

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School



Friday 1 December 2017

Newsletter No: 12

Dear Parents/Carers

We end the week in December - how quickly this term is passing. The next few weeks will be very busy as we prepare for Christmas. The damper weather means that use of the field is limited so the children were very happy that the school governors purchased some games/equipment for break and lunch times - a big thank you goes out to them!



We hosted our first Spelling Bee on Tuesday 28th November and competed against 4 other local schools; St Richards in Dover, Greenpark, Langdon and Charlton; children from years 2-6 participated. I was very proud of all the children - a spelling bee is tough and there were some tricky words. Henry Vann won first place for year 3 and Max Ord-Hume came first for year 5. Grace Blake was runner up in year 4. Well done Ash!

We are setting up a facebook group with the help of one of our parents, Mrs Cook - Ash Cartwright and Kelsey School. This will be a page to keep parents informed of events in the school and to promote our wonderful school in the wider community. All posts will have to be cleared through an administrator - we hope you find this a useful tool to keep you all updated.

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

House teams

The school council have been very busy collating votes and ideas to launch our new house teams. We met on Wednesday to discuss our findings and vote on final names and colours. The school council had some fantastic ideas and I commended them on their excellent attitude to the task. They decided to have four house teams linked to Saints. They are:

St Catherine of Alexandria - purple

St John the Apostle - green

St Thomas Beckett - blue

St Nicholas - red

House points will be awarded to children displaying our school values of happiness, perseverance, community, forgiveness, friendship and creativity. Children will be put into the different house teams shortly.

Attendance - 20th November to 24th November 2017

Fledglings	84%
Year R Wrens	96%
Year 1 Robins	98%
Year 2 Magpies	93%
Year 3 Owls	98%
Year 4 Hawks	95%
Year 5 Eagles	99%
Year 6 Falcons	96%
Punctuality Penguin Award	Magpies
Attendance Alligator Award	Eagles

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.

Late arrivals: if your child arrives between 8.45 and 9.00am they will be marked down as late, if they arrive between 9.00 and 9.15am your child will receive a U (missed session). Please ensure your children are in school on time, everyday, ready to learn.

Star of the week

Year R Wrens	Maddie Barnes for helpfulness and being a good friend.
Year 1 Robins	Scarlett Busby for always trying her best and being a pleasure to have in the classroom.
Year 2 Magpies	Louie Bruty for amazing handwriting.
Year 3 Owls	Job Coleman for being really enthusiastic about his maths and working more independently.
Year 4 Hawks	Jasmine Joy for her written description of the Titanic.
Year 5 Eagles	Louisa Collins for improvement and effort in Maths.
Year 6 Falcons	Christie Friend for writing a superb newspaper article based on Harry Potter. You included all the correct features and used a fantastic reporting voice.

School Notices

Medical Notes: If your child has been off sick please send a letter in to explain their absence on the day that they return to school. We use this as evidence to support our attendance records.

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

Christmas Dinner - Tuesday 12th December

If you have not yet returned your Christmas dinner slip please do so by **MONDAY 4 DECEMBER** at the latest as we need to give numbers to the kitchen. The cost of the dinner is £2.30 and should be paid to the school in advance please.

Christmas Post Box: Children can post their Christmas cards to each other by dropping their cards into the post box.

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.

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.

Barbara Bradley

At the end of term 2 Barbara Bradley will sadly be leaving Ash Cartwright and Kelsey School as she will be retiring. Barbara has worked at the school for many, many years and during this time has been an incredible asset to the school and especially in Fledglings Nursery. We would like to thank Barbara for all of her hard work and dedication to the school over the years and wish her every happiness in her future endeavours. You'll certainly be missed!

Clubs

Please note the last date for after school sports clubs in Term 2 are as follows:

Netball	Monday 4 December
Football	Monday 4 December
Gymnastics	Tuesday 19 December
Dance	Wednesday 6 December
Tag Rugby/Basketball	Thursday 14 December

Clubs will resume week commencing 15th January 2018.

Letters will be sent out at the start of Term 3 to inform you which clubs will be available.

PTFA Notices

Raffle Tickets: Please can all raffle tickets for the Christmas fair be returned as soon as possible.

Christmas Jumper Tag Day: Today's tag day raised £129.00 - thank you everyone!

Cake Donations for the Christmas Fair: Please can any cake donations be brought to the school office on Friday morning.

Helpers: If you would like to help at the Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December 3.30 - 5.30pm then please call in at the office.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Community Notices

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

Christmas Services at St Nicholas Church

Sunday 3rd December

8 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Day Celebration, featuring a marvellous puppet show! This will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch. To mark this special day, we will be donating gifts of baby toiletries, new baby clothes etc to Cantercare.

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.

Dates for your Diary

Term 2	
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 in the School Hall
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