



Friday 31st January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Team AK Shining Brightly:

We are all working super hard and the school is buzzing with learning. From Forest school to Class R on their 'Little Red Hen' journey around the school ending in bread making; I have seen some brilliant examples of creative learning in action.

Our Christian Value in Focus this term is Courage

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go' Joshua 1.9

We have been focussing on: stepping out of your comfort zone, doing the right thing, not the easy thing and facing a challenge so far. Your children have really been reflective and applying their thinking to their daily lives.

AKPS are REGIONAL WINNERS in National Maths challenge 2020!

We are so proud of our children: Anna, Freddie, Sam and Evangeline from Years 5 and 6 as they represented our school brilliantly and proudly shone very brightly as Mathematicians becoming Regional winners in the competition! This is wonderful and so well deserved. Here is their feedback:

This year we were extremely impressed with Ashton Keynes's teamwork and strategy in order to complete the problem to the best of their ability.

We would like to say a big well done to you all for persevering through a challenging problem.

Due to their success with team work and their strategy in solving the problem, Ashton Keynes are our REGIONAL WINNERS!

Mrs Voss accompanied the children to the competition and wanted to say:

I just wanted to say how lovely it was to take the children to the Maths competition. They represented the school brilliantly and were an asset to TEAM AK. Sam & Anna gave Freddie & Evangeline some helpful tips on the way there, and they all worked really well as a team to share out the tasks for the problems they were set. The teachers weren't allowed near the teams during the actual task, but we each watched our school's presentation at the end, which gave them the opportunity to explain how they solved the problems.

The children were fantastic at explaining what they did, and were really courteous towards each other, making sure that everyone got the chance to present the solutions to the problems.



Messy Church led by our pupils

We have just featured in a Diocese newsletter sharing the strength of our pupil leaders in worship and especially in Messy Church which is brilliant. The next date for Messy Church is Wednesday 26th February 3.15pm in the school hall. Please save the date and we hope to see you there- our pupils will again be getting very involved in planning and leading the session for the community, supported by the team from Holy Cross.





Drum Kit Urgently Needed

We are delighted that so many children have drum lessons in school. However, we are sorely in need of a new school drum kit. If anyone hears of unused or unwanted drum kits, please let Mrs Crowley know.

School Council Team AK Roaming Reporters

We were so excited to be able to take the whole school out onto the footprint of the new school building and for everyone to visualise where the rooms are going to be. It was a key point in History which we will never be able to do again as from this point on the walls started going up- it was incredibly special and very exciting!

All of the school council's reports can be found on our website but here is the latest one:

Tuesday 28th January 2020

School Council Team AK Roaming Reporters

The builders have now started to make the rooms by building the walls up from the foundations. They are making the walls really tall, really quickly! They have used bricks, cement and insulation to make sure it does not get cold inside the new school building. We can even see where the new windows and doors are going to be as they have put the frames for them all in. It is all coming together and looks absolutely amazing!



Update today- the steel frame went on via a huge crane! We are now bursting with excitement as we can see the new learning hub taking place!

Visitors next week- Our Annual Challenge Partner Review

Next week Monday to Wednesday we will be welcoming three visitors to school to work with us in a review of our school. We really see the benefits of having this review and find it a chance to shine but also to learn in partnership with the visitors. As part of this programme myself and three others are trained reviewers and





have had the privilege to review other national schools, every time bringing something back to further develop our wonderful school.

Fundraising

There is now a brilliant AKPS development Trust facebook page which we would encourage you to visit (if you use facebook) and give a like to! This page details lots of exciting events coming your way.

There is a group of parents from the school running the Paris Marathon on the 5th of April. They are trying to raise £10,000 towards the School Learning Hub and would really appreciate your support. Please see the link to their sponsorship page. https://www.gofundme.com/f/paris-marathon-2020?utm_source=customer&utm_medium=copy_link-tip&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet

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With my very best wishes for a lovely weekend. I look forward to seeing you all soon, maybe in my new pink builder's hat!

S.L.Saville

Mrs Saville

Head Teacher

All dates for the year are on the calendar on the school website on www.akps.org.uk to help you plan ahead

Date	Event
Friday 7 th February	Young Voices, Wembley for choir
Tuesday 11 th February	Classes 1 and 2 trip to STEAM museum
Wednesday 12 th February	7.30pm FoAKS quiz night
Friday 14 th February	TD Day – School Closed
17 th – 21 st Feb	Half-term holiday



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