



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

Through God's love and strength all flourish

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

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another very busy week in school and the children and staff really enjoyed the assembly and class workshops with the Dogs Trust. The children learnt how to be safe around dogs and how to respect them and treat them with love and kindness. Lenny even joined in the session in some classes. We have added our Pets and Dogs in school policy to the school website so please have a look at this.

It is great to see the children becoming immersed in their new topics. Owls have really enjoyed learning about Greek myths in literacy and learning about Gods and Goddesses. Robins have been busy learning outside in their science topic as they explored floating and sinking. Magpies have been busy describing dinosaurs and Eagles are interested in learning about South Africa.

Mr Hart and I will be holding a Little Wandle phonics talk for parents of Fledglings and year 1 in the school hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September straight after drop off – please come along to see how we support phonics and early reading in school.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Fledglings

Jaxon

### Magpies

Gabriella

### Owls

Dougie



## 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.

## More Important News

### Harvest Festival

This year we will be collecting for the local foodbank at our Harvest Festival as they are desperate for donations. The theme for our Harvest Festival is 'Harvest at Home' and we will be focusing on harvest in Kent and our local area. Please bring in any donations to school for our Harvest Table. Please see the shopping list information below:

#### Shopping list

##### **Priority**

- \* UHT milk
- Juice/squash
- \* Tinned fruit
- \* Tinned tomatoes
- \* Tinned soup
- \* Cooking sauces
- \* Shampoo/shower gel
- \* Household cleaning
- \* Puddings
- \* Custard
- \* Small
- \* Pot
- \* Ketchup
- \* Sweets

##### **Yes please**

- ✓ Tinned potatoes
- ✓ Tinned vegetables
- ✓ Washing-up liquid
- ✓ Rice
- ✓ Pot
- ✓ Brown sauce

##### **Not for now**

- ✗ Baked beans
- ✗ Tinned meat
- ✗ Tea/biscuits
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Cat/dog food
- ✗ Sanitary products
- ✗ Pasta
- ✗ Spreads
- ✗ Cereal
- ✗ Toilet rolls

### PTFA update

#### **!!! AGM – THIS EVENING!!!**

WHERE: Ash Village Hall

WHEN: 7pm for a 7.30pm start to the meeting, 8pm Fun & Games Social to follow.

IMPORTANT: Bring your own drinks and nibbles! Coming along does not commit you to joining up to the committee – just to having a great night!

The actual meeting will last around 25 minutes followed by some Fun & Games... let's just say it will take you back to your youth! For those new to the school or to the village; this is a great way to

meet some new people and find out more about the PTFA at the same time. If you want to know more then drop us and email at [candk.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:candk.ptfa@gmail.com) or grab any of the committee members on the school run. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or a named helper (someone that we can approach to help out at events) we'd love to hear from you too.

We are also proposing a revised constitution, a copy of which we will be happy to email you upon request ([candk.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:candk.ptfa@gmail.com)). Copies will also be available at the meeting itself.

### **Report from the HT regarding school priorities this year:**

*Dear school community,*

*As you may be aware, schools are operating in a time of increasingly diminished funds. We don't necessarily look like a 'poor' school but all of our resources ie MUGA, playground markings, after school club lodge and our climbing wall are sourced by charity donations or other community bids. This is all sourced to benefit the children currently in our school to make sure that they receive the very best education.*

*We are lucky to have a PTFA to provide facilities or equipment to help advance the education of our pupils. The relationship between the PTFA and staff, parents and others associated with the school is vital in ensuring that the constitution of the PTFA brings us all together. Funds raised by the PTFA form an essential part of supporting the school plan by providing activities or resources that tie in with:*

- \* Ensuring that children don't miss out on extra-curricular trips.*
- \* Outdoor learning – this year one of our priorities that the PTFA can help with is developing the nature area and pond so all pupils can benefit from using this area (this will include ensuring a member of staff is trained to deliver 'Bushcraft' activities)*
- \* Cultural Capital" - in OFSTED terms this is "what do children experience that they may not otherwise get by enhancing life skills and wellbeing and making sure they are ok to learn.*
- \* Enquiry based curriculum - developing the enquiring mind and encouraging discussion. All topics start with a question*
- \* Ensuring that there are enough i-pads to support whole school learning for Accelerated Reader, phonic games, maths games and Times Table Rock Stars*
- \* Encouraging positive mindsets, behaviour and language. Metacognition (thinking about thinking) and taking responsibility - there are displays in school to help children learn about this.*
- \* Raising the profile of the school positively within the local community*

*The above are also key elements of the church ethos of the school.*

*During this school year the PTFA funding will be important in going towards memorable and special activities for the children.*

*Thank you very much for your continued support.*

*Fiona Crascall, Headteacher*

### **TUCK SHOP & MORE**

Tuck Shop IS ON this week! As its been warm this week we will be including 'Frozen Friday' (ice poles and ice creams for sale) - we look forward to seeing you in the playground this afternoon! We will be resuming weekly Tuck Shop until at least the October half term, weather permitting. For those of you who don't know, the PTFA run a small tuck shop after school on a Friday in the main playground, selling sweets and crisps ranging from 5p to £1.

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!

## **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.



<b>Fledglings</b>	Fledglings class for settling into nursery and reception class so positively.
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Rhea for showing great bravery and resilience. Dottie for having a wonderful attitude towards her learning.
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Shanti for settling into Magpies beautifully, consistently making good choices, working independently and always being polite.
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Aiah for writing about her mythical creature.
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Lexi for showing amazing focus and determination to push herself during every lesson. Well done Lexi! You respond well to feedback, edit and improve enthusiastically and take a great pride in your work. Keep it up because you are doing well!
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Poppy for showing great enthusiasm with sharing her ideas and a very positive attitude towards learning. Well done!
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Destiny for a very positive start to the year showing great enthusiasm and drive for learning.

## Attendance award

<b>Week ending 15/09/23</b>	<b>Hawks Class</b>	<b>98.67%</b>
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## Dates for your diary

<b>25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Year 5 trip to Port Lympne Animal Park
<b>27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Phonics talk for parents of Fledglings and Year 1 after drop off in the school hall
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Year 2 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park
<b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Arts Week in school – more details to follow
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Restart a Heart Day – online workshops in school
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 6 trip to London Sealife Centre
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival at the Church – 1.45 – parents of year 6 pupils welcome
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	End of term 1
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Back to school for term 2
<b>13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Maths week – more details to follow
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Service at the Church – 1.45 then back to school and end of term 2
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	INSET day – no children in school
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	INSET day – no children in school
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	WOW day and children back in school

