

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Friday 6th December 2019

Newsletter No: 12

Dear Parents/Carers

December is upon us! We lit the first candle on our advent wreath in worship on Monday and thought about what it means to 'wait' for something. The children learnt that Johann Hinrich Wichern (1808-1881), a Protestant pastor in Germany was the inventor of the modern Advent wreath in the 19th century. During Advent, children at the mission school would ask daily if Christmas had arrived. In 1839, he built a large wooden ring (made out of an old cartwheel) with 20 small red and 4 large white candles. A small candle was lit successively every weekday and Saturday during Advent. On Sundays, a large white candle was lit and the children could see the countdown to Christmas Day.

Ice skating was great fun on Wednesday morning - our minibus enabled us to take a group of children who had displayed the main aspects of our character education. Despite a few falls, all the children persevered and reported that it was 'epic'. The staff enjoyed it too!



We also hosted the HUB KS1 multi-skills on Thursday afternoon in our school hall - Mr Hayes ensured that all the children participated and had fun. The winning school was St Richards - a huge well done to them.

Have a lovely weekend - I look forward to seeing you all the Christmas Fair later.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher

WOW day

To have an exciting start to 2020, we are having another exciting WOW day on Tuesday 7th January to launch our topics. The themes and activities for the day are:

EYFS - Space - come dressed as an alien, astronaut or something space related

Year 1 - Julia Donaldson - the class will be outside in the woodland making artwork linked to the Gruffalo and Stickman

Year 2 - Pirate Day - come dressed as a pirate and they will have a treasure hunt and learn how to talk like a pirate

Year 3 - Vikings - come dressed up a Viking and learn how to be a Viking for the day

Year 4 - Romans - come dressed as a Roman and try a Roman feast

Year 5 - What makes the earth angry? - the class will be constructing buildings that will withstand a natural disaster

Year 6 - Harry Potter - the class will be making potions and will think about how they could use them

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 full and we are on box number two - thank you.

It's Christmas Fair day!!

Join us at 3pm in the courtyard to hear the children singing carols. Please make your way out of the school as usual at 3.15pm. The doors to the fair will open at 3.30pm. Entry is 50p for adults (free for children).

We hope everyone has a wonderful time, there is something for all the family to enjoy. Thank you to all that attended or helped or sold raffle tickets and to all the local businesses that have helped us bring the event together.

Don't forget you can still buy raffle tickets at the fair. Plus remember to buy your ticket from the sleigh of merriment stall, it's a great prize to win!

A big thank you to Barclays for match funding raffle tickets sales.

A card paypoint will be at the refreshments stall for your convenience.

TREE OF TREASURES

Thank you for all your forms, it's been very popular and we think the children will really enjoy picking out gifts for their loved ones.

Star of the week

Fledglings	Yusuf for settling into Fledglings so happily.
Year 1 Robins	Freddie for beautiful handwriting this week.
Year 2 Magpies	Ruby for a fantastic piece of descriptive writing in English this week.
Year 3 Owls	Ethan for excellent effort in writing.
Year 4 Hawks	Noah for making a real effort to do his best in all his subjects and making good choices at play/break.
Year 5 Eagles	Dylan for excellent language ideas when writing Haikus.
Year 6 Falcons	Kelsey G. for super perseverance, focus and concentration when sewing a Christmas decoration.

Attendance

Class	%
Robins - year 1	95.38
Magpies - year 2	98.00
Owls - year 3	94.80
Hawks - year 4	96.32
Eagles - year 5	97.08
Falcons year 6	100

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>

Dates for your diary

Term 1	
Friday 6th December	Christmas Fair after school
Tuesday 10th December	Whole school Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - £1 for Save the Children
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Nativity performance to pupils
Thursday 12th December	KS1 Nativity performance to parents at 2pm
Friday 13th December	Year 6 Egyptian class assembly at 10am
Monday 16th December	Fledglings nativity performance to pupils
Tuesday 17th December	Fledglings nativity performance to parents at 10am
Wednesday 18th December	End of term 2 - Church Service at St Nicholas at 1.45pm - children can be collected by their parents after the service or walk back to school. After school club will finish at 4.30pm
Monday 6th January	INSET staff training - no children in school
Tuesday 7th January	Children back in school for WOW day