

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School



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Newsletter No: 11

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 2 is always very busy in schools as we approach Christmas. KS1 have started rehearsals for their nativity plays - if you are a parent of a child in these classes I am sure that you will soon hear the children singing the songs at home!

It was lovely to see the parents involved at the phonics workshop on Wednesday - they all behaved and completed their tasks! If you were unable to attend, I will upload the documents onto the school website under the phonics section.

We are very proud of one of our pupils in year 6 - Oliver Harding in year 6 recently took part in the Kent Junior Cross Country Championships for 2017 and came first! His time was 07.55 and the second place was 07.58, so very close. It is lovely that we are able to celebrate all the different talents of our pupils - what a talented bunch.

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

Questionnaires

Thank you to all the parents who filled in the parent questionnaire at the parent/teacher meetings - it is important to have the views of parents as we move the school forward.

Overviews of the results are:

Parent Questionnaire Analysis

Of the 117 families at the school, there were 38 responses. This represents 32% of families.

1. All parents agreed that the school provides a rich and interesting curriculum that engages their child and helps their child to learn. More than half strongly agreed.
2. The vast majority of parents feel the school provides a good range of extra activities (for example the range of clubs, afterschool activities, themed weeks, trips and visitors)

etc.). A small minority feel there should be more opportunities for children in Key Stage 1.

3. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the extent to which the school keeps their child safe and provides a good level of care and support. 66% strongly agreed. One parent disagreed but there was no indication of any specific concern.
4. Practically all parents say their child enjoys school. 66% strongly agree.
5. Nearly all parents say the school helps their child have a healthy lifestyle. Almost half strongly agree.
6. 82% agree that the school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour. One parent noted that the school deals very effectively with bullying. 11% weren't sure so this could be something the school could address in terms of communication with parents.
7. All parents believe the school makes sure that their child is prepared for the future.
8. 92% of parents say the school keeps them informed about their child's progress and achievements. Almost half strongly agreed.
9. Most parents feel their child is making good progress at this school. Over half of parents strongly agree.
10. Practically every parent feels their child is well supported especially in reading and maths.
11. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the quality of teaching (98%) and over half of parents strongly agreed that teaching is good at this school. Parents commented on the friendliness of teachers.
12. The large majority of parents feel the school helps them to support their child's learning. Parents commented positively about the new homework grids. Some parents said they would appreciate further open days.
13. 84% agreed or strongly agreed that the school meets their child's particular needs. No parent disagreed but it is worth noting that 6 parents (16%) were not sure.
14. Most parents feel that communication with the school is very good it takes account of their suggestions and concerns and answers their queries. One parent said the new newsletter was more informative.
15. With only one exception parents said they felt the school is led and managed well. Over half strongly agreed.
16. Parents' comments were highly complementary about the positive relationship they have with the school. No parent disagreed. They talk about "friendly" and "supportive" staff across the school. Over half strongly agreed.
17. Almost every parent said that, overall, they were happy with their child's experience at school. Over half strongly agreed.

Attendance

As a school we have recently been monitoring attendance very rigorously. You may be aware that this has been a key issue in the past two Ofsted inspections. It is really important that your child is in school and learning. We are all working extremely hard as a school and community to improve our school and raise the profile - unfortunately all this hard work would not change the grading of an Ofsted inspection if our attendance does not improve. We are currently around 96%. This would put the school in the requires improvement category again. Our attendance needs to be above 97% to put us in the good category. Let us all work together - every session at school counts.

Attendance - 13th November to 17th November 2017

Fledglings	88%
Year R Wrens	95%
Year 1 Robins	86%
Year 2 Magpies	100%
Year 3 Owls	95%
Year 4 Hawks	95%
Year 5 Eagles	97%
Year 6 Falcons	99%
Punctuality Penguin Award	Wrens
Attendance Alligator Award	Magpies

Star of the week

Year R Wrens	Daisy Jane Elvin for coming into school sensibly everyday.
Year 1 Robins	Billy Lee for beautiful hand writing.
Year 2 Magpies	Effi Williams for always being extremely helpful.
Year 3 Owls	Maddison Thorpe for always being a star pupil and having a great attitude to learning.
Year 4 Hawks	Ella Cook for her fantastic Maths and always taking on the challenge.
Year 5 Eagles	Poppy Gault for excellent effort in Literacy this week and a brave performance for Cartwright vs Northbourne.
Year 6 Falcons	Kye Davidson for being a fantastic role model. You are always ready to learn, listen with intent and always try your best. Well done!

School Notices

Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 12th December

You should have received a letter last week asking you to put in a request for a Christmas Dinner for your child/children on Tuesday 12th December. The cost of the dinner is £2.30 and should be paid to the school in advance please. All forms and money to be returned to the office by Thursday 30th November.

Book Fair: The Scholastic Half Price Book Fair will be returning to school next week. The fair will take place in the school hall 3.15 – 4.00 pm, Monday 4th to Thursday 7th December. Everything will be $\frac{1}{2}$ price!

Nursery: If you have any old plant pots that you no longer require please donate them to nursery as they would like to plant up some spring bulbs.

Parent Volunteers: If you are interested in volunteering at the school (for example reading in classes, helping out in nursery) please speak to the office about making an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Crascall. If you are placed in a class you will then need to go through the DBS checking process.

Raffle Tickets: Please can all raffle tickets for the Christmas fair be returned as soon as possible. Robins Class is well in the lead!

Lost Property: The lost property box is overflowing with items so please come and take a look if you have misplaced something. The box can be located in reception, just ask at the office if you would like to have a look.

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.

PTFA Notices

If you would like to donate cakes for the Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December please bring them into the school office on the Friday morning. Thank you in advance for your support.

Dates for your Diary

Term 2	
Friday 1st December	Christmas Jumper TAG Day! £1.00 minimum donation per child
Monday 4th - Thursday 7th December	Half price Book Fair in School Hall - 3.15 - 4.00 pm Mon-Thur
Monday 4th December	Christmas Craft Day - children will be making crafts to sell at the Christmas Fair
Tuesday 5th December	Flu Vaccinations for year R to year 4
Friday 8th December	PTFA Christmas Fair - 3.30 to 5.30pm
Tuesday 12th December	PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Present Day School Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 13th December	Nursery and Wrens Nativity - 10 am
Friday 15th December	Robins and Magpies Nativity - 1.45 pm
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! School closes 3.15pm.
Term 3	
Thursday 4th January	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Friday 5th January	Start of Term 3 - School Open
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

Community

Exclusive British Sign Language Taster Sessions - Only £5!

Saturday 2nd December 9:30 - 11:30 am

Monday 4th December 9:30 - 11:30 am

Thursday 7th December 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: Kent innovation Centre, Millennium Way, Broadstairs, CT10 2QQ
Book your place through the Facebook page or email hello@palmdeaf.co.uk

Save a Life - give blood: Tuesday 12 December, 13:45 to 16:30 & 17:30 to 20:00 at the Kent County Cricket Club, Cheisman Pavilion, Spitfire Ground St Lawrence, Old Dover Road, Canterbury.