

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School



Friday 12 January 2018

Newsletter No: 15

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to term 3 - I hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and I wish you all a very happy new year. We certainly started our new topics with a bang at the WOW day on Friday. The children look great in their costumes and there was a real buzz around the school. Learning involved clay, paper mache, potions, role-play/drama, experiments and paint - what more could you want!

The children have been set a challenge - to come up with a new motto for the school. It should be short and snappy and incorporate our school and Christian values - an example is live, love, pray. Entries will be taken to the school council for them to pick our motto. Later in the year we will have a similar task to write our school prayer - it is really important that the children are involved in all of these decisions.

We also had the press in school on Wednesday to write an article on our fabulous little empire - this will be published in the East Kent Mercury and the Kentish Gazette on Wednesday 17th February - keep a look out for it! Please remember that if you have a child starting school in September 2018, the closing date for applications is the 16th January.

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

Staffing update - Year 1

Unfortunately Mrs Tanton Brown is still unwell and Mr Benson has other pre-arranged work commitments over the next couple of weeks. To ensure consistency for the children, they will be taught by Mrs Lead (a former teacher at Eastry Primary School) and Mrs Amos. I will continue with the planning to ensure challenge and coverage and I will hold parent teacher meetings at the end of January. I thank you for your continued patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Value for this term

Our value focus for this term is perseverance. We will focus our collective worship around this and will be looking for the children to earn house points by displaying perseverance - especially when they find tasks difficult.

Star of the week

Year R Wrens	Edgar Vann for his enthusiasm and fantastic ideas about our Space topic.
Year 1 Robins	Logan Gordon for excellent classroom manners and improved focus in learning.
Year 2 Magpies	Aliyah Johnson for working extremely hard and having her hand up in every lesson.
Year 3 Owls	Alissia Johnson for always being ready to learn and persevering when tasks are hard.
Year 4 Hawks	Vinnie Alderton-Ford for working extremely hard.
Year 5 Eagles	Maya Calcott for her perseverance.
Year 6 Falcons	Silvana Porreca for increased confidence in answering questions in class, and persevering and challenging herself in Maths activities.

Well done to all of our stars of the week!

Attendance - 8th January to 12th January 2018

CLASS	%
Year R Wrens	99
Year 1 Robins	97
Year 2 Magpies	93
Year 3 Owls	98
Year 4 Hawks	96
Year 5 Eagles	100
Year 6 Falcons	100
Punctuality Penguin Award	Magpies
Attendance Alligator Award	Falcons Eagles

School Notices

Collection of Children

Please note there is a new system in the office for recording details for collection of children. There is now a clipboard at the office hatch containing **one sheet for each class**; once completed each day this sheet will be put in the register to inform teachers of this information at afternoon registration. **IMPORTANT:** please make sure that you enter information onto the correct class sheet to ensure that the correct information is passed on.

Nativity DVD's Available

Nativity DVD's are still available to purchase from the School office for £5.00 each.

Ash with Westmarsh Calendar 2018- Remembering 100 years since the end of WW1 1918-2018

On sale from the School office/Heritage Trust/Coop and other local shops for £3.00 each. All takings will go to the school.

Parent View Questionnaire

Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about your child's school, from the quality of teaching to dealing with bullying and poor behaviour. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected. We will use the information you provide when making decisions about which schools to inspect and when.

Please click on this link [Parent View](#) to complete a Parent View Questionnaire about our School.

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.

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

New Clubs will start week commencing 15th January as follows:

Day	Club Name	Time	Adult Leading	Age range of children
Monday	Football	3:15 - 4.15	Mr Hayes	Eagles, Falcons
Monday	Maths Challenge Club (Games & Puzzles)	3:15 - 4.15	Miss Brown	Hawks, Eagles, Falcons
Tuesday	Handball	3:15 - 4.15	Mr Hayes	Owls, Hawks
Thursday	Multi-Skills (Indoor Athletics)	3:15 - 4.15	Mr Hayes	Robins, Magpies

Mr Hayes will confirm in writing who has a place on each club.

Dance Club - Mrs Anton has informed us that dance club will resume on Wednesday 24th January for those that were in the class before Christmas. She looks forward to welcoming you all back!

Sports for Champions - Help raise money for the school

Sports for Champions and athlete 'Ezekial Ewulo' are visiting our school on Tuesday 23rd January and pupils will be taking part in a sponsored fitness circuit. Sponsor forms were sent home this week. If you would like to take part please complete and return the sponsor form by Monday 22nd January. 60% of all sponsorship money raised is given back to the school!

Dates for your Diary

Term 3	
Tuesday 30th January	Chess Competition at St Richards Primary School, 1.30pm
Friday 2nd February	Fledglings and Year R Planetarium Experience
Tuesday 6th February	Music workshop for gifted and talented children at Langdon Primary School
Wednesday 7th February	Fire Safety Presentations to Years 1 to 6
Thursday 8th February	Year 6 trip to Harry Potter World
Friday 9th February	End of Term 3 - School Finishes 3.15 pm, ASC Club until 5.45 pm
Term 4	
Monday 19th February	Start of Term 4
Thursday 22nd February	Reports to Parents (Years 1 to 6)
Tuesday 6th March	Mothers Day Gifts to all classes (PTFA)
Monday 12th to Thursday 15th March	Scholastic Book Fair, School Hall, 3.15 - 4.00 pm daily
Thursday 22nd March	Final of the Reading Challenge at St Richards Primary School (more details to follow)
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