



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

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Friday 25th February 2022

Newsletter Term 4 Week 1

Dear parents/carers

Welcome back to term 4 and I hope you all had a lovely half-term break. As usual, the children have delved straight into their learning and are enjoying their new topics. Year 2 acted out the events of Holy Week - Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane and Palm Sunday. As part of their 'Did the Stone Age Rock?' topic, year 3 used toilet roll to demonstrate the length of the different eras of the stone age. Year 4 are really enjoying their rain forest topic and in their science lesson the children were placing living organisms into different groups. Year 5 took their maths lessons outside and had fun finding fractions of amounts and representing it in bar method. It is great that we are able to spend so much time learning outside and using our fantastic grounds.

It has been very rewarding spending time in with our Fledglings – they have produced some beautiful daffodil paintings after finding real flowers in the school grounds. They also listened to the poem 'Daffodils' by William Wordsworth. We are all looking forward to the arrival of spring and have started rehearsing the Easter songs in worship.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



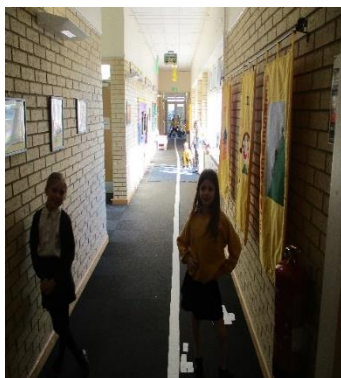
Birthdays to celebrate

Hawks:

Leo



Photos of the week:



More Important News

Baby news at Ash!

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Marlow is expecting her first baby in the summer – we send heart felt congratulations to Mrs Marlow and her husband on this fantastic news! We all look forward to a cuddle once the baby is safely here. Mrs Marlow is planning to go on maternity leave in June. To ensure consistency for the children and parents, Mrs Lead, who already knows the children well, will be covering in Robin's class full-time until the end of term 6 (end of the academic year). Mrs Newing will continue to be the class teaching assistant. Mrs Ervine will be covering full-time in EYFS and there will be no change in the teaching assistants supporting her. I am sure you will agree that this is the best option for our children.

Covid 19

I am sure that you would have seen the announcement regarding the changes to the self-isolation guidelines. It is wonderful that after two long years, we are edging towards life without Covid restrictions, although as a community we must be mindful that this elicits different responses in those around us.

The DfE wrote to schools sharing information which I am sharing with you. The bold text comes directly from the DfE email.

Changes to self-isolation and daily testing of close contacts

From Thursday 24 February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. In addition, the Government will:

No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.

Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.

You will see that the advice is for people who have Covid to remain at home for at least 5 full days and then follow the guidance until they have received two negative lateral flows.

Although these are now guidelines rather than legal requirements, we hope that parents will choose to adhere to these guidelines. This will help to ensure that our staff remain covid-free and therefore able to continue to provide high quality education to your children. Your support will hopefully allow us to avoid a situation where we are struggling to staff our classes. Thank you.



EYFS	Taylor-May for working very hard on writing her name. Well done!
Year 1 Robins	Noah T for a fantastic description of David Attenborough. Well done Noah!

Year 2 Magpies	Anna for her fantastic work on identifying equivalent fractions! Well done!
Year 3 Owls	Margaret for working hard on her writing and being more independent.
Year 4 Hawks	Taya for working really hard on her maths and on her rainforest fact file.
Year 5 Eagles	Scarlett for listening well to instructions and working hard in all lessons. Well done!
Year 6 Falcons	Matilda for being a great support to your peers – you are fantastic at helping and explaining when someone else is finding it tricky. Proud of you, well done!

Messages from your PTFA

A new term means new events to plan! The big Easter Celebration Week (28th March to 1st April) is underway, watch this space for more information - includes the Bunny Bop Disco on Tuesday 29th March after school and other fun activities for the children to enjoy in the lead up to the Easter holidays.

Friday Tuck Shop

We will be open this term from Friday 3rd March.

Gift donations

If you are having a spring clean and spot any unwanted or unused gifts, toys, stationery, books, craft etc please consider donating them to your PTFA to use as prizes for tombolas, summer fair stalls, raffles and competitions. Having an exciting choice for all age groups makes such a difference to the events we run for the school - we make use of everything donated - from a single piece of stationery to a pile of soft toys!

Save your bread bags and wrappers (all brands)

The bread bag recycling collection point (at school reception) is being well used which is great to see! There are collection boxes in the church and village hall too if you are passing. The PTFA will receive a small amount of money back for every 2kg of bags we return and over the school year it has the potential to make a difference.

We will be running a fun competition this term to support this initiative - watch this space!

Matched Funding

Many companies offer matched funding where funds raised by an employee for a charity can be doubled. If your employer offers such a scheme and would consider supporting the PTFA please let us know and we can help organise this.

Thank you for your continued support, we endeavour to always deliver the best we can for the children and welcome any feedback or ideas to support future events and be a PTFA that stays relevant and fun for all.

The PTFA is an integral part of the school community made up of teachers, parents 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>

Attendance Award

Week Ending 25/02/2022	Magpies	100%
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st March	Secondary school offer letters sent to parents
Thursday 3rd March	World Book Day – children to wear their pyjamas and bring in their favourite book
Friday 4th March	Year 5 trip to Dover Castle as part of their Tudor topic – more details to follow
Friday 11th March	The Secret Garden pantomime as part of World Book Day celebrations
Monday 14th March	Diversity Week in school
Tuesday 15th March	Diversify – disability awareness workshops
Wednesday 16th March	Religious diversity – Sikh workshops
Thursday 17th March	Cultural diversity day – each class will focus on a different country – more details to follow
Tuesday 22nd March	Year 2 visit to Sandwich Bird Observatory
Tuesday 29th March	PTFA Easter Disco
Thursday 31st March	Easter Service at the Church for the children
Friday 1st April	Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Hop. Easter PTFA egg and Easter garden competition (more details to follow). End of term 4.