

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School



Friday 20th October 2017

Newsletter No: 6

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of term one - it has been very busy and has gone very fast! Thank you to all the parents who have been so supportive during our settling in period - it has been a steep learning curve but very rewarding to see the children enjoying their learning and happy and settled. It was great to see so many of you at our shared learning sessions - we have had a huge focus on presentation in books and I heard lots of positive comments about this.

A big thank you to the grandad of Ethan Dunn (year 1) for restoring and varnishing the cross outside the school - it is now a real focal point as you approach the school. He would definitely be my star of the week!

Fledglings and Wrens performed beautifully at their Autumn Festival on Wednesday - it was lovely to see so many family members there too. John from Dover Foodbank collected the Harvest donations on Wednesday afternoon - he was delighted with the food - there has been a 30% increase in the need for food vouchers since May, so we have supported a good cause.

We are very proud of our Kent Test results this year - 43% of our pupils are eligible for a local grammar place. Parents have to now make the choice about which schools to choose for their child and make their applications on-line at www.kent.gov.uk/ola by 31 October 2017.

You will notice on our upcoming events that we have our school discos on Wednesday 8th November (date changed to avoid clash with SNICS). This year we will have the KS1 disco starting at 3.30pm - if your child is attending and in KS1 we will be getting the children changed in school so please send in their clothes in a named bag and we will supervise them. You can then pick the children up from their classrooms at 4.45pm. The KS2 disco will be from 5pm until 6.30pm (collect from the school hall). Staff will be attending and organising some games for the children.

Thank you for your continued support - have a lovely half term break.

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

Attendance - 9th to 13th October 2017

Fledglings	85%
Year R Wrens	95%
Year 1 Robins	95%
Year 2 Magpies	97%
Year 3 Owls	97%
Year 4 Hawks	96%
Year 5 Eagles	98%
Year 6 Falcons	100%
Punctuality Penguin Award	Robins
Attendance Alligator Award	Falcons

Star of the week

Year 1 Robins	Bethany Davies working hard in literacy.
Year 2 Magpies	Poppy Dobson for trying her hardest in maths.
Year 3 Owls	Chloe Pestell for always trying her hardest and producing some lovely writing.
Year 4 Hawks	Kelsey Peirce for persisting with her maths.
Year 5 Eagles	John Longley for fantastic effort and improvement in literacy.
Year 6 Falcons	Oliver Boyd for an amazing effort with home learning this term. So creative and inspiring.

Notices

NEW Website: Our brand new school website has gone live today! Go to www.ashckschool.org to check it out. If you have any feedback or there is any information that you would like to see included then please let the office know.

Parking: We politely ask that parents/carers dropping off and collecting children do not park on the footpath in the car park or in front of the double gates. This is very dangerous for children trying to walk into and out of school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Disco: Wednesday 8th November

KS1 (Reception - Year 2) disco will take the format of a party, 3.30 - 4.45 pm
Straight after school children will have the opportunity to change into their party clothes (please ensure all clothes are named) and they will then be escorted to the hall for some disco fun and food.

Children are to be collected at 4.45. Please collect from their classroom.

The KS1 event is for Fledglings (for school starters only), Reception, Year 1 and

Year 2 pupils only. It will be fully supervised and unfortunately we cannot cater for additional parents/carers.

However, we are looking for a small number of volunteers to help run the event. If you are able to help, please email: candk.ptfa@gmail.com or contact us via the office.

KS2 (Year 3 - Year 6) disco, 5.00 - 6.30 pm will follow its usual format with some entertainment from Just Bounce, a hotdog, treat and novelties for sale. Children will be collected from the school hall.

Ash Community

Ash/Templemars Twinning Association - QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 21st October, 7.30 - 10 pm, Ash Village Hall

Bring your own supper. Tables/Teams of 8. Prize for the most French Table.

Bar courtesy of the Friends of St Nicholas Church

£5 per person, includes free annual membership of the Twinning Association.

For more information please contact Penny on 07967 825099

Ash Baby & Toddler Group

Bring your little ones to the village playgroup! Play, activities and singing for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. Great choice of toys, ride-on vehicles and a slide! Craft table, baby play area and changing facilities. Additional fun events throughout the year too!

Mondays during term time 10-11.30am, Ash Village Hall

£1.50 per child (first visit is FREE)

Price includes snack/drink for children and tea/coffee & biscuits for adults

All family members and carers welcome.

Find us on Facebook (Ash Toddler Group) or see our poster on the village hall noticeboard.

Help us ensure this community group thrives!

Message from the PTFA

Can you help? We would like to increase the range of activities for our children in Fledglings, Wrens and Robins and would like the following donations:

- Painting easels
- Small world play
- Toy garage
- Toy cars
- Toy car mat
- Dressing up clothes
- Train set

- Sand and water toys
- Lego or Duplo
- Role play area resources i.e. real life objects, pots and pans, paint brushes, dog bed etc

If you have any of the above items and no longer want them, we could put them to good use!
Please bring any donations to the school office for the attention of the PTFA
Many thanks

Dates for your Diary

Term 2	
Monday 30th October	Start of Term 2. Children back in School
Friday 3rd November	TAG Day and Crazy Hair! £1.00 minimum donation per child Toffee apples available for sale after school.
Wednesday 8th November	Open afternoon for year R School Disco
Friday 10th November	Year 5 class assembly at 2.30pm - parents welcome to attend
Tuesday 14th November	Parents evening 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 15th November	Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 16th November	Open Morning - details to follow
Friday 17th November	Children in Need - Spotty Clothes Day £1.00 minimum donation per child for Children in Need
Wednesday 22nd November	Phonics talk for parents at 2.30pm with Mrs Crascall
Friday 24th November	Open Morning - details to follow
Friday 1st December	Christmas Jumper TAG Day! £1.00 minimum donation per child
Monday 4th December	Christmas Craft Day
Wednesday 6th December	Christmas Gift Day - PTFA
Friday 8th December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12th December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 14th December	Nursery Nativity
Friday 15th December	KS1 Nativity
Monday 18th December	Carol Service at the Church at 10.45am
Tuesday 19th December	Whole school pantomime visit - The Wizard of Oz
Wednesday 20th December	End of term 2 - PHEW!
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Thursday 4th January	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Monday 16th April	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Monday 23rd July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 24th July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students