



Ash, Cartwright & Kelsey Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Friday 1st December 2023

Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers

December is finally here and our Christmas preparations have begun. A big thanks to Kim who put up our Christmas trees and decorations in school at the weekend. I have also enjoyed hearing the KS1 nativity songs as the children are rehearsing for 'Bethlehem Bake Off'.

St Catherine's enjoyed their house team reward with myself and Mr Hayes on Wednesday afternoon. The Captain and Vice-Captain chose the go-karts, outdoor games, the muga, Christmas colouring, sweets and hot chocolate with marshmallows. Lenny the dog was an honorary member of St Catherine for the afternoon. We had a great afternoon and it was lovely to see the children playing together, no matter what the age difference.

A big well done to the children from years 3 and 4 who had a dodgeball match against St Faiths after school on Thursday. They won 10 – 6 – excellent result and great team work!

The school is all set for the Christmas Fair – a huge thanks to the PTFA for putting this all together, I look forward to seeing you all later. Due to after school commitments there are no after school clubs next week or the week after. Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Freddie

Magpies

Charlie

Owls

Renel and Rosie

Hawks

Jessica



School starters



If you have, or know somebody who has a child who will start school next year, please ring the school office to arrange an individual tour with me.

Staffing for January 2024

Parents may be aware that Ms Harney returned from maternity leave at the start of this term. Mrs Lead has been covering this maternity leave in Owls class. Ms Harney is leaving Ash at the end of this term to take up a part time position nearer to her home. Ms Harney has been part of our team since September 2017 and we wish her all the very best in her future role – she will no doubt stay in touch and pop in to see us all. We are delighted to announce that we have successfully recruited a teacher to replace Ms Harney. From January, Owls class will be taught by Ms Barrett. Ms Barrett is an experienced teacher who is teaching year 3 in her current role and she also a trained Forest School Teacher. We are looking forward to Ms Barrett joining our team and working alongside Mr Kemp to develop our nature area and the outdoor provision we offer the children. She will be our lead for outdoor learning. I know that you will all make her feel very welcome.

Wow Day

We are continuing the tradition of our WOW day on the 3rd January 2024. This is an exciting and creative day for the children (and staff) to launch new topics. The children will take part in a variety of activities related to their learning. Dress up is optional (anything topic related). Themes are:

Fledglings – Celebrations and parties
Robins – Kings, Queens and anything royal
Magpies – Fictional or real-life superheroes
Owls – The Stone Age
Hawks – The Romans
Eagles – Space
Falcons – Harry Potter

Be Internet Legends

On Tuesday 28th November we joined over 1,000 schools for the Be Internet Legends Day. We celebrated **Kindness** online with an awards ceremony attended by all the Internauts. Of course, there were also interactive challenges for the school to get stuck into.

If you want to go on a family adventure, go to:
[g.co/Interland](https://www.google.com/interland/)

Interland is a fun family game from Google. It teaches children the skills to be kind and fearless online explorers – with four levels to discover:

Block and report bullies in Kind Kingdom
Search for the truth in Reality River
Protect your valuable stuff in the Tower of Treasure
Learn about careful sharing in Mindful Mountain

Interland is free to play and works on most browsers and devices.
There is a link for parents to watch the Be Internet Legends session:

<https://youtube.com/live/1TZmvblu8pg?feature=share>



Fledglings	Eleanor for working hard with her list to Father Christmas writing this week.
Year 1 Robins	Lucy for always getting involved in her learning and making really good choices.
Year 2 Magpies	Ruben for learning all his lines in the Nativity and making great choices in the classroom. Keep it up!
Year 3 Owls	Finley for excellent concentration and ideas in story writing about the Mayans.
Year 4 Hawks	Polina for her outstanding resilience and effort during every lesson, as well as, during English interventions outside. Well done Polina! You work so hard – learning English alongside our class learning. All with a happy, cheerful attitude! Amazing!
Year 5 Eagles	Lilly for embracing our Victorian topic with good humour!
Year 6 Falcons	Taya for her impressive levels of confidence and independence in all subjects.

Attendance Award

Week Ending 01/12/2023	Hawks Class	98.67%
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Dates for your diary

Thursday 7th December	i-rock concert in school 9.30am
Friday 8th December	Christmas Cracker Day in school (funded by the PTFA) – children to make crowns crackers and placemats ready for Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12th December	Christmas jumper day and school Christmas dinner
Wednesday 13th December	KS1 nativity to parents – 1.45 in the school hall
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Service at the Church – 1.45 then back to school and end of term 2. Parents of year 6 welcome
Friday 15th December	INSET day – no children in school
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET day – no children in school
Wednesday 3rd January	WOW day and children back in school

St Nicholas Winterfest

At St Nicholas Church, Ash

Saturday 9th December 4-7pm

Free entrance!

A celebration of St Nicholas' Feast Day & Christmas Market with lots of stalls, festive food & drink and children's activities and more. Children can meet St Nicholas and receive a gift (£2 per child - no need to book)