



Wednesday 18th October 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, that first term back has sped past. We have been really busy here at school and making the most of every minute.

Shining Brightly:

This has been a fantastic term for all classes. I have been delighted with how well our new reception class have settled to school. Yesterday on a visit to classes I wowed some visitors with how well the children came in from break and settled to their Maths session with Gerald the giraffe and Mrs. Serle, the visitors remarked on how happy they all are. It is like they have always been together, when in reality they all came from different settings only 6 weeks ago to meet as a class for the first time. That is the magic of our school family.

There have been so many pupil lead clubs at lunchtimes and it has been wonderful to see our pupil leaders shining.



Life Space Visit

We had our annual Life Space visitors to come and do PSHE workshops with all classes covering age appropriate topics. The children were totally immersed and engaged in all classes. Further information on the workshops provided can be found here: [CORAM-life-space-annual-workshops-to-support-our-PSHE-curriculum.pdf \(akps.org.uk\)](https://www.akps.org.uk/coram-life-space-annual-workshops-to-support-our-pshe-curriculum.pdf) This is funded by school and is such an important set of workshops as part of our carefully planned

personal, social, health education curriculum. The younger children loved a visit from Harold the Giraffe!

Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Every year we arrange for the Wiltshire Air ambulance to come into school to teach all classes about resuscitation of life. Children learn progressively how to dial 999, call for help and how to give CPR. This is vital as it could preserve life and a skill we want our children to learn. School funds this for every child to take part and we don't often ask for donations, which is why we need support in other areas from our fundraisers (such as the fireworks) to help us continue to provide these sessions free of charge.



Fireworks evening: Saturday 4th November evening (approx. 5-8pm with fireworks around 6.30) Ashton Keynes FOAKS Fireworks event at Bradstone

Plea for helpers- please help, even if just for a small part of the evening. This is an event run by volunteers from the community and it is our biggest annual fundraiser and funds our learning resources which all pupils benefit from and enables us to provide the amazing curriculum enrichment programme which we do for free to all families. It cannot happen without generous helpers.

Tickets are on sale from the village shop- please come along and support your local school and enjoy a wonderful fireworks display, live music and food and drinks.



Have a lovely, extended half term break and we look forward to welcoming you all back happy and rested on Thursday 2nd November at 8.45am for the term of sparkle and shine!

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