

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Friday 8th November

Newsletter No: 8

Dear Parents/Carers

Despite lots of rain we have still managed to have a very busy week. We were delighted to learn on Monday that we are to receive £8568 from Sandwich Co-op towards our school minibus. This is fantastic news - a huge thank you to everyone who nominated us as a cause. Myself and Mr Hayes will attend the cheque ceremony on Saturday 23rd November and this will be in the local press. What a great community effort!

Year 6 enjoyed a visit from a phlebotomist on Wednesday, to link in with their science topic. They learnt all about what the job entails and why it is important. The lady was impressed with all the questions that they asked and was happy to show off the equipment that she uses.



The children had the opportunity to learn all about Diwali today - telling the story of Rama and Sita through Bollywood dancing. We started with a whole school assembly and then workshops for years 2-6. I am not sure who enjoyed it the most - staff or pupils! Huge thanks to the PTFA who paid for this special day.



Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher

Value for term 2

Our value for term 2 is friendship and our big question for this term is:

'Can you have a conversation with an invisible friend?'

Character Education

We are still keeping a look out for children displaying the virtues of kindness, co-operation, courage, compassion etc and will choose the children at our staff meeting next Tuesday. Children chosen will bring a letter home confirming they have been selected for the ice-skating.

PTFA Update

We hope that all those who attended Monster Mash enjoyed the event. It was great to see the effort that had gone into costumes and it was a brilliant atmosphere. Some amazing creativity was shown in the pumpkin design competition and these were showcased at the Monster Mash for all to admire.

The next TAG day is Wednesday 20th November. Non-uniform for £1 or a bottle/tombola donation for the upcoming Christmas Fair.

Don't forget that Friday 6th December (after school) is the date of the Christmas Fair. Your PTFA are busy planning the event to make it festive and fun for all the family. As always there will be a range of traditional stalls, tombolas, refreshments and games as well as the popular craft stall with items made by the children themselves. Santa's grotto will of course be open and letters about this will be sent out as visits to Santa must be booked in advance.

Raffle tickets have been sent home with all children. Fantastic top prizes to be won along with a host of other treats. The raffle will be drawn at the fair. Remember all raffle ticket sales will be match funded by Barclays Dover. This is an amazing opportunity to double sales and raise more funds for the school. Tickets are £2.50 per booklet, or you can sell them individually at 50p each. Please return ticket stubs to Mrs Bailey in the school office once sold. You can also request more as you need them, also via the office. There will be a prize for the class that sells the most tickets.

Thank you for your continued support. All funds raised through PTFA events go back into enriching the children's school life and learning.

Eagles class are in the lead at the moment for selling the most raffle tickets. Please keep them coming in.

Finally, don't forget that Frozen Friday will continue into the winter months with bagged sweets but without ice creams. A new team of year 5 children will assist each term. Funds raised from this event will go towards their own residential trip in year 6.

Attendance

Class	%
Robins - year 1	100
Magpies - year 2	98
Owls - year 3	97.69
Hawks - year 4	98.95
Eagles - year 5	97.92
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>

Dates for your diary

<u>Term 1</u>	
Wednesday 13 th November	School Nurses in to do Height and Weight for YR to Y6.
Thursday 14 th November	BOOK FAIR after school in the hall
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day - wear something spotty and bring in £1
Tuesday 19 th November	Reading competition for specific children at St Richards primary school
Wednesday 20 th November	Whole school 'Aladdin' pantomime pm - in the school hall - PTFA Tag Day
Tuesday 26 th November	Phonics talk for parents with Mrs Crascall at 9am Parents evenings
Wednesday 27 th November	Parents evenings
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
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

"Phil The Bag"

We are having a "Phil the Bag" fundraising collection. Don't forget to bring in your bags of unwanted clothing and shoes. Please use any type of bag, black sacks are best! Please fill the bag with your unwanted clothes, shoes, household linen, belts, hats and handbags. These can be brought in and left at the reception any day within the school hours before 26th November.