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Friday 29th September 2023

**Newsletter Term 1 Week 4** 



As part of their 'What if I lived in South Africa?' topic, year 5 visited Port Lympne on Monday. Margaret said 'We saw lynx, cheetahs, lions and meerkats. We went on the safari. We had lunch and saw a cute red panda. We got to go in the gift shop and I bought some presents'. Sounds like a great school trip!

Falcons have been learning about persuasive texts and held a debate answering the question, Was the colonisation of Australia a good thing?' The children gave some really thoughtful and insightful responses.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Little Wandle phonics talk on Wednesday morning. If you would like more information on how to support at home please do see myself or Mr Hart. There is a parents section on the Little Wandle website which has lots of useful information:

# For parents | Letters and Sounds (littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk)

We are very mindful of the link between healthy body and healthy mind so we are encouraging all our children to have a healthy snack at break time. Please take time to read the additional letter sent out this week.

Have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall Headteacher









# Birthdays to celebrate

#### **Robins**

Edie

# Magpies

Cameron, Hugo and Taylor-May

#### **Owls**

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# **Falcons**

Abigail and Juno



#### 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**

# Keeping our community safe

Yesterday afternoon we received a phonecall from a concerned member of the public who saw a man urinating near the school grounds. We have informed the PCSO about this. If you see this occuring, can you please also contact

# Katherine.Calvo-Shopland@kent.police.uk

If caught, individuals can be charged under the Public Order Act or even punished for indecent exposure.

# **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' an 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:



rolls

Cat/dog foodSanitary products

# PTFA update

#### MONSTER MASH DISCO

The Monster Mash Disco is back again this year! Letters will be going out this week, but we wanted to let you know that we will be getting spooky on Tuesday 17th October – so put the date in your diaries!

# PLASTIC MILK BOTTLES

Please donate your empty, washed plastic milk bottles to the box outside the front door of school. We are planning some fun and spooky decorations for the disco and need as many as possible, so all donations will be gratefully received!

#### PRE-LOVED CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND WINTER COATS

We need your help! Every autumn we sell Nativity costumes, Christmas jumpers and winter coats at Tuck Shop – but we need your donations! If you have any pre-loved costumes, Christmas jumpers or coats, we would love to take these off your hands – please hand in to reception, a member of the PTFA committee or at Tuck Shop.

# TUCK SHOP

Tuck Shop is on today – although who can say what the weather will be like this afternoon – it might be hot enough for Frozen Friday or far too chilly for ice-cream (is that ever possible?!) so come along and see what delicious sweets, chocolates, crisps and drinks we have for sale. Prices start at 5p.

#### **UPCOMING DATES**

The PTFA have a pinned post on the school's Facebook page with dates of our upcoming events. We update this regularly, so you have easy access to the latest information almost as soon as we do.

# ABOUT THE PTFA

The PTFA is an integral part of the school community and is made up of parents, carers, teachers and friends of the school. All parents and carers are automatically members. We are charity reg. number 1042205. Read more on the school website https://www.ashckschool.org/about-us/ptfa

All the money we raise goes back into the school to benefit the children and enrich their education.



| Fledglings     | Jerry for increased confidence, making new friends and sitting on the carpet!  |  |  |  |
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| Year 1 Robins  | Enzo for making great strides in the classroom!  |  |  |  |
| Year 2 Magpies | Paddy for having a positive attitude to learning and asking lots of great questions to extend his learning even further.   |  |  |  |
| Year 3 Owls    | Freddy for his continious contributions in whole class discussions and his willingness to have ago!  |  |  |  |
| Year 4 Hawks   | Lucah F for an amazing start to his Year 4 learning journey. Well done Lucah – you are listening well, following instructions and working hard. All this is happening with a contented smile and self-confidence! You are doing so well! |  |  |  |
| Year 5 Eagles  | Lexi for producing an excellent scientific conclusion and being a good friend and role-model to her peers.   |  |  |  |
| Year 6 Falcons | Aliona for a very positive attitude to her learning and her much improved engagement.  |  |  |  |

# Attendance Award

| Week Ending | Eagles Class | 96.92% |
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# Dates for your diary

| 3 <sup>rd</sup> October            | Vear 2 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park                             |  |  |
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|                                    | Year 2 trip to Wingham Wildlife Park                             |  |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> October            | Arts Week in school – children to focus on their class birds     |  |  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October    | Restart a Heart Day – online workshops in school                 |  |  |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October   | PTFA Monster Mash Disco  |  |  |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October | Year 6 trip to London Sealife Centre                             |  |  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October  | Harvest Festival at the Church – 1.45 – parents of year 6 pupils |  |  |
|                                    | welcome  |  |  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October    | End of term 1  |  |  |
| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October    | Back to school for term 2  |  |  |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November   | Flu jabs in school years R-6                                     |  |  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> November          | Maths week – more details to follow                              |  |  |
| Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November  | Whole school pantomime - Cinderella                              |  |  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December | Christmas Service at the Church – 1.45 then back to school       |  |  |
|                                    | and end of term 2  |  |  |
| Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December   | INSET day – no children in school                                |  |  |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January    | INSET day – no children in school                                |  |  |
| Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January  | WOW day and children back in school                              |  |  |