

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School



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Term 2

Dear Parents/Carers

Another busy week learning in our school. The tardis in year 5 disappeared as mysteriously as it arrived - how strange! Year 5 are enjoying their earth and space topic and they performed beautifully in their Remembrance Assembly today - I also saw year 4 making some beautiful poppies - Lest we forget. Wrens and Robins were busy creating beautiful firework pictures and year 6 are engrossed in their Harry Potter topic. Year 3 have produced a fantastic cave drawing as part of their Stone Age topic - the wider curriculum in action. The children had fun at the school discos on Wednesday - a big thank you to the PTFA for organising and to the staff for showing off their dance moves!

I look forward to catching up with many of you at the parent teacher meetings next week, Mrs Wilkinson and I will be around on both evenings. You will note that we will be holding them in the classrooms so you can have a look at the displays and the classroom working walls. We also have our open mornings for our 2018 intake on Thursday 16th November and Friday 24th November - if you have a child who will be starting school then or know of somebody else please ring the school office to make an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

Staffing

As per the staffing restructure, we are delighted to announce that we have appointed our Senior Teacher. Ms Sarah Graham will start in year 5 in January - sharing the class with Mr Hayes, to ensure continuity for the children. Ms Graham will be in school on Monday 27th November to meet the class again and I am sure that she will be around at the end of the day to say hello to parents. Ms Graham is a very experienced outstanding teacher with a proven track record of raising standards - she will also be leading RE as this is her area of expertise. Mr Hayes was on a temporary contract but we are thrilled that he is staying on - he will also be covering classes across the school with a focus on PE and leading a range of lunchtime and after school PE clubs. I am sure that you will all make Ms Graham feel very welcome - she is really looking forward to joining our team.

Attendance - 30th October to 3rd November 2017

Fledglings	90%
Year R Wrens	96%
Year 1 Robins	94%
Year 2 Magpies	99%
Year 3 Owls	98%
Year 4 Hawks	92%
Year 5 Eagles	98%
Year 6 Falcons	99%
Punctuality Penguin Award	Hawks
Attendance Alligator Award	Falcons

At Ash Cartwright and Kelsey we regularly monitor the attendance of each child and we expect every child to be in school every day aiming for 100% attendance. However, we know that sometimes absence from school is unavoidable due to genuine illness and sometimes exceptional circumstances. Attending school regularly and being on time is really important and for this reason holidays/leave will only be authorised by Mrs Crascall in exceptional circumstances. Please contact Mrs Ash, our Attendance Officer in the office if you have any questions about whether you should keep your child off school. A guidance leaflet will be sent out shortly to answer all of your questions.

Collection of Children for Appointments

If you need to collect your child from school early for an appointment please give notice in advance by putting it in writing to the head teacher and if possible bring a copy of the appointment letter for our records.

Star of the week

Year R Wrens	Trinity Lazakova - for hard work in phonics.
Year 1 Robins	Darcey Richards - for being a good role model and a good friend.
Year 2 Magpies	Naia Little - for always being kind and helping her fellow class friends in Maths.
Year 3 Owls	Jaydn Barnard - for always trying his hardest even when he finds things difficult.
Year 4 Hawks	Oliver Russell - for fantastic Handwriting.
Year 5 Eagles	Elizabeth Russell - for an outstanding poem using rhyming and repetition.
Year 6 Falcons	Jacob Donaldson - for being an extremely kind, caring and supportive member of the class always willing to help others.

School Notices

Open Mornings - Please come and visit us on:

Thursday 16th November - 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Friday 24th November - 9.30 am - 11.30 am

Payments: If you are making an online payment to the school please can you include an appropriate reference and name along with the payment so that we know who and what the payment is for. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

School Photos: Please send orders and money for school photographs into the office by Thursday 16th November.

Outdoor Play Equipment: Unfortunately we have had to close the adventure playground and trim trail in the interests of child safety. We are looking into repairing/replacing these items as soon as possible and appreciate your understanding during this time.

NEW Website: Please check out our new website at www.ashckschool.org where the teachers have been busy updating their pages with exciting work that is going on this term. If you have any feedback then please email office@ashckschool.org

PTFA Notices

At Parents Evening the PTFA will be selling: teas and coffees, nearly new uniform and sweets.

If any parents have desktop publishing skills to help with creating the Christmas Fair programme, could you please see the ladies in the office.

Clubs

Dance Club - May we politely request that you pay your dance club money directly to Mrs Anton each week rather than handing it in at the office. Dance club with resume next Wednesday 15th November.

Dates for your Diary

Term 2	
Tuesday 14th November	Parents evening 4.30-6.30pm
Wednesday 15th November	Parents evening 3.30-5.30pm
Thursday 16th November	Open Morning - 9.30 to 11.30 am
Friday 17th November	Children in Need TAG day - 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 - 9.30 to 11.30 am
Friday 1st December	Christmas Jumper TAG Day! £1.00 minimum donation per child
Monday 4th - Thursday 7th December	Book Fair in School Hall - details to follow
Monday 4th December	Christmas Craft Day
Tuesday 5th December	Flu Vaccinations for year R to year 4 - letters to follow
Friday 8th December	PTFA Christmas Fair - details to follow
Tuesday 12th December	PTFA Christmas Gift Day 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!
Term 3	
Thursday 4th January	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Term 5	
Monday 16th April	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Term 6	
Monday 23rd July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 24th July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students