Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Friday 2nd November 2018

Newsletter No: 7

Dear Parents/Carers

The weather is certainly different from last term, autumn is well and truly upon us! The children and staff enjoyed the Halloween tag day on Wednesday, there were some very creative costumes. It was lovely to have the toffee apple sale after school on the same day – a huge thanks to the PTFA for organising this.

The African workshops on Wednesday were also a big hit with the children - years 5 and 6 really enjoyed the singing, drumming and composing their own songs.



Now that our year R children have settled in school, they joined us for Celebration Assembly today. It was lovely to have them join us as part of our worship, we always have lots to celebrate, both inside and outside school – what a talented bunch!

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.

<u>Attendance</u>

Class	%
Robins – year 1	93.91
Magpies – year 2	95.36
Owls - year 3	100
Hawks - year 4	99.20
Eagles - year 5	98.80
Falcons year 6	95.20

Dates for your diary

<u>Term 1</u>	
Monday 5 th November	Mr Hayes on Jury Service for two weeks
Tuesday 6 th November	Year 5 at Canterbury Cathedral
Thursday 8 th November	Year 6 Harry Potter trip
Tuesday 13 th November	Parent/teacher meetings
Wednesday 14 th November	Parent/teacher meetings
Thursday 15 th November	Open morning for reception parents – entry 2019
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November	
Tuesday 20 th November	Phonics workshop for parents and carers
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Fair – 3.30–5pm
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

<u>Star of the week</u>

Year 1 Robins	Rebecca Wacher for excellent English work.
Year 2 Magpies	Billy Lee for showing superb independence when writing a newspaper report.
Year 3 Owls	Poppy Dobson for having a positive attitude to her handwriting and reading.
Year 4 Hawks	Jack Weatherall for his continual hard work in maths.
Year 5 Eagles	Adam Sharp for becoming much more independent and excellent maths work.
Year 6 Falcons	Alfie Hearne for being an enthusiastic learner and always trying hard.

Update from your PTFA

It was great to see everyone supporting the TAG day this week, we spotted some fabulous outfits. Thank you for your donations and for buying toffee apples, we sold out!

Thank you also for supporting the second hand uniform sale.

Tickets for the raffle drawn at the Christmas Fair on 7th December will be sent home with children next week. This year the sales of tickets will be match funded by Barclays Bank. This amazing opportunity to double sales will be invaluable to our school. Please sell as many as you can.

All money raised from PTFA events pays for items that government funding won't stretch to, items that enrich the school life for the children - anything from ice lollies at sports days to refurbishing the school garden. We are delighted to have raised enough funds over the last academic year to be able to pay for the coaches needed for the school pantomime trip this December. Please see the letter sent home at the end of last term for details about the trip.

Don't forget our quiz night on Friday 16th November. It is open to everyone in the village/community to come along and enjoy a light-hearted evening - £5 per person. Please contact Debbie on 07932032540 or email <u>candk.ptfa@gmail.com</u> to reserve a table and then fill it with friends and family! Up to 8 people per table.

If you would like to help at events and haven't already signed up please let us know and we will add you to our helpers list. Especially at the big events this list is much appreciated! Your time as and when you are able, even an hour before an event, can be invaluable.

CLUBS:

Apologies from Mr Hayes who will be away for 2 weeks next term after being called for jury service. Mr Hayes has already passed on jury service once before when the school was undergoing significant staff changes last year, and therefore must attend this time around. The clubs will continue to take place as normal until the last week of this term, however some clubs will not start until the week commencing 19th November.

Please note:

Dance club will continue to run every Wednesday as normal.

Years 5 and 6 Football Club will start on 21st November and will continue to run every Wednesday until the end of term.

Letters for Years 1 and 2 Multi Skills Club will be handed out next week. This will start after half-term and will be run on Thursdays by Mrs Brice and Mrs Parker.

Years 3 and 4 Indoor Athletics Club will begin on Monday 19th November.

Join Our Breakfast Club!

Breakfast Club opens at 7.45 every morning during term-time. It provides convenient and high quality childcare for busy parents as well as providing a range of stimulating and creative activities in a safe environment. The cost per session is £4. Whilst at Club, the children are offered a variety of breakfast choices and can take part in many different activities to keep them busy until the start of the school day.

Poppy Appeal

Poppies are on sale in the School Office to support The Royal British Legion's charity work who help all generations of the Armed Forces and their families.

<u>Fledglings</u>

We are in need of balance bikes, scooters and bikes with stabilisers please. If you can help, please let Mrs Bailey know in the school office. Thank you.

Flu vaccinations:

We have noticed that a significant number of consent forms are being returned unsigned. Please ensure you <u>sign the box in the middle</u> to consent, otherwise your child may not be vaccinated. Please see Mrs Bailey in the office if you think you might have returned an unsigned form.