



Monday 5th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Shining Brightly:

It is super glittery and busy in school. We are all working super hard in class and enjoying and making the most of every minute. Here are a few highlights from the last couple of weeks.

Visiting Author

The children really enjoyed their visit from local author, Elka Evald. After an inspiring assembly to the whole school Elka did workshops with Classes 2 and 3. Children were able to get signed copies of her book 'Granny Magic' and we purchased a couple for the school library so they will be accessible and available for all to borrow.



Class 5 assembly greatness

We had a very buzzing morning when Class 5 did their assembly to parents/ carers and the whole school to share their learning from the term. They shared a range of incredible quality writing, Science learning, Geography and stunning art. They all performed so well and everyone shone. They also treated us to their own performance of 'This is me' and a special song they have been learning in Portuguese. The rest of the school fed back what they enjoyed and there were so many positive comments. Maisie in Class 2 finished the pupil feedback by saying 'I enjoyed everything'. We received some excellent positive feedback from the parents and carers who came to watch who were very impressed with the range of rich learning across our 'Shine Curriculum' and the standard of work produced by the class.



Nativity, Christingle and Christmas for the community

Classes R, 1 and 2 are all very busy singing away and learning their lines for the upcoming nativities next week. The amazing FOAKs team are providing refreshments at the events which is brilliant. I love nativity at AKPS and cannot wait! The juniors have been learning Christmas songs for the Christmas service. A group of pupils are kindly coming with Mrs. Crowley and myself to sing carols for the local care home over the next couple of weeks which is so lovely for them to do.





Thank you to all who were able to attend the Christingle at Holy Cross Church. The children made Christingle oranges in school and reminded themselves of the meaning behind Christingle and then the choir performed beautifully in church.

The Church service next Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm will be for all pupils and staff but as there is limited room in the church for just a few parents (sadly), we have decided to invite Year 6 parents and carers as this will be their last Christmas service and we can do this each year as a legacy. All infant children's parents will have had the chance to see the nativities next week. Everyone is welcome to join us on Friday 16th December at 9am in the hall and under the canopy for Heroes and Heroines and we will sing some festive tunes whilst celebrating our children so you won't miss out! This is also sparkle day so children can wear festive outfits to school so feel free to join us with your favourite Christmas jumper.

Thank you from School Council

Thank you for helping celebrate difference and individuality during anti-bullying week by wearing odd socks. Thank you for your donations to Children in Need we raised £178 in the school council cake sale and in total over £300! AKPS love their cake treats!

Dear Parents and Carers,

The 16th December will be 'Sparkle Day' where children are able to wear festive outfits instead of school uniform, this can be a simple Christmas jumper, festive hat, tinsel and should not come at additional expense. We want to encourage you to be unique and spread some festive cheer on our last day of school. We're not asking for donations but if you want to you can donate to your local homeless shelter we're sure they'd be pleased. We look forward to seeing lots of colourful festivity.

School council

Our next project is Santa for a Senior where we are asking pupils to make something crafty to gift to a senior citizen to make them smile at Christmas time. The item should fit in an A4 envelope. We will be telling children about it on Monday in assembly, thank you for supporting at home.

Year 4 were amazing on residential!

Myself, Year 4 class and the staff team were very busy the Class' first away residential in the forest of Dean last Thursday and Friday. The children were exceptional, they tried all of the activities (low ropes, climbing the side of the vicarage and abseiling down, team build, night walk, archery and crate stacking on harnesses. They were challenged, grew in independence and confidence and as a team and they ate well and slept AMAZINGLY WELL! In fact, they were the class that have slept the longest 9pm until 7.30am. They were so lovely and today are still buzzing about their wonderful experience away!



INVESTORS IN PEOPLE





I will send my final newsletter for 2022 next week which will be the special end of term one which shares the highlights for the term from each class.

We are looking forward to our whole School trip to the pantomime tomorrow, it is such a magical Christmas experience.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Your very proud Headteacher,
Mrs. Saville

Tuesday 6 th December	Whole School Pantomime trip 'Beauty and the Beast'
Thursday 8 th December	Breakfast Club Christmas Party – Bookings for this are now closed
Tuesday 14 th December	School Christmas lunch for pupils, staff & Governors 1.30pm Church service for Year 6 parents and carers and school
Friday 16 th December	Heroes and Heroines 9am (parents and carers warmly invited in) 'Sparkle' Christmas outfit/jumper day FOAKs Pocket Money Stalls 3.15pm End of Term 2
Wednesday 4 th January	Term 3 starts at 8.45am

