

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Friday 16th November 2018

Newsletter No: 10

Dear Parents/Carers

We are lucky to be part of a such a strong and caring community. A huge thanks to SAWWES in the village who donated £250 to our school with proceeds from their book. We will be using this money to develop our spiritual and values gardens - photos to follow! Many thanks to Ann Foat for co-ordinating this.

If your child is in reception or KS1, you may notice that they have new reading books over the coming weeks. The PTFA have provided funds for new schemes to support the teaching of Letters and Sounds. We really are lucky to have such a hard working PTFA - they provide resources that due to budget cuts, we would not be able to provide as a school. A big thank you to them.

As a village school we are proud of our Chair of Governors for showing perseverance in running the London Marathon for the Royal London Society for Blind People. We have a visually impaired child as part of our school community so we fully support this very important cause. - we will be working together with Nick to raise his target of £2,500 and cheering him on all the way!

To further develop our Christian values and vision, we would like to devise a new school prayer. This would be read by every class at the end of the school day and would be used to start our governing board meetings. I will be asking the children and the school council for ideas, but if parents or carers have any key phrases you would like included, please pass them on to me.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher

Phonics workshop for KS1 parents

There will be a phonics workshop for parents of children in year R, 1 and 2 on November 20th at 9am. This will be with Mrs Crascall. We will look at how we teach phonics in the school, how you can support at home and activities we do in a standard lesson. This is of particular relevance to parents in year 1 as the children have a statutory phonics screening in June 2019. Please just turn up on the day if you are interested - mums, dads and carers very welcome to attend.

Attendance

Class	%
Robins - year 1	
Magpies - year 2	
Owls - year 3	
Hawks - year 4	
Eagles - year 5	
Falcons year 6	

Dates for your diary

<u>Term 1</u>	
Friday 16 th November	PTFA Quiz Night
Tuesday 20 th November	Phonics workshop for parents and carers
Friday 23 rd November	PTFA Tag Day - Bring a Bottle
Friday 23 rd November	Year 1 Class Assembly
Tuesday 27 th and 28 th November	Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 29 th and Friday 30 th November	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Fair - 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 11 th December	School Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 12 th December	KS1 Nativity at 2.15pm (years 1 and 2)
Thursday 13 th December	Whole school pantomime trip - Jack and the Beanstalk
Tuesday 18 th December	EYFS unit nativity at 10am (nursery and year R)
Wednesday 19 th December	Christmas Service at the Church at 1.45. End of term 2
Thursday 3 rd January	SCHOOL INSET DAY - CLOSED FOR PUPILS
Friday 4 th January	WOW day to launch new topics - start of term 3

Whole School Meals

This is a polite reminder for parents that school lunches are £2.30 per meal and need to be paid in advance or on the day. Money/cheques to be in an envelope with the child's name and class written clearly on it (some parents have a different name to the children so we are not always able to match the cheque to a child). Cheques need to be made payable to Whole School Meals - you can also make payments online. Any problems - please see Mrs Cryer on a Monday, Tuesday or Friday.

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, please see Mrs Bailey in the school office for the relevant forms. Thank you for your support.

PTFA Update

We are looking forward to hosting the school quiz night this evening. Arrive 7pm for 7.30pm start. There are a few spaces left for last minute quizzers! £5 per person, bring your own food and drink.

Christmas raffle ticket sales are going well. Another year with generous donations from local businesses and community members -there are some great prizes to be won! Books of tickets are available from the school office. Please return sold ticket stubs and money to the school office ahead of the school fair where the raffle will be drawn.

We are delighted to welcome Santa again this year! Children can visit Santa's Grotto during the Christmas Fair on Friday 7th December. Booking is required in advance and letters went into school bags this week. If you didn't receive a copy please ask at the school office.

Tag day Friday 23rd November - wear non uniform for £1 or a donation to the chocolate or bottle tombola.

Letters about Christmas present day will be out soon. It will be held on Wednesday 12th December. Children have the opportunity to pick a present for loved ones.

If you are having a pre-Christmas clear out please think of the PTFA. New toys & books, unwanted gifts or food/drink are ideal for tombolas, raffles, lucky dips and the many other stalls that make our school fairs fun for the children! Donations are always gratefully received.

Ash Rainbows

In January 2019 Ash Rainbows will be starting a new and exciting programme. Girl Guiding has been on a journey to transform what the girls do throughout the age groups and we can't wait to get started on all the new badges and activities Rainbows can now do.

We will meet on Monday (term time only) 5.15pm - 6.15pm in Ash Village Hall. We take girls aged 5-7 years who live in Ash or the surrounding villages. If your daughter would like to join, or you know someone who might like to, then please contact Hannah on 07725 261578. Thank you.