



Ash, Cartwright & Kelsey Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Friday 12th July 2024

Newsletter Term 6 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers

The penultimate week of the school year has been very busy. The year 6 children performed 'What a Knight' to the school and parents on Monday and Tuesday. It was a fantastic performance and the children acted and sang beautifully – well done Falcons! Mr Titterton filmed the performance on Monday so if you would like a copy please pick one up from Mrs Bailey in the office (the cost is £5).

As part of their 'What lurks beneath the sea?' topic, Owls visited Reculver for a beach clean and to explore the rock pools. They had a great time and explored the rock pools, which were teeming with sea creatures. Visits and trips like this really enhance the children's learning. We also welcomed some of our new Wrens in on Thursday afternoon for an extra transition session. They had a great afternoon in their new class and we can't wait for them to join us in September.

Falcons return from their residential at Carrot Wood today. They have had an amazing time and have completed a host of activities such as archery, climbing, camp fire, pool party and canoeing. I hope you have enjoyed seeing the photos on our school Facebook page. I must send huge thanks to the staff who give up their valuable time to make sure that the children have these opportunities – I hope that Mr Churchill, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Crebbin and Mr Hayes enjoy a relaxing weekend.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Rio and Max

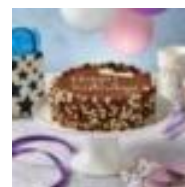
Robins

Rhea

Owls

Rex

Happy birthday to Mr Churchill



Courtyard playground

As phase 1 of our works from the 106 funding allocated to the school from the new properties that have been built in Ash, we are developing the courtyard to be a bespoke nursery playground. We will also create outdoor areas for years 1 and 2. This work will start on Monday 15th July. This means that we will have to change the end of day dismissal next week for classes 2, 3 and 4 **ONLY**. At the end of the school day, Miss Swain, Ms Barrett and Mrs Kennett will bring their classes out to the playground for dismissal at the end of the day. Parents of these classes are to wait on the playground. Morning drop off will remain unchanged. We are looking forward to this exciting development and will continue to dismiss from the classes as normal in September. Thank you for your support.

PTFA

SUMMER DISCO – MONDAY 15th JULY

The last disco of the year is almost upon us (where did that year go?!) and we are looking forward to welcoming everyone on Monday! Please send KS1 children in with their disco clothes in their bag, they will get changed in their classrooms before coming into the disco straight after school. After the disco please pick them up from their classrooms as usual; KS2 children should be dropped off and collected from the front entrance.

TUCK SHOP – Last one of the term!

Tuck will be making one last outing this year, so please come and see us in the playground after school!

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.

Attendance

Starting from September 2024, new regulations regarding school attendance in England will be in effect. These regulations require state schools to share their daily attendance registers across the education sector, including with the Department for Education, councils, and trusts. The goal is to reduce pupil absence by creating a comprehensive attendance data set. Additionally, fines for unauthorised absences will be brought under a national framework.

National Framework for penalty notices

To provide consistency, the Government have introduced a new national framework for when schools and LAs believe that they have exhausted all offers of support and the parent/carer is not engaging with the attempt to improve their child's attendance at school. The threshold for when a school should consider next steps is 10 sessions (5 school days) of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. This can be made up of any form of unauthorised absence including late after close (attendance code U) of register and odd days of unauthorised absence (attendance code O) which add up to 5 days within a 10-week period. At this point the school will consider if it is likely that the attendance will improve with further support. They may then decide to refer the case to the LA for formal monitoring. This may proceed to legal action if the attendance does not improve.

Education Penalty Notices are issued to parents of statutory school age children. They can be issued to each parent or carer who is deemed liable for the child's absence from school. The new costs and process is outlined below:

First Offence - The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days. Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years) -The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years) - The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.



Fledglings	Max M and Jack for great efforts in our Sports week activities. Everybody in Fledglings class for an amazing year together!
Year 1 Robins	James for making wonderful choices with his peers and on the carpet.
Year 2 Magpies	Joseph for demonstrating great teamwork throughout Sports Week. Well done! Magpies class for impressing us all with their perseverance and maturity during assessment week. They have done us all proud and we wish them the best of luck for the next step in their journey!
Year 3 Owls	Rex for being exceptionally helpful and a good friend. Theo for having a curious mind and striving for answers, showing exceptional hard work and perseverance throughout the year which has lead to incredible progress!
Year 4 Hawks	Jasper for his commendable resilience, positivity and strength of character. Well done Jasper! You have had a significant injury and still returned to school with a pleasant, conscientious team-player attitude – Fantastic! Hawks class for their amazing perseverance and growth mindset this week. Well done Hawks! You have powered through these assessments with strength, resilience and a can-do attitude! Amazing!
Year 5 Eagles	Eli and Lexi for showing great maturity and leadership during our sports week. Well done! A very successful assessment week and great effort with bike ability.
Year 6 Falcons	Falcons for their incredible efforts and displays of teamwork during our Enterprise project.

Attendance Award

Week Ending 12/07/2024	Eagles Class	96.92%
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Dates for your diary

Monday 15th July	Year 4 to Sandwich for their River walk. PTFA KS1 and KS2 Summer Discos
Tuesday 16th July	Year 5 to the Science Museum in London
Wednesday 17th July	End of year reports to parents. Year 4 Ukele performance to parents at 9am in the school hall
Thursday 18th July	i-rock concert to parents in the school hall – 9.30am (families very welcome to attend)
Friday 19th July	Year 6 Leavers Service at the Church at 1.45pm – families of year 6 children very welcome. End of term 6 for the children (after school club will finish at 4.30pm)
Tuesday 3rd September	Children back in school for term 1 – NELFT presentation to new year R parents in the school hall (after drop off)