

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School



Friday 19 January 2018

Newsletter No: 16

Dear Parents/Carers

The school has been buzzing with creativity this week, pirate diaries in year 2, aliens in year R, making jam tarts in year 1 (we had to be careful the knave of hearts did not steal them!), Mayan myths in year 5 and 'The Highwayman' drama in year 6. It is fantastic to walk around the school and see the children so enthusiastic in their learning. Our article was also published in the Mercury - King Alfred also got a mention! If you haven't seen it, do have a look.

Due to the success of our open afternoons in term 1, we will be repeating them this term. KS1 open afternoon will be on Monday 5th February after school and KS2 will be on Wednesday 7th February after school. This is an excellent opportunity to come and have a look at our beautiful classroom displays, the children's books and have an informal chat with the teachers.

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

Sports for Champions

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the visit from the athlete on Tuesday 23rd January has been cancelled - all sponsorship money will be returned. Mr Hayes will organise a similar sponsorship event during Sport Relief week. Thank you.

School Motto

I met with the school council on Thursday - their mission was to choose the school motto. We had some ideas from pupils and some of the councillors had their own ideas. After a vote, they chose one that represented the initials of the school; ACK. So our motto is:

- Achieve
- Create
- Know

It is a privilege to work with the school council, they have such fantastic ideas. Mr Hayes has plans to set up a Sports Council so look out for more details about this.

Star of the week

Year R Wrens	Noah Dawson-Case for his creativity and perseverance when constructing with wooden blocks.
Year 1 Robins	Madeleine Devitt for working hard in Phonics and Maths.
Year 2 Magpies	Oliver Morey for creating a fabulous Pirate diary.
Year 3 Owls	Freya Smith for always trying her hardest and producing beautiful work.
Year 4 Hawks	Kelsey Giles for her hard work in Maths with long multiplication.
Year 5 Eagles	Charlie Brown for superb effort in improving his writing.
Year 6 Falcons	Zac Hopkins for demonstrating fantastic improvisation and getting into role brilliantly in English.

Attendance - 15th January to 19th January 2018

CLASS	%
Year R Wrens	98
Year 1 Robins	95
Year 2 Magpies	93
Year 3 Owls	98.5
Year 4 Hawks	89
Year 5 Eagles	99.2
Year 6 Falcons	99
Punctuality Penguin Award	Eagles
Attendance Alligator Award	Eagles

Clubs

Day	Club Name	Time	Adult Leading	Age range of children
Monday	Football	3:15 - 4.15	Mr Hayes	Eagles, Falcons
Monday - starting 22 Jan	Maths Challenge Club (Games & Puzzles)	3:15 - 4.15	Miss Brown	Hawks, Eagles, Falcons
Tuesday	Handball	3:15 - 4.15	Mr Hayes	Owls, Hawks
Wednesday - starting 24 Jan	Dance	3.15 - 4.00	Mrs Anton	Years 1 -6
Thursday	Multi-Skills (Indoor Athletics)	3:15 - 4.15	Mr Hayes	Robins, Magpies

Events

'Phil' the Bag™, is an exciting textile recycling initiative which aims to promote awareness of textile recycling in schools and the community as well as helping to raise funds for the School!

If you have any unwanted item of clean clothing please bring them to school in any bag by 9.15 am on **MONDAY 29th JANUARY** to be collected. We cannot accept items after this date.

(We cannot accept: Blankets, Bric-a-Brac, Duvets, Pillows, Sleeping Bags, Rugs, Carpet, Offcuts of fabric, any WET items, Tent Canvas, ripped or stained clothing, items from commercial organisations e.g. hospitals, hotels and animal sanctuaries.)



Open Afternoons at Ash Cartwright and Kelsey:

KS1	Monday 5 th February	After School
KS2	Wednesday 7 th February	After School

School Notices

Trim Trail: The children will be pleased to hear that the trim trail is re-opening for play on Monday 22nd January 2018 after its refurbishment this week. Thank you for your patience during this time.

Lost Property: A blue A4 pencil case filled with pens belonging to a Year 2 student has gone missing. If you have seen it or find it please hand it to the office. Once again there are a huge number of items in the lost property box - please take a look to see if anything belongs to you otherwise it will go into Phil the Bag!

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.

Collection of Children

Please make sure that you enter information regarding who is collecting your children onto the correct class sheet to ensure that the correct information is passed on to the teacher.

Nativity DVD's Available

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

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.

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.

Community Notices

Dover Athletic Football Club Family and Community Day

A limited number of free tickets are available from the office on a first come first serve basis for Dover Athletic v Guiseley AFC in the Vanarama National League on Saturday 27th January 2018. Doors open at 12.30pm. Each ticket entitles one child (up to 17 years old) and one accompanying adult (over 18) to enter for free.

Save a Life - give blood

Monday 5 February, 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 3	
Monday 29th January	Phil the Bag Collection, all items to be received by 9.15 am
Tuesday 30th January	Chess Competition at St Richards Primary School, 1.30pm
Friday 2nd February	Fledglings and Year R Planetarium Experience
Monday 5th February	KS1 Open afternoon, after school finishes
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 KS2 Open afternoon, after school finishes
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 - School Finishes 3.15 pm, ASC Club until 5.45 pm
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 - School Finishes 3.15 pm, ASC Club until 5.45 pm
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