining us for an assembly on Monday where we can say thank you to them. We are so lucky!

### **AKPS Breakfast Club**

Our Breakfast Club has gone from strength to strength and our children seem to be really enjoying the sessions. In the interests of safety, please can we just remind parents of

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children in Classes R to 4 for you to accompany your child/ren into the hall. Please do not drop them at the gates or outside the hall. We appreciate that many Year 5 & 6 often walk to school so will make their own way in.

Also, remember to watch out for the next step in our 'Breakfasts Around the World' sessions; on 17th November the children will be 'visiting' Mexico. They will have the opportunity to make and try traditional Mexican breakfasts and the craft theme for the whole week will also be Mexico.

Finally, watch out for our new range of 'Healthier Option Breakfasts' which will be introduced over the next few weeks.

### **Zumba Excitement and Disco thank you!**

Meryl returned for our end of term Zumba sessions for the whole school on the last day of term 1 and she was met by very eager and excited children. It was a perfect warm up for the school disco which followed in the evening. The Disco was again a great success and Miss Perring said she thoroughly enjoyed her first disco with Team AK! I would like to thank all parent/carer volunteers from FOAKS for making this possible for our very lucky children, it is really appreciated!

### **AKPS New Online Parents Evening Booking!**

Thank you for your patience with this. I am delighted that we are moving this way and making life easier for us all.

Remember, Parents' evening is:

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

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

Please make sure you have booked your appointments. You should have all received confirmation of your appointments. The next time we do this in March, it will be all set up and straight forward. We look forward to seeing you soon.

### **TRUST**

Our Christian value in focus this term is Trust, which is one of our core values. A support pack for home will go on the website shortly should you wish to support with this value at home. Your child may come home thinking about trust and hgways in which they can show it.



## Health and Safety Reminder

Please can I remind you of the importance of abiding by the 48 hours non return to school policy after sickness or diarrhoea. This is put into place in all schools to prevent spread of viruses. Your child should not return to school until 48 hours after the last time the child was sick or had an upset tummy. We are constantly reinforcing good hygiene habits at school and ensuring children wash their hands regularly. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## AKPS Fireworks

In advance of this wonderful evening, I would like to say thank you to all who are working to make it possible, every little counts! I am really looking forward to this fantastic event, I hope to see many of you there.

## New School Lunch provider!

What a fabulous response to the taster session we had! The food was yummy and lots of parents, children and staff were keen to tell me this! I am so pleased we will be shining more brightly with the food we provide for our children at lunchtimes. I cannot wait to sample more from the menu, the homemade bread, homemade soup and fresh tropical fruit slices were a particular hit with me! After the first week, we have seen numbers dramatically rise in the uptake of school hot lunches which is fabulous. Many children particularly love the tasty fresh food and the new grown up plates and bowls!

Have a fabulous weekend! I hope to see many of you at the fireworks tomorrow evening.  
With my kindest regards,

*S.L.Saville*

Mrs. Saville  
Head teacher

Please always check the calendar on our website [www.akps.org.uk](http://www.akps.org.uk) for dates.

Date	Event
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks Night - bar, BBQ and live music at Bradstone Playing Field organised by FOAKS. Gates open 4.30pm
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	3.40-7.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu vaccination for Classes 1,2 & 3
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	3.40-6.00pm Parents Evening
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year R photo for local newspaper
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	9.00 - 9.25 am Class 4 assembly to parents in hall.
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Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in need wear Pyjamas or a onesie to school (50p voluntary donation) School council will be organising a toy jumble sale on this day, donations gratefully received during this week please.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Holy Cross Christmas Bazaar
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle - Holy Cross Church
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Author visit to KS1 Pupil lunch with Headteacher (remember to book online) 1.30pm KS1 Nativity Production
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Zumba morning 1.30pm KS1 Nativity Production
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm KS1 Nativity Production
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	8.00am Breakfast Club Christmas Party with Father Christmas and gift
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school pantomime trip to Wyevale Theatre Swindon
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch (don't forget to book online) 1.45pm Carol service at Holy Cross Church - all welcome
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Talent Show (pupils only)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day 9.00 am Heroes and Heroines in hall Last day of term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2017	TRAINING DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	8.50am Start of Spring Term