

# Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

*Through God's love and strength all flourish*

\* **Achieve** \* **Create** \* **Know**



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Newsletter No: 14

Dear Parents/Carers

We approach the end of term with lots of Christmassy activities. Christmas dinner was a lovely whole school event on Tuesday - a big thank you to Shirley in the kitchen for cooking for us all and to the PTFA for supplying the crackers. I even put on my apron and served up the turkey!

KS1 performed their nativity this week - it was all about Rodney the Stable Rat. They sang and spoke beautifully - some of them had a lot of words to remember. A big thank you to the staff as well for investing time in rehearsals with the children. I look forward to the EYFS performance next Tuesday.

We had a lovely outing to the Theatre Royal in Margate on Thursday to watch Jack and the Beanstalk. The children really enjoyed it - even those who were a little afraid of Crookback were OK in the end and joined in with the banter. I have uploaded some photos to our facebook page so please have a look at these.

All that is left to say is have a wonderful Christmas with your families - I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you all for the 'WOW day' on the 4th January.

Have a lovely break

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

## WOW day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January

After the excitement of Christmas and New Year, January can feel rather flat. To counter these blues, we are launching our new topics with a whole school WOW day. This will involve:  
EYFS - A birthday party day to link in with their celebrations topic - children to come in party clothes

Year 1 - Dress up as a Prince/Princess/Knight/dragon - the children will experience the medieval catwalk and have a banquet

Year 2 - Dress up as a pirate day - the children will be map making and going on a treasure hunt

Year 3 - Stone Age dress up day - make cave paintings and weapons

Year 4 - Chinese Dress up day - learning about the Shang Dynasty of China and make fortune cookies

Year 5 - Mayan Dress up day - make a Mayan pyramid and headdress

Year 6 - Egyptian Dress up day - mummification and tomb painting - learning about archaeology

### Attendance

Class	%
Robins - year 1	97.73
Magpies - year 2	93.57
Owls - year 3	98.13
Hawks - year 4	98.33
Eagles - year 5	98.40
Falcons year 6	100.00

*Please make sure that you either fill the child collection book in during the morning or ring the school before 12 if somebody else is collecting your child - it interrupts learning in the afternoon if we have to ring down to classes. Thank you for your support.*

### Star of the week

<b>Year R Fledglings</b>	Kye Ring for super effort in our nativity practice.
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Lina Daunoras for being so confident during the nativity.
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Poppy Kemp for her fantastic hard work, brilliant behaviour and kindness to others this term.
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Matilda Henderson for trying her hardest in all subjects.
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Job Coleman for his improved focus in lessons and hard work in his assessments.
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Ella Cook for demonstrating our Christian Values throughout her daily life.
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Isabella Watson for fantastic high quality writing this term.

### Dates for your diary

<b><u>Term 1</u></b>	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>EYFS unit nativity at 10am (nursery and year R)</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Service at the Church at 1.45 - includes a performance from year 4 violins. End of term 2</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>SCHOOL INSET DAY - CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>WOW day to launch new topics - start of term 3 (details above)</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>HUB Chess competition at St Richards, Dover (selection of children from KS2)</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	End of term 3
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to school - start of term 4

### PTFA Update

Thank you so much for everyone that supported the Christmas Fair. Whether you attended, helped run a stall, baked cakes, sold raffle tickets, donated prizes or simply spread the word it all contributed! The children all worked hard as well, from making Christmas crafts for selling at the fair to singing welcome carols

We successfully raised £1950 with the potential of raising additional funds through match funding with Barclays.

Christmas Present Day was a great success, the children enjoyed choosing gifts for their loved ones.

We look forward to planning more fun activities for next term, watch this space!

### Governor Vacancy

Are you enthusiastic about School?

Do you have some time to spare?

If so, you may be just the person we need!

We currently have a VACANCY for a parent governor to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children at Ash Cartwright and Kelsey Primary School.

**We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:-**

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

**We would welcome applications from people with experience of:-**

- Finance (Accountant, Finance Manager etc.)
- Human Resources/Special Educational Needs
- Legal (Paralegal, Solicitor etc.)
- Health and Safety
- Capital projects management

### **What is the role of the governing body?**

- Helping to set and review the schools strategic direction and agreeing targets for improvement
- Holding the headteacher and school leaders to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils
- Overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure public money is well spent

### **What does the role offer?**

- A chance to develop your own personal skills
  - Access to a programme of free training in respect of education/governance matters
  - A sense of achievement in helping make a difference to children reaching their potential
  - The support and guidance with an experienced governor as mentor
  - Give you the opportunity to make a difference to the school and the outcomes for the pupils
- If you are interested or know of somebody else who would be, please contact Nick Hassall, Chair of Governors via the school office.

Thank you



### **School Absence**

Please contact the school on the first day of your child's absence. This is a safeguarding issue requirement so that all parties know that your child is safe. Parents/guardians should regularly update the school and inform on when their child is returning. On the child's returning to School, a note signed by the parent/guardian, explaining absence should be provided.