



Friday 20th November

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:



The term of glitter is upon us. The KS1 children are busily practicing for their nativity and the whole school have been set a business challenge to create a Christmas activity/ product to sell at the new German Christmas Market on Thursday 17th December. The children are really excited to be team planning, budgeting, thinking about designing a great product and competing to see which class can raise the most money. In true Lord Alan Sugar style, I will be telling them whether their team has won and who has been hired or fired! The staff and children are really excited about this.

Class 4 absolutely loved their Forest school session this week. I hope the children have been telling you all about it at home. As a parent here, my car journey home on Wednesday was full of an exhilarating recount from the exciting session! Class 3 are having their session next Wednesday so will need their outdoor clothes and waterproofs as Forest schools happens whatever the weather!

Sports Hall Athletics Success!

We are so proud of our Sports hall athletic superstars. The Year 3 and 4 team were brilliant. They worked hard as a team, were competitive and driven and tried their best. They also had stunning behaviour and represented the school beautifully. We are so proud of them for coming 2nd out of 5 teams. They only missed first place by 4 points! Such an achievement for our school. Well done all and thank you to Mr Brown and the parents who volunteered to help.



Governor of the Term Jon Hughes

Here is this term's Governor:

I have been a governor of AK School since June 2013 and I am currently chair of the finance and premises committee. I have lived in the village for 25 years and my 2 sons were both pupils here, so it is good to be involved with the school as a governor.



As Governor of the Term, I am looking forward to examining the roles of the senior leadership team as well as other staff. I will be spending time finding out how their hard work can make our school an even better place for our pupils and encourage them to reach for the stars.



Parents Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you next week at the parent consultation evenings. Please be advised that for the future parents' evenings, exactly one week before any planned parent consultation evening, the boards to sign up will always be available from 3pm. They will be under the bike shelter on the playground. As the week progresses the boards will remain in the office for further appointments. This will always be the system and I will try to remind you in my newsletter. If you cannot come into school, please telephone to reserve a slot rather than emailing. We have put the dates for the year onto the website calendar so you can now plan ahead to March parent's evenings to try to avoid having appointments on lots of different evenings other than the two evenings planned. Of course we will always do our best to accommodate you in exceptional circumstances but where possible we need to stick to the two designated evenings as it can become unmanageable. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Poppy Appeal

We are delighted to tell you that the children and staff raised £162.82 for the Poppy Appeal this year. Thank you very much indeed for your generous donations yet again.

Sue Ryder Thank you

I received a lovely card from the manager of Sue Ryder care to say thank you for the £14.25 donation we sent to Sue Ryder which Amber and Max raised during their 'guess the sweets in the jar' fundraising activity recently. Thank you to both Amber and Max and well done to Lucy in Class 2, for guess the correct amount in the jar!

AK School Improvement Plan Update

SIP Action 1 Progress Providing new personalised targets for pupils (star challenge) at the November parents evening to help support at home, as well as at school.

SIP Action 2 Reading

Message from Mrs Hancock:

Our first Class 4 book club was The White Giraffe, it went brilliantly and the children were great. Book club is quite a grown up concept and they handled themselves very well indeed. At book club we; write a book review, discuss our thoughts, answer a quiz, share book recommendations, and have a biscuit!

On reflection of the book, the children's suggestions, thoughts, puzzles, likes, dislikes, comments and questions were all valid, very well thought out and a true reflection of the book. This showed some fantastic comprehension skills!

In each book club session, there will be a chance to win a book mark for the highest score in our book (comprehension) quiz, and also the opportunity for the best book review to be displayed in our developing reading corridor.

A Twitter account has been set up for AK, using the handle @PriAshton We will be using this account to make contact with authors to start with. We have recently 'tweeted' Lauren St John, author of The White Giraffe with some questions and a few of our thoughts, she has very kindly tweeted us back!! Please follow us and tweet us your favourite book.



Have a super weekend,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 24 th November	Book Fair all afternoon - all welcome 4.30 - 7.00pm Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th November	8.00am Breakfast Club Cooking Session with Kitchen Club £3
Thursday 26 th November	3.30 - 6.00pm Parents Evening
Tuesday 1 st December	9.00am Class 5 assembly for parents
Wednesday 2 nd December	1.30pm FoAKS pocket money stalls
Monday 14 th December	Provisional date for ice skating for KS2 - am