



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Team AK Shining Brightly:**

Our school is certainly shining very brightly!

**Challenge Partner review found us to be OUTSTANDING!**

As you may be aware, this week we had our annual review of our school with Challenge Partners. We were really keen for the team, led by an experienced HMI Ofsted inspector, to validate our work on the two Ofsted targets we were set in July. I am absolutely delighted with the outcome. Three visitors came and reviewed the school over 3 days, analysing data, observing teaching and learning, scrutinising books, interviewing myself and my senior leadership team and talking with our pupils. It really was very thorough and I feel a true reflection of our school. I presented our own self-evaluation of the school as outstanding across the board and justified this with our outstanding outcomes across the school, not just in the Year 6 SATs results; high quality teaching and learning across the school and our rigorous and highly effective school improvement strategies. Not only did they find us to have met our OFSTED targets, they also found us to be outstanding across the board. In addition, they confirmed us as having an Area of Excellence in the teaching and learning of writing. They predict that we will be outstanding in our next OFSTED, so we look forward to that visit! I will be sending the report for you to see as soon as I have the final copy in my hands and will proudly publish it on our website. I hope you feel as proud of our school as we do.

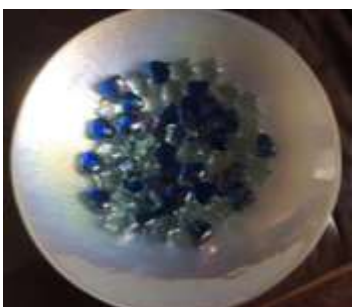
**Church and School Partnership Award**



Last week, we were awarded our Church and School Partnership award which we were super proud to accept. We had a lovely celebration worship and the presentation formed part of this. Various members of our church community and Reverend Shirley, along



with Governors came to be part of the presentation.



We presented the Church with a beautiful shining bowl with glass stars and heart for prayer time in church and were very grateful to receive a beautiful wooden carved nativity scene and book from the Church. We really are ever so lucky to have such a fabulous partnership with our local churches: Holy Cross and All Saint Church, The Leigh.

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### Engineering at AKPS

This term, we have been thinking about engineering. On top of our wonderful Engineering afterschool STEM clubs for KS1 and KS2, Mrs Redman has procured some amazing Dyson products and materials which have enabled us to look at different types of engineers and how they solve problems.

In Classes 5 and 6, we have disassembled

and reassembled Dyson vacuum cleaners, fans and other tools.

Through looking at designers' plans and using real-life tools, we can see how engineers improve and maintain product design.

We are the engineers and designers of the future. On a very funny note, Miss Thomas has popped to see me to proudly say Year 5 have built the Dyson vacuum and when plugged in it did fire up,

however there are 2 spare screws left behind! So well done Year 5! Thank you for making me giggle and for showing perseverance (our value in focus) in action!



### Pupil Enterprise and Leadership

These areas of our school improvement plan are going really well. Many pupils are already involved in leadership with lots of opportunities upcoming. I have a great 'pupil led' club list forming with clubs such as: History club, African Living and Happy Club on the horizon. I love the way the children from across the school make appointments with me to share their plans, to prepare resources and then run excellent clubs based on their own interest and applying skills from their learning. It is brilliant to see lots of different faces coming forward as this is open to all. It has a really positive impact on lunchtimes, providing more excellent activities for our children to take part in.

Year 1 have put up posters and held their first self-planned enterprise, the Friday Sweetie shop. This was all their own idea as a way of raising money for their tickets to go to the Charlotte's Web Theatre production (target set for all children through enterprise) and to buy something the class would like. Thank you for your wonderful support with this initiative which sold out in 4 minutes! They are planning to do this once more and will let you know when and Miss Kibblewhite has said they will make more bags available to avoid disappointment, now they know what the demand is like. . I loved seeing how excited the Year 1 children were displaying their posters and speaking to the whole school in assembly, well done Team 1.





## Smooga

Thank you ever so much for the sponsored panel pledges coming into school. We are ever so excited about the Smooga which is planned to be installed over half term! Thank you for your support, let's see if we can make the final figure!

## Success for Team AK in recent sport events

AKPS have not only started entering gym competitions this year but they also entered their first Swimming gala. The year 5 and 6 children were sensational and earned many 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in their races. They worked beautifully as a team and myself, Mr Jackson and the wonderful parent helpers loved every minute of the competition with our children. Go TEAM AK! Our final new initiative in terms of competition is to enter into dance competitions, so watch this space as we have one coming up shortly! I am delighted with the sports offer we have here at AKPS, the range of sports, clubs and after school activities

**Mr Tanner's Half term sports coaching camp- 9am start. See below:**

Have a wonderful weekend and thank you so much for your fabulous contribution in making this school so special.

Please be reminded that it is *Heroes and Heroines* Assembly on the last day of term, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February, I hope to see lots of you then. May I take this opportunity, in advance of next Thursday, to wish you a happy restful half term with your wonderful children and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

With my kindest regards,

*S.L. Saville*

Mrs. Saville Head teacher

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The school calendar on the website [www.akps.org.uk](http://www.akps.org.uk) is loaded with dates up until the end of this academic year 2018 to help you plan ahead:

Date	Event
Wednesday 7th February	a.m. Zumba sessions for pupils
Thursday 8th February	Breakfast club session - Chinese New Year 9am Heroes and Heroines Term 3 ends
Friday 9th February	Teacher Training day, school closed to pupils.
Monday 19th February	Term 4 starts
Thursday 1st March	World Book Day- Witches and Wizards theme Pm School Disco (FOAKS)
Friday 9th March	Mid-year reports out to parents Pocket money stalls (mothers' Day)
Tuesday 13th March	3.30-7pm Parent Consultation Evening
Thursday 15th March	3.30-6pm Parent Consultation Evening
Friday 23rd March	9am Open the Book- Easter for the community if you would like to pop in
Tuesday 27th March	9am Class 2 assembly for parents and carers in the hall 6pm Year 3/4 production
Wednesday 28th March	6pm Year 3/4 production
Thursday 29th March	9am Heroes and Heroines End of Term 4