

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School
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Friday 29th November

Newsletter No: 11

Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that we are nearly in December. My children are 22 and 17 and still demand an advent calendar! Please look at the dates for the diary below to see what we have arranged during this busy month.

It was lovely to work with the parents at the phonic workshop on Tuesday morning - if you were unable to attend please look at the resources on the phonics section of the school website. I will hold another workshop in term 3 to support parents in years 2 and 3 around grammar and punctuation. It was fantastic to see so many parents at the parent/teacher meetings this week and hear all your positive comments.

Miss Chatters has started recruiting her science ambassadors - these key roles will be filled by 2 children from years 2-6 and they will have the important job of ensuring that science maintains a high profile in our school. They will also help Miss Chatters to make sure that science week (16th-20th March 2020) runs smoothly. Miss Chatters is currently looking through the written applications.

We have had a busy week with our HUB schools. We had the gifted and talented writing session at Charlton on Tuesday afternoon. We also have four of our talented mathematicians attending the maths challenge at Sir Roger Manwoods this afternoon - they are equally excited to be the first children to use our new minibus!

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher

PTFA update

CHRISTMAS CAROLS Friday 6th December

Families are invited to watch Christmas Carols at 3pm in the school Courtyard. Afterwards please collect your child as normal and make your way out to the main school entrance via the playground. Once the school building is clear the doors to the Christmas Fair will open at 3.30pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR Friday 6th December 3.30 - 6pm.

All children go free

Adults 50p entry

There is just one week to go! Your PTFA are working hard to prepare for the event. There will be a mix of old and new stalls & games, face painting, a dedicated toddler area plus class craft

tables where u can buy your child's own creation. Bacon / chipolata rolls and drinks will be available. For your convenience you have the option to pay for refreshments by card.

Please help by:

* Continuing to sell raffle tickets. Don't forget we have the opportunity to double our sales through Barclays matched funding scheme. There are fantastic prizes to win. If you need more tickets please ask at the office.

* Bring in donations for the cake stall on the morning of the 6th December.

THE TREE OF TREASURES Wednesday 11th December. Please see the letter sent home in bags and return forms and payment by Wednesday 4th December. Payment must be in advance as we cannot take money on the day.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions the PTFA committee for 2019/2020 is Samantha Dunn, Alice Henderson, Bethany Barber, Carl Watson, Carole Cook, Ellie Silverwood, Katy Dobson, Nicol Trevellion, Samantha Daunoras, Tina Lee and Zoe Brooks.

The Sun books for schools - Get Over £600 Worth Of Free Books For Your School

Mr Hart has registered the school for this. The Sun has teamed up with HarperCollins to provide primary schools across England, Wales and Northern Ireland a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600!

From early phonic development to fluent reading, Collins Big Cat is a whole-school reading programme that provides complete support for primary reading. The free books included within the packs cover a diverse range of subjects from fairy tales to football, from camping to crocodiles and from wild cats to worms - there is really something for all ages and abilities. We need to collect the tokens from the paper from November 23rd until Saturday 18th January 2020. Please send them into school as you collect them. Thank you.

Reverse advent calendar

We are pleased to be supporting Dover Foodbank and the Winter Night shelter in coming weeks by holding a Reverse Advent. We had a whole school assembly and learnt about the reasons people become homeless and what we can do to help. The box is nearly full - thank you.

Star of the week

Fledglings	Jacob for his amazing construction work in EYFS.
Year 1 Robins	Ruby for trying so hard in every subject.
Year 2 Magpies	Logan for working hard in all his subjects this week.
Year 3 Owls	Julia for hard work and good attitude in all areas of learning.
Year 4 Hawks	Olivia for working hard with her writing, creating a lovely Haiku and making good choices.
Year 5 Eagles	Lewis for confidence in his Maths work.
Year 6 Falcons	Grace for writing, drafting and publishing a fantastic newspaper report about Tutankhamun's discovery.

Attendance

Class	%
Robins - year 1	93.85
Magpies - year 2	92.50
Owls - year 3	100
Hawks - year 4	97.37
Eagles - year 5	95.83
Falcons year 6	98.57

Places for 2020

It is that time of year again when we think about year R places for 2020. If you have a child who will start school in September 2020 (born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016), or know someone who is looking for a primary place, please see Mrs Bailey in the office to organise a tour of our fabulous EYFS unit. Closing date for online applications is 15th January 2020.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/primary-school-places>

Tempest Photography

If you have not received your frames with your photos or you have any other items that need to be addressed with Tempest. Please ring their Customer Service Department on 01736 751555. Tempest has found that quite a few parents did not tick the yellow box to receive their frames. Tempest are very happy to help with any problems or queries that you may have.

Dates for your diary

<u>Term 1</u>	
Wednesday 4 th December	Ice skating for specific pupils displaying virtues of character education
Friday 6 th December	Christmas Fair after school
Tuesday 10 th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for Save the Children
Wednesday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity performance to pupils
Thursday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity performance to parents at 2pm
Friday 13 th December	Year 6 Egyptian class assembly at 10am
Monday 16 th December	Fledglings nativity performance to pupils
Tuesday 17 th December	Fledglings nativity performance to parents at 10am
Wednesday 18 th December	End of term 2
Monday 6 th January	INSET staff training - no children in school
Tuesday 7 th January	Children back in school

St Nicholas' Day, Sunday 1st December

We will be holding a special service at St Nicholas' Church to celebrate St Nicholas' Day on Sunday 1st December at 10.30 am. During the service there will be a puppet show and a collection of gifts for Oasis (support for people suffering domestic abuse). After the service there be a lunch - if you want to stay for this either sign the list in the church porch or contact Bill Vennart (01304 812628) .

All will be warmly welcome