



Tuesday 17th October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the first of six terms this year I wanted to reflect on what a brilliant and busy term it has been here in school. Classes have all settled really well into routines with their new teaching teams and have worked so hard each day learning from our 'Shine Curriculum'. We have democratically elected a new school council, explored a spiritual whole school journey into how we are all individual and unique and how we can use our gifts and talents to grow and help others. We have been out representing the school in team sports and bringing home some trophies! The children have been running their own clubs for others at lunchtime including a running club around our track and circuits to keep everyone active and setting up a whole school story writing competition for other pupils. We have had the first of our assemblies for parents and carers with a stay and share session afterwards, return of the original Heroes and Heroines assembly for the community, PSHE workshops have taken place across the school including Wiltshire Air Ambulance teaching life saving schools to our children in their annual training visit, Year 6 have all achieved their level 1 sword fencing awards and so much more! Here are a few recent highlights:

Shining Brightly:

Harvest Service in Holy Cross Church

It is always a pleasure to go to Holy Cross Church and we did this for Harvest a couple of weeks ago. Thank you for all of your generous donations to our local food bank, it was really kind of you. The children were, as always, so respectful and we received a lovely thank you from Reverend Shirley on behalf of the Holy Cross Church:

Dear all staff and pupils who came to harvest in Holy Cross Church,

THANKYOU for taking the time and having the energy to bring the children to Holy Cross for our school harvest celebration. The number of gifts is incredible and I haven't counted donations but they will be wonderful too. I know the local foodbank will be so pleased with the donations, thank you to you all for your generosity in helping others in need.

Thank you for the children's wonderful and respectful and thoughtful behaviour and for their lovely singing as well. For those in worship council, please pass on a big thankyou to them too, for their enthusiasm as well as their abilities in helping lead the service. The parents and staff can be so proud of their children in church this afternoon.

Thankyou once again to you all. I am very proud of our church school partnership and very proud as a Governor of the school.

Blessings Rev Shirley Danby Foundation Governor

Class 4 assembly to parents and carers and stay and share session

On Monday morning we were treated to the first-class assembly of the year by Class 4. They shared their incredible poetry from their learning metaphor 'It started with a seed' and their learning all about the Romans and especially their understanding of the local History around the Romans. They got a huge round of applause for their fabulous singing and dancing which was incredible. Parents and carers stayed on with their children for the first stay and share session of the year where children proudly shared their writing with them and looked through their books at their learning from our 'Shine Curriculum', it really was lovely. Class teachers will be in touch to let you know the date for your class assembly and your stay and share time too. We spread assemblies out throughout the year, Year 6 is at the end.





STEM Club Success

STEM club for Years 3 and 4 has been a great success and been incredibly well attended.

The children have used a range of DT skills to produce balloon-powered cars, fidget spinners, vibrating bugs and catapults! The children have been focused, developed fine and gross motor skills along with their



teamwork, debugging and problem-solving skills. We have been very grateful to have STEMkids Club come in to school with their fantastic ideas. We are looking forward to Year 5 and 6 having their turn after half term and can't wait to see what they will produce.

Class 3 enjoyed their thank you team afternoon

I have arranged a special thank you team afternoon for each class to take place over the year. It is to acknowledge brilliant team work and support for one another and to say thank you. Class 3 have been brilliant and so supportive of one another and supportive of us last week when we had to make some last-minute staff changes due to illness; they were just so respectful, hardworking and brilliant. The afternoon comprised of a special combination of team games including parachute time, a team dance off and team dodgeball competition- all active, fun and focusing on team skills. They absolutely loved it! I look forward to seeing all other classes earning their time soon.

Introducing our new School Council 22/23

Dear Parents/Carers of Ashton Keynes Primary School,
We would like to introduce ourselves as the new representatives of the School Council for 22/23.

Year 2 – Isabelle T, Jacob Year 3 – Raffy G, Evie F Year 4 – Imogen G, Oliver A Year 5 – Harriet D, May H Year 6 – Nate P, Lacey-May T

We are looking forward to offering the best we can to this school, listening to our class mates and suggesting ideas to Mrs. Saville to help our school to shine even brighter! We make sure we involve and listen to children in Classes R and 1 and take their ideas to meetings too.

Some of our plans for this year include:

- Anti-Bullying Week
- Raising money and awareness for various charities through themed non-school uniform days
- Improving our outside environment (focussing on eco award and play leadership)
- Readathons
- Themed subject days
- Healthy food tuck shop
- A leadership day with Mrs Saville



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE





SHINE BRIGHT ★ REACH FOR THE STARS

We can't wait to get started and are always around to listen to our class's ideas if they have any. You can recognise us by our School Council badges.

*Many Thanks,
AKPS School Council*

Sports News



At AK, we are part of the Cotswold School Sports Network which is invaluable to us as it provides so many sports events which the children can participate in during the school year. Here is a roundup of the sporting events we have taken part in so far this term:

Year 5 and 6 Hockey Festival This term, a team of hockey superstars from Years 5

and 6 took part in a skills festival at Deer Park. The children practiced their skills in a variety of drills before playing matches against Powells and St. Lawrence. Well done Team AK!

Year 3 and 4 Football Festival

Last week, a mixed team of footballing heroes from Year 3 and 4 took part in a festival at Cirencester Town FC. The children played against lots of other schools including Cirencester Primary, Powells, Meysey Hampton and Stratton. The team played brilliantly and won every game! Well done Team AK – our footballing future certainly looks bright!

Year 4, 5 and 6 Football Fixture

Earlier in the term, a mixed Year 4/5/6 girls' football team

took part in a friendly match against Meysey Hampton. The girls played brilliantly in what was for some of them their first taste of competitive football. The team got better and better as the game went on and represented our school fantastically well. A huge well done to all of you and we look forward to another fixture in the near future.



REMINDER Save the date: Saturday 5th November evening (4.30-9pm with fireworks around 6.30) Ashton Keynes Fireworks event

Sign up link for volunteers:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C45AFAA2EA4F4C43-ashton2>

Ticket Tailor link to purchase tickets:

<https://buytickets.at/friendsofashtonkeynesschool1/764868>

or at the village shop

FOAKs (our wonderful friends of the school team) are again organising our annual fireworks event at the Bradstone field Ashton Keynes. This event will be brilliant and include a wonderful firework display, a live





band, food stalls and a bar. There is so much hard work and goodwill that goes into making this event possible and we are very grateful as it is not just a fabulous community event but the main fundraiser for our lovely school helping us pay for our much-needed learning resources and our PSHE and Health events which benefit all of our children. If you can help, even if just for a short amount of time, please sign up. Thank you!

It was so incredibly lovely to be back to 'Heroes and Heroines' which felt like old times! Such a wonderful positive vibe in the hall and we were there for all of the children and proud of our school family. It was so wonderful to see everyone smiling and singing along and even some of you busting some moves! Thank you so much for joining us. Next Heroes and Heroines will be at the end of term 2 on Friday 16th December 9am.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a happy and rested half term. I look forward to welcoming you all back at 8.45am on Monday 31st October for another busy and brilliant term including more high-quality daily learning from across the Shine Curriculum, Year 4 winter residential, fireworks event, visiting authors, parents' evenings, celebrity gardener visiting, Year 5 class assembly and stay and share, EYFS and KS1 nativity, KS2 carol service and whole school pantomime trip to Beauty and the Beast.

Your very proud Headteacher,

Mrs Saville

Head Teacher

Date	Event
Monday 31 st October	Term 2 starts at 8.45am
Saturday 5 th November	Ashton Keynes Fireworks event 4.30-9pm Bradstone
Monday 7 th November	3.30pm Parents evening online booking system goes live to book your appointments.
Friday 11 th November	Author Elka Evald visit
Monday 14 th November	Lee Skinny Jean Gardner in all day to work with Classes R,1 and 2. They should wear forest school clothes this day.
Tuesday 15 th , Wednesday 16 th & Thursday 17 th November	Parents evenings appointments (sign up the week before online) - books will be out for you to come and look at before your appointment
Tuesday 29 th November	9am Year 5 assembly to parents and carers and stay and share (stay for 30 minutes after the assembly with your child to look at their work together)
Thursday 1 st December until Friday 2 nd December	Year 4 Winter residential Mrs. Saville, Miss Chomicz, Mr. Jackson & Mrs. Willis out
Tuesday 6 th December	Whole School Pantomime trip 'Beauty and the Beast'
Tuesday 14 th December	School Christmas lunch for pupils, staff & Governors
Friday 16 th December	Heroes and Heroines 9am 3.15pm End of Term 2
Wednesday 4 th January	Term 3 starts at 8.45am

