



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

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Friday 19th May 2023

Newsletter Term 5 Week 5

Dear parents/carers

We are enjoying the warmer weather in school and it has been great to see the classes spending so much time learning outside. The year 5 children have taken part in Bikeability sessions and children from years 1-3 have taken part in Scootability Training today. The aim of this is to improve scooter handling skills and develop the skills and confidence the children need to ride safely. The children really enjoyed these sessions – please do ask them about it. It was a well-earned reward for Magpies after their SATs tests this week – they thoroughly deserved it!

In other news, Hawks demonstrated the digestion process and made 'poo' in their science lesson (not real poo - bread, orange juice, water and food colouring). They had great fun whilst naming the different parts of the digestive system and describing what was happening at each stage.

Parents must register for the Kent Test by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023, whilst students are still in year 5. You can click on this link:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

If you do not register for the test, your child will not be able to place a grammar school on their SCAF. Students registered for the Kent Test will take it on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Robins

Ruben

### Falcons

Poppy



## More Important News

### Attendance and lateness

Since we came back together after the pandemic, our school attendance has not got back to the previous level of 97%. We need to improve this – absenteeism is having an impact on the learning and progress of pupils who repeatedly miss school. This will be a focus in term 6 and will be discussed at the parent/teacher meetings next week if necessary. It is the legal responsibility of every parent to make sure their child receives education either by attendance at a school or by education otherwise than at a school. This means their child must attend every day that the school is open, except in a small number of allowable circumstances such as being too ill to attend or being given permission for an absence in advance from the school.

For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend regularly and be at school, on time, every day the school is open unless the reason for the absence is unavoidable. It is a rule of this school that pupils must attend every day, unless there are exceptional circumstances and it is the headteacher, not the parent, who can authorise the absence. Look below to see the impact absence has:

<b>175 NON SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR</b> <b>175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments</b>				
<b>190</b>  <b>SCHOOL DAYS IN EACH YEAR</b>  190 days for your child's education	<b>5 days</b> absence over a school year	<b>10 days</b> absence over a school year	<b>19 days</b> absence over a school year	<b>More than 19 days</b> absence over a school year
<b>100%</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>90%</b>  Below 90% = persistent absentee	Less than 90%  Below 50% = Severely Absent
<b>Good</b>  Best chance of success.  Gets your child off to a flying start		<b>Worrying</b>  Less chance of success.  Makes it harder to make progress		<b>Serious Concern</b>  Not fair on your child.  Possible court action!

## Being late for school has many negative consequences:

- Gets the day off to a bad start;
- Increases stress and upset for the child;
- Can lead to the child feeling embarrassed and singled out;
- Affects the child's overall confidence;
- Disrupts the learning of other class members;
- Creates bad habits which could lead to poor attendance;
- Confusion for your child as work or activities might have been started



**Don't be late through the gate!**

### PTFA update

#### BIG FUN AT THE BIG TOP!

Next Friday will be a school day like no other – because the circus is in town! The children will begin with a visit to the Big Top to see a spellbinding show, before taking part in various circus workshops throughout the day and trying out lots of new skills! This has all come about as a result of Victoria Thompson, one of our PTFA committee, having the idea and then doing a Wing Walk last year to raise funds towards it – we are very grateful to her for helping us deliver this fabulous experience to the children at Cartwright & Kelsey ☺

#### TAG DAY

The Circus Day will also be a TAG day – so please bring in £1 and/ or a donation to the Summer Fair.

#### SUMMER FAIR

As you know, this year's Summer Fair is taking place from 11am-3pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July; the committee has already begun to work on making it a great one! In order to put on the scale of Fair that we would like we are going to need help on the day – there are only 7 of us on the committee, so we are going to need quite a lot of help! Some of you have already let us know that you are available to help with setting up the day before and on the morning, which is invaluable, and we are so grateful for. However, we also need people who are able to run a stall at the event itself; obviously people don't want to miss out on enjoying the Fair with their families but even if you are able to offer to run a stall for 2 hours it would be so helpful! If you can help please email [candk.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:candk.ptfa@gmail.com) or grab any of the committee on the school run ☺

## **MATCH FUNDING**

The PTFA would like to give a huge thank you to Michelle Bradley, who has once again secured matched funding of up to £1,000 from Barclays Bank for our Summer Fair – it makes such a difference to what we raise and what we can reinvest in the School. Many companies do offer Match Funding, if you're unsure if yours does then please do ask them, it really can make such an impact on a charity like ours and we would love to hear from you if it's a possibility

## **TUCK SHOP & OTHER NEWS**

Tuck Shop is not on this week but will be on next week for the end of the half term – if the weather is nice there may even be ice poles for sale!

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>EYFS</b>	Ruby for trying really hard in phonics this week.
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Ruben for trying really hard with his reading and always showing lovely manners!
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Magpies class for showing maturity, perseverance and positivity throughout SATs week. We are very proud!
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Lucah for showing great engagement with his writing and working on feedback to improve his work.
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Margaret for good listening and following instructions well to produce some beautiful, high-quality work. This is excellent Margaret! Keep it up!
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Taya for excellent positive attitude in school and towards her work.
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	James for working so hard in all areas of learning this week. You always try your best and challenge yourself whenever you can. Well done!

## Attendance

<b>Week ending 19/05/2023</b>	<b>Owls Class</b>	<b>96.67%</b>
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## Dates for your diary

<b>23 and 24.5.2023</b>	Parent teacher meetings – letters sent
<b>25.05.2025</b>	Years 5 and 6 visit to the Tower of London as part of their topic learning
<b>26.5.2023</b>	PTFA Circus Day – TAG DAY - timetable shared with staff and end of term 5
<b>5.6.2023</b>	Children back in school for term 6
<b>8.6.2023</b>	Tempest individual and class photographs
<b>12.6.2023</b>	Year 6 PGL residential week
<b>26.6.2023</b>	Start of sports week
<b>30.6.2023</b>	Sports Day
<b>6.7.2023</b>	Meet the teacher day
<b>8.7.2023</b>	Summer Fayre
<b>19.7.2023</b>	Break up – end of term 6