



Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Team AK:**

*Wow! What a term! Team AK continues to shine. A huge thank you to everyone for all their hard work again this term - the children have truly shone brightly. I would like to once more take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your continued support and hard work.*

**Engineering at AKPS- visiting parents sharing their skills and experiences in STEM**

We have been fortunate enough to have had parents take up our plea for them to come in and talk with our children about their skills and experiences in engineering. Miss Redman has worked tirelessly to ensure we have varied and exciting people who have volunteered to share their work from different fields of engineering. We are incredibly thankful to them.



This week, Mr Jones (Isla's daddy) and his colleague visited us on Tuesday to share more about his role within aviation. He talked about what his company does and shared lots of exciting ideas. We also received a visit from Mr Clark (Lucy's dad) who explained about his job as a software engineer, designing code for radios. Thank you to both parties; the children and staff really enjoyed your visit. After half term, we look forward to a visit from Mr Edmonds (Daisy and Evie's dad) who will also be sharing different ideas and running sessions across the school.

Back in class, Classes 1-6 are entering an engineering design competition which is new for us and part of our school improvement plan, it is very exciting too.

**Church-school links**



Throughout this term, we have continued to work in partnership with Reverend Shirley and her amazing team. Various members of our church community and Reverend Shirley have held weekly worship assemblies. This week, some children from Class 6 got involved in some acting and, alongside Reverend Shirley, they brought the story of Moses and his courage to life.





We really are ever so lucky to have such a fabulous partnership with our local church and community; we truly appreciate the strength of our church-school partnership.

### 'Mega Term' of sporting events for Team AK



Across Term 3, Team AK have enjoyed taking part in an incredible 8 different sports/activities. Football, Gymnastics, Handball, Hockey, Dodgeball, Multi-Skills and Multi-Sports Festivals have all provided opportunities for our pupils to show their talents in and out-of-the-school setting. All events have been played in the right spirit and we even got to enjoy the drama of a Penalty Shoot-out in the 'A' Team Football Tournament.

Mr Tanner has said that this

term's highlight is hard to choose; however, it's superb that a school of our size has an amazing 3 runners who qualified for the Country X-Country Championships in March. A thank you needed to go to all the parents who are helping with transport to and from events - we really couldn't do it without you.



### Polite reminder about having PE kit/ forest school kit in school

In order for us to truly shine both inside and outside of school, please can you ensure that your child has a PE kit in school every day. It is important that children have full kit (including daps or trainers) to ensure they can fully participate in the fantastic sports and PE sessions offered.

We do our best to ensure Forest School dates are on the calendar and on these days your child will need a change of clothes – usually including old clothing and wellies.

### Dogs on the school grounds

Please can parents ensure that dogs are not brought onto the playground before or after school. We appreciate that leaving them by the gate can be bothersome, but, for health and





safety reasons, we appreciate your compliance and support. We are, however, currently looking into some better options for dog owners and will get back to you in due course.

### Another World Book Day Reminder



Just a quick reminder - World Book day this year is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and following on from the success of the whole school theme of 'Witches and Wizards' last year, we are going to make this year's theme 'Roald Dahl'. So to give you time to prepare, your child can come dressed as any character from any book by Roald Dahl e.g. Willy Wonka, Mr Fox, The Peach, Matilda, Veruca Salt, The BFG etc... the list is endless. Miss Igoe and Miss Boase are working hard to plan some very exciting events. This is really something to look forward to; we wanted to give you the heads up so you can start thinking and to remind you that we do not expect you to buy costumes, home-made efforts are fabulous too- the

choice is yours!

**We look forward to the Spring Term and welcoming you all back on 25<sup>th</sup> February.**

Kind regards,

**Miss Perring, Deputy Headteacher**

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 2019 to help you plan ahead:

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Training Day school closed to pupils
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	8.50am Term 4 starts
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming lessons restart for Class 5
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening booking system to go live
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Oasis rehearsal at St. Mary's, Purton for choir
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day –Roald Dahl Theme
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-7:00 Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	3:30-6:00 Parents' Evening
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Messy Church in school hall





Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mock Trials Y6, New Baptist Hall, Cirencester
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Class 2 trip to Cheltenham
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	1.30pm Y3/4 production dress rehearsal
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm Y3/4 production
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Vista class photographs 6pm Y3/4 production
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	8.00am Breakfast Club Cooking session with Mel Tim
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Zumba Morning
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	7.00pm Oasis concert, Swindon for choir members
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	9am Heroes and Heroines End of Term 4
8 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter holiday
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	8.50am Start of Term 5

