



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

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Friday 3rd February 2023

Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers

January has finally ended – it seemed like such a long month! This week in school we have been focusing on the NSPCC 'Speak out, Stay Safe' campaign and the children have thought about the importance of sharing their worries and considering what they would do in various safeguarding scenarios. The children have really enjoyed using the MUGA pitch this week and have made the most of the extra space. Mr Hayes took a group of children to Vista Twisters in Dover on Thursday for a Cheerleading Festival – the children took part in tumblers, stunts and dance – they had a great time. As part of their topic, year 1 have been looking at the diet of animals and den building – the one in the picture below looks warm, safe and dry! Children's Mental Health week starts Monday – the week is run by children's mental health charity Place2Be to shine a spotlight on the importance of children and young people's mental health. This year's theme is Let's Connect. As part of the week, Place2Be is encouraging children (and adults) to connect with others in healthy, rewarding and meaningful ways. We encourage the children to take part in a 'Dress To Express' non-uniform day on Friday. St Catherine's will have an excellent start to the week as they have their house team reward with myself and Mr Hayes.

We welcome the Emotional Wellbeing Team (EWT) to our school. The Emotional Wellbeing Practitioners, who are part of the EWT, are hoping to get to know you and your child over the coming weeks and months, offering support when needed and finding out your ideas about how we can all work together to support the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children at our school. You can find out more at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duXLsp5wFRE>

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Fledglings

Brodie

Magpies

James



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 look around with me. Apply online at: kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions Closed on Monday 16 January 2023 so late admissions still an option.

More Important News

Maternity Leave

Ms Harney is taking her maternity leave early as she prepares for her new arrival and this will start from Monday. We wish Ms Harney all the very best for a safe delivery and we will let you know any baby news. Ms Harney is hoping to pop in one afternoon next week to say goodbye to the children and staff. The class will continue to be covered by Mr Hayes and Mrs Crebbin and the plan for next term has not changed. Thank you for your continued support.

PTFA update

Quiz Night!

Hopefully you have all received your letters this week inviting you to our PTFA Quiz Night. We are very excited to be hosting this at the school on Saturday 4th March at 7.30pm for a prompt 8pm start. It is £5 per person and teams can have up to 8 people. We really hope that you can join us, it promises to be a really fun night out!

Amazon Smile – ENDING 20th FEBRUARY.

Those of you who shop using Amazon Smile will probably have had an email letting you know that things will be changing this month. We are looking into some of the alternatives that Amazon is offering but, until the scheme ends on the 20th February, we can still benefit from any purchases you make. So, if you are doing any shopping via Amazon please continue to support your PTFA by choosing Ash Cartwright and Kelsey as your charity with Amazon Smile (www.smile.amazon.co.uk).

Re-gifting

If you have been given any gifts that are duplicates or something that you don't have a use for etc, please consider donating them to your PTFA as we will be very grateful for them! If you do have anything you'd like to re-gift then please leave it on the table outside the Main Entrance, thank you.

Tuck Shop & Other News

With spring hopefully not too far away we have put our stash of coats away until the autumn. However if anyone is in desperate need please do see a member of the PTFA and we will be happy to help.

No tuck shop this week so save up your pennies for our special Love Heart Biscuit sale next Friday to take us into half term.

The PTFA have created a pinned post on the School Facebook page that contains dates for upcoming PTFA events. We will update this regularly so you have easy access to the latest information and can get those dates in your diary asap!

Thank you!

A huge thank you to the New Ash Players for their kind donation of £500 towards a new shed for the PTFA to store all the resources needed to put on events throughout the year. We were

delighted to be selected as their nominated charity this year with funds raised from their brilliant performance of Aladdin.

Another thank you to the Caretech Foundation who this week awarded the PTFA an additional £350 in match funding to add to the total raised at the Christmas Fair. Match funding is a great way for registered charities to secure additional monies to boost their fundraising efforts. More information to follow in coming weeks but why not check if your employer offers match funding.

About the PTFA

The PTFA is an integral part of the school community made up of parents, teachers and friends of the school. All parents & carers are automatically members. We are charity reg. number 1042205. Read more on the school website <https://www.ashckschool.org/about-us/ptfa>

All money raised goes straight back into the school to benefit the children.



EYFS	Isla for always being a kind and helpful friend in Fledglings
Year 1 Robins	Lilly for working really hard on her listening and for being kind to others.
Year 2 Magpies	Noah T for consistently making good choices and persevering with his maths work.
Year 3 Owls	Peonie for working hard in all lessons and showing a positive attitude towards learning.
Year 4 Hawks	Poppy for her creative and imaginative myth writing! Well done Poppy! You listened carefully and included all of the features of a myth when writing your own. Fantastic!
Year 5 Eagles	Rebecca W for resilience and putting a great effort into her work, as well as sharing her understanding enthusiastically during the lesson.
Year 6 Falcons	Scarlett for being a super role model in the class – you are always ready to listen, are happy and positive, and try your best in all areas of learning. Well done!

Attendance Award

Week Ending 03/02/2023	Magpies Class	98.18%
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Dates for your diary

6.2.2023	Children's Mental Health Week in School
10.2.2023	End of term 3 – Dress to Express day
20.2.2023	Children back in school for term 4
02.3.2023	World Book Day – pyjama/teddy and favourite book day
04.3.2023	PTFA Quiz Night in hall
13.3.2023	Science week in school – more details to follow
15.3.2023	Astrodome in school
20.3.2023	Diversity week in school – more details to follow
31.3.2022	Easter Service at the Church at 1.30pm and end of term 4