



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

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Friday 16th December 2022

Newsletter Term 2 Week 7

Dear Parents/Carers

We have made it to the end of a busy term – tired, coughing but full of the festive spirit! The Christmas Fair on Friday evening was a great success. It was heartwarming to see so many members of our school community there. A huge thanks to our PTFA for all their hard work in making sure this happened, the children had a great time.

This week we have had the pleasure of watching the KS1 nativity play 'Shine star, shine' – the children were amazing and USB copies of the play are available from the office for £5. We also enjoyed our Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day on Tuesday – a big thanks to Shirley for cooking for us all and to the PTFA for providing crackers for the children. The best Christmas cracker joke was:

*What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party? Freeze a jolly good fellow!*

Fledglings had their very own Christingle service at St Nicholas Church on Thursday and enjoyed exploring their local Church at Christmas. We end our term with our Church service today and the theme is 'What Christmas means to us?' The children will be singing a variety of carols (including performances from our choir), sharing artwork, prayers and think about what Christmas means to them.

Best wishes and have a lovely festive break – enjoy the family time and see you next year!

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Fledglings

Isla, Piper, Andrew

### Robins

Harley, Frankie and Paddy

### Magpies

Noah

### Hawks

Poppy, Toby and Maksym

### Eagles

James

### Falcons

Archie



## 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.

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[kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)  
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## More Important News

### PTFA update

#### **Christmas Fair**

We would like to thank you all for coming along to support the Christmas Fair this year – it was really thrilling to see so many of you there! We hope you all enjoyed the myriad of stalls and activities, and of course visiting Father Christmas in his festive Grotto! The mulled wine and hot chocolate stall was very popular indeed so I'm sure we'll be bringing that back again next year ☺ The PTFA are hugely grateful to the school staff, parents and our wider school community for aiding us in our efforts; your support allowed us to raise over **£2,600!!!**

The PTFA committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We're already looking forward to some exciting events in 2023, in fact we've already booked in a date for the Summer Fair! See you all next year!



#### **Christmas shop with Amazon Smile!**

If any of your Christmas shopping is via Amazon please do support your PTFA by choosing Ash Cartwright and Kelsey as your charity with Amazon Smile. [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://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.*

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## Dates for your diary

<b>3.1.2023</b>	INSET day - no children in school
<b>4.1.2023</b>	<b>Children back in school for term 3 – WOW day to launch new topics</b> Year R – 'Birthday celebrations' – the children are to come dressed in their best party clothes Year 1 – 'What can you find when you step outside?' – the children are to come dressed for the outdoors! Year 2 – 'Who are the real-life superheroes?' The costumes for WOW day will be superheroes or real-life heroes. Year 3 – Would you find a Komodo dragon in Ash? – Can dress up as an animal/wear an animal onesie. Children will be designing a new animal and creating habitats for them. They will make clay owls Year 4 – How did the Romans live their lives? Children to come dressed as Romans Year 5 – What if you were born in Anglo-Saxon times? The children can dress up and will be making blacksmith crosses and sampling Anglo-Saxon food Year 6 – What changed India? The children can dress up in Indian themed clothes. They will be food tasting, Bollywood dancing and taking part in Indian art/craft activities
<b>19.1.2023</b>	Mid year reports home to parents
<b>10.2.2023</b>	End of term 3
<b>20.2.2023</b>	Children back in school for term 4
<b>13.3.2023</b>	Science week in school – more details to follow
<b>15.3.2023</b>	Astrodome in school
<b>20.3.2023</b>	Diversity week in school – more details to follow
<b>31.3.2022</b>	Easter Service at the Church at 1.30pm and end of term 4

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