

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Friday 6th July 2018

Newsletter No: 36

Dear Parents/Carers

As we hurtle towards the end of term - the children and staff still managed a fantastic effort during our sports week. They tried a variety of new sports, designed healthy snacks, participated in potted sports and learnt to have 'the eye of the tiger!' The children even managed to save some energy for the school discos on Wednesday night - again, a huge thanks to the PTFA for their amazing organisational skills and heartfelt thanks to all the teachers for staying to help.

The children met their new teachers at our transition day on Thursday - it was strange to walk around the school and see the children in different classes. They completed lots of 'getting to know you' activities within their new year groups. We will certainly miss our current Falcons in September - I am sure that their year 6 production, 'Sleeping Beauty - The Ugly Truth' will be impressive next week.

Have a lovely weekend - enjoy the gorgeous summer weather.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher

Sports Day

It was a close call - but the winning house team on Sports Day was St Nicholas (red). The children all competed with enthusiasm and cheered each other on - it was heartening to watch.

A huge thank you to Mr Hayes for all his hard work during sports week - the children thoroughly enjoyed it.

Results from parent questionnaire

A big thank you to all of the parents who filled in a questionnaire at the recent parent/teacher meetings - Mrs Ash has analysed the results. Of the 116 families at the school, there were 36 responses. This represents 28% of families.

1. All parents/carers 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 (53%).
2. All parents/carers agreed that the school provides a good range of extra activities (for example the range of clubs, afterschool activities, themed weeks, trips and visitors etc). One parent felt that there are not as many clubs available since Team Theme are no longer contracted to work in the school. They felt the children had more choice in their age range, but they appreciated the cost associated with employing Team Theme. However, a separate parent felt sports opportunities had improved.
3. 72% of parents/carers strongly agreed that the school keeps their child safe and provides a good level of care and support. All others agreed. One parent was extremely positive about the level of support that they had received from the school.
4. Virtually all parents say their child enjoys school. 44% strongly agree. Only 11% either left this question unanswered or disagreed.
5. All parents/carers say the school helps their child have a healthy lifestyle. 53% strongly agree.
6. 94% agree that the school deals effectively with unacceptable behaviour. One parent noted that the school feels under control and well managed. One parent left this question unanswered and one parent disagreed.
7. All parents/carers, with the exception of one who did not answer this question, believe the school makes sure that their child is prepared for the future. Almost half strongly agreed.
8. 100% of parents/carers say the school keeps them informed about their child's progress and achievements. Almost half strongly agreed. Feedback supported by data and communication were listed as areas of greatest improvement this year.
9. 100% of parents/carers 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. 55% strongly agree. One parent left this question unanswered.
11. Parents were overwhelmingly positive about the quality of teaching (97%) and over half of parents strongly agreed that teaching is good at this school. Parents commented that teachers were strong, supportive and approachable and that learning was structured. Teachers were also described as being happy, friendly and creating a positive energy in the school.
12. All parents/carers feel the school helps them to support their child's learning. 36% strongly agree. Parents commented positively about school reports and the information provided and felt that higher standards are expected. Some parents said they would appreciate changes in homework and more advanced information regarding tests would be helpful.
13. 97% agreed or strongly agreed that the school meets their child's particular needs. One parent marked this question as not applicable.
14. 94% of parents/carers feel that communication with the school is very good it takes account of their suggestions and concerns and answers their queries. One parent disagreed. Two parents said that communication was one of the areas that have shown improvement this year. However, another parent said that communication with parents and the method of communication was an area for improvement, so clearly some further work could be done around ensuring communication is effective.

15. With only one exception parents said they felt the school is led and managed well. 53% strongly agreed.
16. Parents' comments were highly complimentary about the positive relationship they have with the school. 58% strongly agreed. No parent disagreed. They talk about "friendly" and "supportive" staff across the school and a happy and positive environment.
17. Every parent/carer said that, overall, they were happy with their child's experience at school. 56% strongly agreed.

Attendance - 2nd to 6th July 2018

CLASS	%
Year R Wrens	96
Year 1 Robins	96
Year 2 Magpies	96
Year 3 Owls	98
Year 4 Hawks	99
Year 5 Eagles	93
Year 6 Falcons	94
Punctuality Penguin Award	Eagles Class
Attendance Alligator Award	Hawks Class

Clubs

Week commencing 9th July is the final week of after school clubs.

There will be **no clubs** during the final week of Term 6 (16th - 20th July).

Mr Hayes will organise new clubs for the second week back in Term 1. Watch this space!

Breakfast Club and After School Club

There are spaces available in both our breakfast club and after school clubs, please book your children in if you would like to use this service. If you wish to cancel a booked slot, we ideally require 24 hours notice to allow enough time to allocate it to another child.

Session	Times	Cost	What's Available
Breakfast Club	7.45 am - 8.35 am	£4.00	Variety Cereal, Crumpets & bread, Jams, Marmite & Honey, Juice
After School Club	15.15 pm - 17.45 pm	£7.75	Crumpets & bread, Jams, Marmite & Honey, Juice Fruit & Biscuits

Please note the start and end times of the clubs. Children are the responsibility of their parents/carers outside of club timings listed above.

New forms for registering your child/ren for Breakfast Club and After School Club for September are now being handed out by Mrs Newing and Miss Andrews.

Can you help? If anyone has an unwanted DVD player at home we would love it for our After School Club. Please let the office know if you have one to donate. Thank you.



HELP to raise funds for our School by donating your unwanted clothing!

Our next Phil the Bag collection day is:

Tuesday 10th July 2018

If you have any unwanted items please fill a bag and bring it to the School Office by 9.00am on Tuesday 10th July.

(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, any items from commercial organisations e.g. hospitals, hotels and animal sanctuaries.)

**Thank you for your support to
Ash Cartwright and Kelsey School**



Heat Wave!

Just a reminder to please send children in to school with hats, sun cream and plenty of water during this very warm weather. Many of the children are not drinking enough water and are feeling dehydrated on warm, sunny days. The pollen count is also at an all time high so if your child suffers with hay fever please feel free to bring in appropriate hay fever medicines and a first aider will be happy to give this to your children as necessary.

Sponsor Money

Please ensure that all sponsor money for the sponsored run that took place on Monday 2nd July is handed to the School Office by no later than Friday 13th July. Thank you!

Summer prizes - still to be collected!

We still have some prizes in the School Office that were won in the raffle at the summer fair that have not yet been collected. Please come and collect these at your earliest convenience.

Win £5000 for the School Library!

National Book Tokens are holding a prize draw for one lucky school to win £5000 for their school library, enough to buy hundreds of new books! Teachers, school staff and parents can all nominate a school and if your entry is picked, you will also get £100 for yourself!

To enter, just go to www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools. The more entries for our school, the more chances we have of winning. The competition ends on 31st July so please get voting now! Thank You.

Message from the National Online Safety Team: Safety Guide for Minecraft

As we continue our weekly **#WakeUpWednesday** online safety campaign, we have created a FREE online safety guide on Minecraft for you to share with your whole school community.

Minecraft is played by millions of children around the world, who can use their imagination to build three-dimensional worlds with virtual building blocks in a digital, pixelated landscape. The risks that parents need to be aware of with this game include cyberbullying, "griefing", online grooming and susceptibility to viruses and malware.

This guide aims to give parents and teachers practical tips on how to ensure this game can be enjoyed safely.

Please share this free guide for your whole school community by retweeting our guide here: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1011992663002963969>

Many thanks for your continued support and for helping us to achieve a safer online world for children.

Robins Class Assembly

Robins Class will be holding their class assembly on Friday 13th July. This will be part of our usual celebration assembly and will start at 2.30 pm. Parents/Carers of Robins Class are welcome to attend. Please report to the School Office upon arrival.

Dates for your Diary

Term 6	
Tuesday 10th July	Phil the Bag Collection. Please bring unwanted items to the office before 9am on Tuesday 10 th July. Year 6 End of Year Production dress rehearsal to whole school
Wednesday 11th July	Year 6 Production - show to parents at 1.45 pm in School Hall. Please report to reception upon arrival.
Thursday 12th July	Year 6 Production - show to parents at 5.30 pm in School Hall.
Friday 13th July	Robins Class assembly / Celebration assembly, 2.30 pm in the School Hall. Parents/carers of Robins Class are welcome to attend. Please report to reception upon arrival.
Thursday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Service - 9.45 am in the church. Parents/carers welcome to attend.
Friday 20th July	End of Term 6 - school finishes at 2.15 pm After School Club available until 4.45pm
Monday 23rd July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 24th July	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students

Dates for your Diary - Academic Year 2018 - 2019

Term 1	
Monday 3rd September 2018	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 4th September 2018	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Term 2	
Term 3	
Thursday 3rd January 2019	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Term 4	
Term 5	
Term 6	
Monday 3rd June 2019	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	Staff Development Day - School Closed for Students