



Thursday 16th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Shining Brightly:

The term of glitter is upon us! EYFS and KS1 are in full swing with their nativity practices and I have loved hearing them singing out the songs. We are all very much looking forward to the iSing pop visit to do a Christmas special workshop with the whole school and hope some of you will be able to join us at the end of the day on Wednesday 22nd November 2.40- 3pm for the celebration assembly of the workshops.

Year 6 conservation community project

I was delighted that our Year 6 braved the elements and helped our local community plant a whopping 2,500 bluebell bulbs in Bradstone as part of their conservation project. It is wonderful for our pupils to be part of legacy projects and to understand why trying to increase the bluebell population in the UK is important.

Umbrella Project Display on the Hall Ceiling



We are so excited have purchased the neurodiversity umbrella display and now have it installed in our school hall.

As a school we are proud to promote diversity and celebrate how we are all individual and uniquely made but part of an important family. We should embrace and celebrate our uniqueness and individuality and this includes the way our amazing brains work, so that we can be kind, supportive and inclusive. Here is the context around the umbrellas and what they represent. I saw them in Cardiff last year and then one of my parents brought the idea to me and her son presented to the whole school on autism to raise awareness.

The Neurodiversity Umbrella Project is an uplifting visual representation of all the different minds we have here in the UK. Every Umbrella Project installation helps to raise awareness and understanding of neurodiversity. Thousands of colourful umbrellas are strung together over public spaces, in schools, and in company buildings around the nation. Each display is designed to represent the one in five of us who have a neurodevelopmental condition, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, Dyscalculia or Tourette's syndrome. These conditions fall under the umbrella term of neurodiversity. The project is working to aim to change the perception of neurodiverse/neurodivergent people and celebrating all the many strengths that come from thinking differently.

I hope you enjoy the display and all it signifies for our wonderful school by supporting our vision that every child deserves 'life in all its fullness' and embracing and celebrating diversity in all areas of life is a very important part of how we go about achieving this vision.

Firework Thank you

What a wonderful event our Ak fireworks was. A huge thank you to all who volunteered, gave of their resources and time and all who were able to attend. This is our biggest annual fundraiser and very important for our school. It also serves the community with what was a happy, professional well-organised firework event. Massive thanks and gratitude to all who helped make this event possible.



Pyjama appeal

I recently sent you a letter about the wonderful appeal we are supporting this Christmas. One of our wonderful Class R pupils, Olivia supported her Mum to do this appeal last year in pre-school and we wanted to show some AKSP support to this appeal for this Christmas. We would like to support "Children's Hospital Pyjama's appeal 2023". Each year, the charity collects donations of brand-new pyjamas from newborn to age 18. These are gifted to children who spend Christmas in either a hospital, hospice or refuge.

If you are able to make a small donation of either some brand- new pyjamas or a small donation, then please do so to the school office before 15th December. It is so heart-warming for our school to be supporting this appeal and to be supporting other children who need comfort.



School Council

Our very proactive school council have sent a parent mail to inform you of upcoming events and to ask for your support. Here is what they wrote:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would love to inform you that on Wednesday 20th of December, the last day of term, we are hosting 2023's 'Sparkle day'.

If your child can, we would love for them to come in to school dressed in something fun/ sparkly and festive.

Also, we are doing a Christmas jumper sale on the 8th of December to raise money for our charity and to provide some affordable second-hand festive jumpers.

If you have any old but in good condition Christmas/festive jumpers and you have a need to give them away, please give them into the office to be sold at the jumper sale. We are selling each Christmas jumper for £3 to make it more affordable. The money will be shared between the children's hospital pyjama appeal and the local church (to help repair their roof).

Finally, it would be really helpful if you could bring us some crafty materials(Toilet roll tubes, plastic drinks bottles, Christmas wrapping paper, cardboard and Christmas cards) for our pupil led Christmassy clubs so that the clubs can make Ashton Keynes church some Christmas decorations for the church's Christmas tree. Please make sure that all of the materials you bring in are recyclable and re-useable as this is our theme for the Christmas. All of the Christmas decorations made will be put on the tree and the public will be able to see them in Holy Cross Church.

Thank you so much for helping us

Kind regards,

School council

Ashton Keynes CE Primary

Your very proud Headteacher,

Mrs Saville

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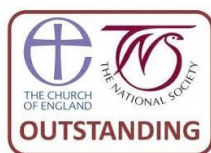
Head Teacher

All dates for the year are on the calendar on the school website on www.akps.org.uk to help you plan ahead. All newsletters and annual overviews have been sent to parents and carers but can also be found on class pages of our website.

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