

# Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

*Through God's love and strength all flourish*

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



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020      **Newsletter No: 16**

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a very busy week - as usual! We had fire safety talks on Tuesday ran by the Kent Fire and Rescue service. The children learnt what to do in an emergency and how to minimise risks. Ella in year 3 explained to me after that you should always check a door with the back of your hand to feel if it is warm if you suspect a fire.



Year 4 have started their music lessons and are learning the ukulele as of next week. I walked in during some animated improvisations - they were re-enacting *The Voice*!

I took 3 of our pupils to the Chamber of Commerce at the Council Offices today. They got to meet the Chair and had a tour of the chamber and offices alongside pupils from our HUB schools. They found this very interesting and insightful.

You should have all received mid-year reports this week - please do see your child's class teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher

## Tax-Free Childcare

You can get up to £500 every 3 months (£2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. If you get Tax-Free Childcare, the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay your childcare provider. This is paid via an online childcare account that you set up for your child.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both.

You can use it to pay for approved childcare, for example:

- childminders, nurseries and nannies
- after school clubs and play schemes
- home care agencies

We have signed up to the scheme

### **Eligibility**

Your eligibility depends on:

- if you are working
- how much you earn
- your child's age and circumstances
- your nationality

Your partner's employment and income will affect your eligibility if you are:

- married or in a civil partnership and live together
- not married or in a civil partnership, but living together as though you are

Please see the link below for more information

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

## PTFA update

Basics, Books & Bites event today after school in the playground - we will be selling pre-loved uniform and books alongside Frozen Friday.

We are busy planning the next events for the children to enjoy. Letters will be sent out soon about the next in-school cinema event - always popular! Also a Mothers' Day activity will be offered, more details will be sent out in due course.

Thank you for your continued support. All funds raised through PTFA events go back into enriching the children's school life and learning. <https://www.ashckschool.org/about-us/ptfa>

## Star of the week

<b>Fledglings</b>	Anna for great progress in reading. Well done!
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Lexi for beautiful presentation in her work.
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Abigail for working incredibly hard to improve her reading skills.
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Ralph for fantastic attitude to learning. Well done!
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Shay for focussing on his handwriting and presentation as well as solving tough multiplication
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Isaac for excellent effort and resilience. Well done!
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Ashdon for trying hard and persevering all week. A super effort. Well done!

### Attendance

<b>Class</b>	<b>%</b>
Robins - year 1	87.69
Magpies - year 2	91.58
Owls - year 3	95.00
Hawks - year 4	96.84
Eagles - year 5	91.67
Falcons year 6	99.64

### Dates for your diary

<b>Term 3</b>	
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Chess competition at St Richards for specific pupils
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Children's mental health week
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Pirate Day at Dover Museum and Year 6 trip to Harry Potter
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up - end of term 3
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children back in school for term 4
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day - pyjamas/teddy and favourite book day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Week - our theme will be 'What's in the sky?'
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of term 3
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Staff INSET day - no children in school
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Children back in school for term 4