



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

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Friday 4th October 2024

Newsletter Term 1 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems like autumn has arrived with lots of rain! Despite this, we have managed to finish the courtyard and it looks amazing – this really enhances the learning environments for the children.

We have also managed to dodge the showers and learn outside. Robins were busy chalking number lines on the playground as part of their maths learning. Hawks have been busy learning their Oompa-Loompa dance as part of their topic and will be finalising their line dance routines in PE next week. We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival next week – Eagles will once again be making the Harvest Loaf with Bev and Ian Murton from the village.

You may have noticed that Ms Barrett is pregnant and she will go on maternity leave at the end of this term. We wish Ms Barrett and her family all the very best as they await their new arrival! We will update you with any baby news. We have appointed a maternity cover teacher, Mr Sheppard, who will teach the class from 4th November until the end of the academic year. Mr Shepard has previously taught year 3 and is really looking forward to joining our team. He will be spending a few days in class before the end of term to get to know the children. I know everyone will make him feel very welcome.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Wrens

Huey

Magpies

Edie

Owls

Hugo and Taylor-May

Happy birthday Mrs Crebbin!



We still have a few spaces left in our lovely nursery – please do ring the school to arrange a tour with me if you have, or know someone who has a nursery aged child. I am also offering individual tours for year R starters in 2025. Thank you!

Family Hubs

Family Hubs offer a variety of free activities and workshops in the local community. For information about what is on offer visit: www.kent.gov.uk/familyhub

Our Family Hubs are:

Aycliffe Family Hub at St Davids Avenue, Aycliffe, Dover, CT17 9HJ

Tel: 03000 420882

Buckland Family Hub at St Nicolas Church, The Linces, Dover, CT16 2BN

Tel: 03000 414941

Deal Family Hub on Park Avenue, Deal CT14 9UU

Tel: 03000 420008

For our local Family Hubs email: DoverFamilyHub@kent.gov.uk

Things on offer at our local Family Hubs include:

- Autism Awareness training 6/11/2024 and 27/11/2024 which includes looking at the principles of autism and different aspects, and behaviour management and coping strategies
- Stepping Stones – an eight week programme for children aged 4-7 which focuses on building confidence and self-esteem. Children have an opportunity to meet and play with their peers and engage in a variety of group based activities
- Talking Walk-in Drop in run by the Speech and Language Therapy Team
- As well as lots of baby and pre-school groups including Infant Feeding, Baby Massage, Book Library and Story Time.

The timetable changes termly.

For information about Autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) visit:

www.kmhealthcare.uk Kent and Medway ICS

For information about Autism visit: www.autismeducationtrust and www.autism.org.uk

For information about health, including speech and language visit: www.kentcht.nhs.uk /thepod

PTFA update

MONSTER MASH DISCO

We are thrilled to let you know that this year's Monster Mash will be taking place on Tuesday 5th November! As usual we will have a disco from 3.15pm-4.45pm for Years R-2 and a disco from 5pm-6.30pm for Years 3-6. More details to follow - look out for letters coming home soon!

PTFA AGM

Details: 9am, Thursday 10th October 2024, at the school. The meeting itself will last around half an hour.

Coming along to our Annual General Meeting absolutely does not mean that you have to join the PTFA committee; it just gives you an opportunity to find out a bit more about who we are, what we do and what we've raised money for this past academic year. Obviously, if you are interested in becoming a committee member or a named helper (someone we can approach to help out at events) we would welcome that too! If you aren't able to make it along to the meeting but would like to know more or get more involved, please do email us candk.ptfa@gmail.com ahead of the above date.

VERY IMPORTANT: THERE WILL BE TEA AND BISCUITS PROVIDED - we think that's very important anyway!

TUCK SHOP

Tuck shop will not be on this week. We are currently reviewing how we run it, as it has become trickier to staff it recently (this may change after our AGM). We will advise each week via this newsletter and the school Facebook page whether it will be going ahead that week.

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.

Harvest Festival

This year we will be collecting Harvest donations for the Foodbank. The theme for our Harvest Festival is 'Attitude of Gratitude' and we would be grateful for any donations. Items requested are:

- Tinned meat for eating cold such as ham, chicken, corned beef, meatballs
- Pasta or curry sauce
- Rice
- Rice pudding or custard
- Sponge puddings and jellies
- Spreads such as jam, marmalade, peanut butter, chocolate spread
- Mayonnaise or brown sauce
- Small coffee jars or teabags
- Squash
- Chocolate
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Shaving foam
- Cleaning products
- Washing powder/capsules (Small bottles or Boxes)
- Washing-up liquid
- Toilet rolls

If you know of families who need help, please ask them to call the Foodbank on 01304-728428 or email them on info@dealarea.foodbank.org.uk,

Thank you for your support.



Fledglings	Destiny for her increased confidence in speaking out at Nursery. Well done!
Year R Wrens	Michael for making wonderful choices and showing great perseverance. Well done!
Year 1 Robins	Ava for always trying her best and for her beautiful handwriting! Well done!
Year 2 Magpies	Edie for having a great attitude to learning, showing kindness in her friendships and perserverance in her impressive story writing. Well done!
Year 3 Owls	Paddy for giving 100% in all lessons and always being willing to give something a try. Well done!
Year 4 Hawks	Kallie for her positive attitude to learning. Well done Kallie! You are focused like a Hawk and work so hard in every lesson. Keep it up!

Year 5 Eagles	Polina, for showing excellent motivation and a keenness to push herself in all subjects. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Poppy for her openness to new learning, especially when it's something challenging. Well done!

Attendance Award

Week Ending 4/10/2024	Wrens Class	100%
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Dates for your diary

Friday 11th October	Harvest Festival at the Church and the theme is 'Attitude of Gratitude' – families of year 6 children very welcome to attend – 1.45pm
Tuesday 15th October	3.15 - Shared learning after school R, KS1 and KS2 – please come to the classrooms, meet the staff and see what the children have been learning. Year 2 to Wingham Wildlife Park as part of their Dinosaur topic
Thursday 17th October	Kent Test results to parents
Friday 18th October	Year 3 at the Beanie Museum in Canterbury
Mondy 21st October	Arts/Music/Humanities week in school – whole school topic wall for corridor
Wednesday 23rd October	Nursery and Wrens pumpkin picking at Felderland Farm
Friday 25th October	Break up – end of term 1
Monday 4th November	Children back in school for term 2
Thursday 19th December	Children break up for Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 7th January	WOW Day and children back in school for term 3