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Friday 10th January 2025

Newsletter Term 3 Week 1



Happy New Year. I hope you all had a fantastic break - it is lovely to see you all safely back.

We have been straight into our topic learning and have been very busy and creative in school. We were delighted to welcome Ian Chandler from the Jack Foat Trust into school on Tuesday to unveil our new history/topic wall and world map. These look fantastic and the children have been very excited to be able to walk through time! A huge thanks to the Jack Foat Trust for fully funding this project – it looks amazing. Thanks also to Mr Churchill, our humanities leader, for taking charge of this project and incorporating all the children's work and ideas.

Our WOW day on Tuesday was a great success. The children really enjoyed all their creative learning hooks for their topics. It was fantastic to stand at the front of assembly and see all the children in their costumes. The children designed aliens, solved a jewel theft in school, made superhero masks, made Stone Age spears, made Roman clocks, tested space rockets and compiled Harry Potter magic wands and Harry Potter chocolate frogs! I hope you enjoyed looking at the photos on our school Facebook page. What a great start to the term.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall Headteacher





Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Blake

Wrens

Sunny

Magpies

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Owls

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For children born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they will be school starters in September 2025. The online portal is now open. I am offering individual tours so please give the school a ring if you would like to book one.

PTFA Update

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to bringing more events to the children and families this year. Keep an eye on this newsletter and the school Facebook page for announcements of future dates.

We are delighted to let you know that the Christmas Fair raised £2,576.20 (pending match funding). This is amazing!! A big thank you to the parents, staff and local community who helped make the Fair the success it was. We are grateful to all those who provided the wonderful raffle prizes and for all the donations through TAG days that helped us make the event fun for the children.

RE-GIFTING WEEK 13th - 17th January

Much as we all love Christmas, we might sometimes be given gifts that are duplicates of something we already have or perhaps just something that we know we won't use. The PTFA would like to ask you to consider donating those items to us, as we will definitely find a use for them! Our tombola for example is one of the most popular stalls and the children love to see a variety of prizes for all ages. Toiletries and bottles of wine etc are also ideal for raffle prizes/hampers. We would love to be able to run a teddy bear tombola also this summer, it's a firm favourite with the children but we need lots of soft toys! - new or very good condition. If you do have anything you'd like to re-gift then please leave it on the table outside the Main Entrance at any time next week. Everything helps. Thank you.

ABOUT THE PTFA

The PTFA is an integral part of the school community made up of parents, teachers and friends of the school. All parents & carers are automatically members. We are charity reg. number 1042205. Read more on the school website https://www.ashckschool.org/about-us/ptfa

All money raised goes back into the school to benefit the children



Fledglings	TBC
Year R Wrens	TBC
Year 1 Robins	Robins class for a fantastic first week back and for wonderful behaviour on our school trip!
Year 2 Magpies	Zachary for showing incredible determination and perseverence in his literacy, particulary with his handwriting. Keep it up!
Year 3 Owls	Louie for showing amazing attitude to learning! Well done!
Year 4 Hawks	Freddy for his consistently positive kind attitude towards his peers. Well done Freddy! Not only are you embracing your learning, you are encouraging, kind and supportive of your classmates.

Year 5 Eagles	Peonie for showing incredible enthusiasm and curiosity in our new Space topic. Keep it up! Well done!
Year 6 Falcons Toby for starting term with a really positive attitude to learning and his incredible engagement during four WOW day.	

Attendance Award

Week Ending	Eagles Class	98.21%
10/01/2025		

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 14 th January	Falcons at Harry Potter Studios	
Thursday 16 th January	Mid-year reports to parents	
Monday 3 rd February	Children's Mental Health Week – theme is	
	Movement for our Mental Health	
Friday 7 th February	Dress to Express Day to celebrate Mental Health	
	Week	
Monday 10 th February	Dogs Trust workshops in school	
Friday 14 th February	End of term 3	
Monday 24 th February	Children back in school for term 4	
Monday 3 rd March	Book Week in school (World Book Day on Thursday	
	6 th March)	
Monday 10 th March	Science week – theme is Change and Adapt	
Friday 4th April	Easter Service at the Church at 1.45pm (parents of	
	year 6 very welcome). End of term 4	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Children back in school for term 5	

St Nicholas Church, Ash Sunday 12th January - 4.00pm



Christingle celebrations have been taking place for over 50 years across the world.

Come and join us in our New Year Christingle Service as we give thanks for the light of Christ in our world.



All About Badgers and Bats!

Saturday 15th February Ash Village Hall 10am-3pm

Speakers include:

Dr John Puckett, Chairman, Kent Bat Organisation. Martin Newcombe, Founder, East Kent Badger Network.

Entrance £2.50 for adults including light lunch and refreshments.

Followed by free family activities in the afternoon.

For more information and to book a place email AshWildlifeVillage@gmail.com

