

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

Through God's love and strength all flourish

* **Achieve** * **Create** * **Know**



Friday 23rd November 2018

Newsletter No: 11

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to work with parents at the phonics workshop on Tuesday morning. Phonics is a really important part of reading and spelling so it is important that the children are taught this effectively. I will upload the 'sound button mat' to the parent section of the website so you can see how we blend and segment sounds.

We were very lucky to have a surprise performance of 'Snow White' on Wednesday afternoon. The children really enjoyed the show and Mr Hayes and Miss Horton got to show off their dance moves! Great fun and real enthusiasm from the children - especially KS1 who learn about Traditional Tales.



We have had our open mornings for the EYFS class of 2019. I felt very proud showing parents around our lovely school and hearing all their positive comments. I am showing some more parents around who could not make our scheduled Thursday slot, so if you do know anyone who has a child starting school next September, they can still ring the school office to make an appointment for a tour of the school. EYFS enjoyed a Forest School morning on Wednesday - the popcorn smelt delicious and the children had a thoroughly good time!

As it is nearly December, it is safe to mention 'Christmas'. The Christmas Dinner letters have gone out, so please do make sure you return this if you want your child to have Christmas Dinner, I know it is always a very busy day for Shirley in the kitchen! The children are very welcome to wear Christmas jumpers to get in the festive spirit.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall

Headteacher

Attendance

Class	%
Robins - year 1	97.73
Magpies - year 2	95.71
Owls - year 3	98.75
Hawks - year 4	92.08
Eagles - year 5	97.60
Falcons year 6	99.20

Star of the week

Year R Fledglings	Gethin Sanderson for trying hard in phonics.
Year 1 Robins	Aliona Johnson for trying extremely hard with her handwriting.
Year 2 Magpies	Madeleine Devitt for writing a lively and creative character description.
Year 3 Owls	Effi Williams for having a positive attitude toward her reading.
Year 4 Hawks	Freya Smith for trying so hard in maths and persevering.
Year 5 Eagles	Edward Belsey for excellent writing.
Year 6 Falcons	Elizabeth Russell for showing excellent perseverance and determination when working on fractions in Maths.

Dates for your diary

<u>Term 1</u>	
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

Thank you as always for your support with TAG day today.

We are so pleased to report that the quiz night was a great success and it raised almost £400! Peter the quizmaster was excellent and the variety of quiz questions meant there was something for everyone. Thank you to all that came along and helped make the evening such fun.

Posters for our Christmas Fair are up around the village now. If you are able to display one at your workplace, in your window or anywhere else locally we will leave a supply in the school office. Santa's grotto is going to be nice and busy during the Christmas Fair, forms will be processed next week and time slots issued. Keep up the great work with raffle ticket selling and remember we this year we can double sales thanks to match funding by Barclays Bank which will make such a difference.

Christmas present day letters have been sent out. If this is something you would like your child to participate in payment needs to be returned with the form to the school office NO LATER THAN Wednesday 5th December.

Thank you for your cooperation with returning forms by deadlines as this ensures the PTFA can organise everything needed behind the scenes to ensure the best experience for the children.

The PTFA is a registered charity & all money raised goes towards our school & the children.

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.