



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

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Friday 13th January 2023

Newsletter Term 3 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break. We had a great start to term 3 with our WOW day providing an energetic and creative start to our topics. A big thanks to the staff for all their effort in putting together such a fantastic start to 2023 – the school was really buzzing with all the learning and the children looked great in their costumes.

This week the children are settling into their topic learning and in Robins they have been finding out all about different parts of the body in their science lessons. Hawks made Roman clocks last week and this week they have attached battery packs, second, minute and hour hands to achieve a working clock mechanism which they have set to the right time. These will be displayed around the classroom – no excuse for Hawks to be late to worship! Fledglings have been busy learning all about winter and have been exploring ice in their child-initiated learning and making bird feeders to keep local birds fed when the ground is hard – thanks Fledglings for making sure the birds are looked after.

We were very sad to hear of the passing of Derek Kemp, our former caretaker, over the Christmas break. Derek was a much loved member of our school community and we know this school had a special place in his heart. We send our love and prayers to his family.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Eagles

Thomas

Falcons

Angel

Happy birthday to Davina!



Photos of the week



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 Closes on Monday 16 January 2023

More Important News

Maternity Cover

You will have noticed that Mrs Harney's pregnancy is progressing well and she is due to start her maternity leave at the end of this term – we wish Mrs Harney all the best for her maternity leave. We have managed to recruit an experienced teacher, Mr Tom Churchill, to cover but he cannot leave his current employment until the start of term 5. Term 4 will be covered by Mr Hayes and Mrs Lead who both know the children well – we did not want to recruit a temporary supply teacher. We hope you will agree that these arrangements are best for the children.

PTFA update

Happy New Year!

The PTFA committee would like to wish you all a Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to the year ahead - we're already planning some exciting events for you all in 2023 😊

Much as we all love Christmas we might sometimes be given gifts that are duplicates of something we already have or perhaps just something that we know we won't use. The PTFA would like to ask you to consider donating those items to us as we will definitely find a use 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.

Save the Date!

We know it's only January but – as mentioned in the previous newsletter – we have already booked in a date for this year's Summer Fair; we look forward to welcoming you all to this family event on **Saturday 8th July**. We also have an event just for the grown-ups, we are hosting a Quiz night at the school on **Saturday 4th March**, so start getting those teams together! We will be sending out information about this very soon, so watch this space!

Tuck Shop

At this week's Tuck Shop we will once again be selling coats, so come along and grab yourself a bargain! If you have any coat donations to make then please hand them in to Mrs Bailey in the School Office, thank you.

Amazon Smile

If you are doing any shopping via Amazon please do support your PTFA by choosing Ash Cartwright and Kelsey as your charity with Amazon Smile. www.smile.amazon.co.uk. It costs nothing, you can sign up at any time in a few clicks - it's such an easy way to raise funds for your PTFA whilst shopping as usual.

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	Dottie for settling well into Fledglings Nursery.
Year 1 Robins	Franklin for really trying hard with his choices and his learning! Keep up the hard work.
Year 2 Magpies	Finley for settling into Magpies class exceptionally well and always using polite manners.
Year 3 Owls	Austin for reading and writing independently. Well done!
Year 4 Hawks	Lilly for settling in to her new school really well. It's like you have always been with us – you are so welcome here Lilly and you are a lovely member of our class! Well done!
Year 5 Eagles	Destiny for settling in to our school well and working hard.
Year 6 Falcons	Bethany for working hard all week – you have persevered in maths and shown more confidence and great metacognition to improve your learning. Well done!

Attendance Award

Week Ending 13/01/2023	Magpies Class	99.09
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Dates for your diary

19.1.2023	Mid year reports home to parents. Special census day lunch – hot dog (or veggie hot dog), herby diced potatoes, beans or cucumber sticks. Cookie for pudding.
6.2.2023	Children's Mental Health week – more details to follow
7.2.2023	Safer Internet Day
10.2.2023	End of term 3
20.2.2023	Children back in school for term 4
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

