

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School



Friday 8 December 2017

Newsletter No: 13

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is well and truly upon us! I am hearing the nativity songs drifting through the corridors and the Christmas craft afternoon was a big success. It is difficult to think that next week is our last full week in school before we begin 2018 - it has gone very quickly. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody for supporting our school the past two terms - we had lots to get to grips with but I feel that we have made huge steps forward. Thank you!

We also send our thanks to the Jack Foat Trust in the village. They have funded new PE equipment for the children including handballs, American footballs, volleyballs, dodgeballs, rounders sets and other athletic equipment. This will really make a difference to the quality of provision for our PE lessons and will benefit the pupils (and Mr Hayes) enormously. They also provided funds towards replacing our ICT equipment, so next week classes R, 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will have brand new promethean panels (the current ones are at the end of their life span and poor quality) with new sound bars. There will also be an 84" screen in the hall that will really enhance Collective Worship and will be used to benefit the pupils. We are lucky to have such generous folk in our community!

Thank you for your continued support - enjoy the Christmas Fair tonight.

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

Star of the week

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| Year R Wrens | Tom Henderson for his hard work in Phonics. |
| Year 1 Robins | John Lee-Johnson for good attitude to learning. |
| Year 2 Magpies | Gessica Miller for improving her handwriting. |
| Year 3 Owls | Patrick Howe for always being enthusiastic about his learning. |
| Year 4 Hawks | Alex Friend for continual hard work in Maths. |
| Year 5 Eagles | Joel Kirton for outstanding effort this term and becoming more and more independent. |
| Year 6 Falcons | Jamie Steed for demonstrating amazing focus and creativity during four art lessons. Very impressive work. Well done. |

Think

Something to think about - to link in with our value of friendship

Can you have a friend that you don't really like?



House teams

Children and staff have been put into the four different house teams - the reward for the class with the most house points each week will be an extra 10 minute break - now we have all our lovely extra equipment - this is a real treat!

Attendance - 27th November to 1st December 2017

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| Fledglings | 90% |
| Year R Wrens | 80% |
| Year 1 Robins | 88% |
| Year 2 Magpies | 80% |
| Year 3 Owls | 94% |
| Year 4 Hawks | 95% |
| Year 5 Eagles | 97% |
| Year 6 Falcons | 100% |
| Punctuality Penguin Award | Falcons |
| Attendance Alligator Award | Falcons |

Bugs and Germs!

We know that there are a lot of bugs going round at the moment from sickness to colds/coughs and flu! Well done to all of those who have dosed up and come in to school (students and staff alike). Obviously with sickness/diarrhoea your child must be clear for 48 hours before returning to school. To prevent bugs from spreading we must all be vigilant with our hygiene (washing your hands before you eat anything, after going to the toilet, touching someone who is unwell, sneezing and/or coughing into your hands). Lets all get well for Christmas!

School Notices

Panto: If you would like your child/children to attend the panto on Tuesday 19th December, both the **slip and money** need to be handed to the office by Friday 15th December at the very latest. Thank you.

Swimming: If there is any money outstanding for swimming please send it in by Friday 15th December.

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. We still have children returning to school after being absent without a note.

Book Fair: Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair - we raised £ in commission to spend on books for the school.

Christmas Post Box: Children can post their Christmas cards to each other by dropping their cards into the post box. The cards will be handed out by Santa on Thursday 14th December.

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.

Clubs

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

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| Gymnastics | Tuesday 12 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.

Church Nativity - Sunday 17th December

All children who wish to dance in the Church Nativity would you please arrive at 10.30 am.

Dress in anything white with a tinsel circle for the hairs and grips to hold it in place.

Merry Christmas from Jan and Sue (Anton Dance)

Christmas Fair - Friday 8th December 2017

The Christmas fair on Friday raised £1500!

Thank you to the PTFA for organising it and to everyone who supported this event.

A huge thank you also to **Mr Miller** who made a very kind donation to the school and gave us lots of wonderful Christmas decorations.

Community Notices

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.

Christmas Services at St Nicholas Church

Sunday 17th December

8 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Village Nativity Play
6.30 pm Carol Service by Candlelight

Dates for your Diary

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| Term 2 | |
| Tuesday 12th December | School Christmas Dinner PTFA Secret Santa Christmas Present Day |
| 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 normal time 3.15pm. After School open until 5.45 pm. |
| Term 3 | |
| Thursday 4th January | Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students |
| Friday 5th January | Start of Term 3 - School Open |
| Friday 9th February | End of Term 3 |
| Term 4 | |
| Monday 19th February | Start of Term 4 |
| Thursday 29th March | End of Term 4 |
| Term 5 | |
| Monday 16th April | Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students |
| Tuesday 17th April | Start of Term 5 |
| Friday 25th May | End of Term 5 |
| Term 6 | |
| Monday 4th June | Start of Term 6 |
| Friday 20th July | End of Term 6 |
| Monday 23rd July | Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students |
| Tuesday 24th July | Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students |