



Friday 28th September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

The children have been very busy across the school and making the most of every minute in the Pride of Cotswolds School of the Year (we are all still smiling.) This is super quick newsletter with a few updates for this week.

'Meet 'Ted'

Many of you have had the opportunity to meet Ted, my new puppy. Ted is a cavapoochon and already a big hit with the children and staff. He has popped into school to meet the children and staff and has joined a singing assembly and helped me review learning in the classrooms; he was very impressed with what he saw. Ted is having puppy training at the moment and will, once old enough, be having training so that he can help in school as a reading and caring dog. I chose a dog of this breed with the intention of being able to work in schools in this way. He is lovely natured, gentle, he sheds no hair and is hypo- allergenic. I know of many schools who successfully use school dogs to enrich their schools and benefit the children in their care. I plan to bring Ted in on a Friday to keep him familiar with the setting and the people here. I hope you get chance to meet him, he is the fluffy ginger teddy bear usually asleep in my office! Photographs to follow in coming weeks.



WWF Fundraiser by our pupils

Some Year 5 and 6 pupils have arranged a WWF event in the village hall on Saturday at 2:30pm. Please come and along if you can to show your support. The children are really excited and would love to see you!

Book Fair

The children will be running our school book fair 3rd - 5th October, from 3:30 -4pm. Please come along and support us by having a browse and purchasing some books. Refreshments are available for sale and the children will be around to give advice on book choices and answer any questions. A huge thank you to 'Triple Two' in South Cerney for donating cups and cakes for this event. As a school, we have entered 'the Book Fair takeover' and have a chance of winning £500 worth of books and an iPad for the school if we win. Last year, we raised £293. This year, our target is £350 and we hope to achieve this and encourage lots of aspiring readers!

Library leader initiative

In addition to the above, our library monitors have also arranged a writing competition. The children who would like to take part may write a short story, using their imaginations to turn a
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family member e.g. an uncle into a famous inventor. The children may wish to think about: What did they invent? What happens in each part? How will the invention help the world? Please hand your stories to our wonderful library monitors by the 10th of October.

Safety- No scooting/cycling in the playground REMINDER

Last week a child was hurt as a result of a scooter colliding with them. We insist for everyone's safety that scooters and bicycles are not ridden on the playground at all. Thank you for cooperating with us and please let us know if you see this being overlooked and we will address it. We are keen for everybody to be safe.

Have a lovely weekend.

All the very best and thank you!

With my kindest regards,

S.L.Saville

Mrs. Saville

Head teacher

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

Date	Event
Tuesday 2 nd -5 th October	Book Fair (Jane Harrold is organising this- same set up as last year)
Thursday 4 th October	Hot dinner with Mrs Saville and Miss Perring- space hopper event! Book your child's lunch in the usual way online. A great way for your child to try a hot dinner if they are not already regulars.
Friday 12 th October	1.20 leave for church Harvest Festival - take food bank cans donations
Sunday 14 th October	11am Church Harvest Festival Holy Cross- all welcome 12.30 Harvest lunch school hall- all welcome
Wednesday 17 th October	Zumba morning
Friday 19 th October	9am Heroes and Heroines
Tuesday 23 rd October	Water Aid Day- dress down wear blue 50p Unveil pupil pebble display in spiritual garden End of Term 1
Wednesday 24 th October	Teacher training day school closed to pupils
Monday 5 th November	9am Term 2 starts Parents evening online sign up opens for bookings
Wednesday 7 th November	Y 3 and 4 Corinium trip
10 th November	4.30pm AKPS Firework Evening at Bradstone Fields- help appreciated please!
11 th November	2.30 pm in village hall WW1 Concert Party in celebration of the Armistice involving some pupils- organised by the village community
Tuesday 13 th November	3.30-7pm Parents Evening Flu vaccination day for YR-5
Thursday 15 th November	3.30-6pm Parents Evening FOAKS School Disco Mighty Oaks in Class R from 5-6
Tuesday 20 th November	9am Y5 Class Assembly to parents/carers



	1.30pm Senior Citizen Tea Party hosted by Year 6
Sunday 2 nd December	4pm Christingle in Church 5.30 Christmas tree lighting at pub—choir to sing if possible
Friday 7 th December	1.30pm FOAKS Pocket Money Stalls
Monday 10 th December	10.45-11.45 KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal for children in school and playgroup/ nursery 1.30-2.30 Nativity - all welcome
Tuesday 11 th December	Whole school trip to the Pantomime- Aladdin 11.30 coaches pick up, packed lunch on coaches, 1pm production, 3.30 pick up from theatre, 4-4.15 back at school
Wednesday 12 th December	1.30-2.30 Nativity - all welcome
Thursday 13 th December	5.30pm-6.30pm Nativity (adults/ older siblings only please)
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day- 50p for Save the Children 1.20pm leave for 1.40 Christmas Service Holy Cross Church- all welcome
Wednesday 19 th December	Zumba Morning After school FOAKS Christmas Movie Night
Thursday 20 th December	9-11 AK's Got Talent Christmas Special- pupils only
Friday 21 st December	9am Heroes and Heroines End of Term 2