



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

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Friday 3rd December 2021

Newsletter Term 2 Week 5

Dear Parents/Carers

December is here! We have our advent wreath on our worship table ready to mark the first Sunday of advent. Advent derives from the Latin word adventus, which means "coming" or "arrival" and the circular shape of the wreath represents God's infinite love.

We had an energetic start to the week as year 5 took part in their Bikeability sessions. This is an important part of cycling safety and the children becoming proficient out on the roads. All the classes have been working very hard - year 2 have been busy doing division by sharing using footballs, cookies, pencils...all sorts! Year 1 have made some bird feeders as part of their topic work – they need to keep the birds fed through the cold winter months. Some great practical learning.

We had some very creative hairstyles for our crazy hair day today. We are really looking forward to our Christmas Cracker week, starting Monday. A big thanks to our fabulous PTFA for all their hard work in putting this together for the children and staff. Robins, Hawks and Eagles are currently in joint first place for selling the most raffle tickets for the Christmas Fair on Friday – great work!

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall  
Headteacher



## Birthdays to celebrate

### Fledglings:

Penelope

### Robins:

Rosie

### Magpies:

Jessica

Miss Brown

Happy birthday!



## School starters

Our tours have started! Year R applications are for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. The portal is now open. 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.

## Photos of the week:



## More Important News

### WOW day Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Before we get too caught up in Christmas activities, we have been busy planning our WOW day for January. January can be a little flat so we want the children to start the year with great enthusiasm! This is a great day for the children to be creative and inspired as their new topics are launched. Planned activities and topics are:

Fledglings	<p><b>Festivals and Celebrations</b> Come dressed up in your favourite party clothes or your favourite dressing up outfit</p> <p>Wow activities – Getting ready for a party!</p>
Robins (year 1)	<p><b>Could you live in a castle?</b> Come dressed up to school – princesses, princes, knights, ladies in waiting, jesters etc</p> <p>Wow activities - Build a castle with the construction equipment. Creating a coat of arms. Weaving a shield. Painting a big castle that will become their role play area</p>
Magpies (year 2)	<p><b>What makes a good pirate?</b> Children can come dressed as a pirate</p> <p>Wow activities – Going on a pirate treasure hunt and making some treasure maps</p>
Owls (year 3)	<p><b>Would you find a komodo dragon in Ash?</b> Come dressed up as your favourite animal</p> <p>Wow activities – Designing clay animals and making animal biscuits</p>
Hawks (year 4)	<p><b>What was it like to be evacuated in World War 2?</b> Come dressed as an evacuee</p> <p>Wow activities – A special excavation and cooking some World War 2 recipes</p>
Eagles (year 5)	<p><b>Is there anything out there?</b> Children can come dressed as an astronaut, rocket or an alien</p> <p>Wow activities – A rocket launch day with the children designing and making rockets</p>
Falcons (year 6)	<p><b>What makes fantasy magical?</b> Children can dress up as any fantasy character from a story e.g. Harry Potter, witches, wizards, mythical/mystical/unusual creatures etc.</p> <p>Wow activities - throughout the day, they will be combining some magical outdoor learning with hands on activities in the classroom.</p>

## Ash Advent Window Trail 2021

This year we are supporting the Ash Advent Window Trail again. Each evening of advent, a new window at one of trail addresses will be decorated and lit. The charities they are supporting are The Trussell Trust foodbank charity and Porchlight. We are selling the maps in school for a minimum donation of £1, please see Mrs Bailey in the office if you would like one. Thankyou.



<b>EYFS</b>	Cameron for his amazing painting of Father Christmas!
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Logan for working really hard on his handwriting, being super helpful and polite, and generally being a star! Well done Logan!
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Douglas for excellent focus and dedication towards his learning this week. Well done!
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Lexi for a fantastic and descriptive setting description.
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b>	Leo for working really hard across all of his topics and making an excellent effort when engaging in class discussions.
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Isabelle for being a kind friend and sharing with others.
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Jack for a fantastic attitude to learning, working hard and conscientiously trying to self-assess and improve. So proud of you!

## **Attendance Award**

<b>Week Ending 3/12/2021</b>	Magpies	98.75%
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### PTFA update

#### **Notes from your PTFA**

Thank you for your support of Crazy Hair Day today - we hope the children had fun with their hair designs!

#### **Christmas Cracker Week 6th -10th December**

Crafts, Christmas Fair, Santa's Grotto, Raffle!

We are fortunate to again be match funded by Barclays Bank (Dover) which means money raised will be matched pound for pound - what a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for our school.

A letter has been sent out with full details of the Christmas Fair, including the list of stalls and prices, which start at 25p. Children can also visit Santa's Grotto. We are running a cashless fair and children will have a ticket/card that gets stamped as they round the fair. Please return the

slip and payment for each child by Monday 6th December. There are also a number of free activities for the children to enjoy during the event.

Raffle tickets have also been sent home with each child - we would like to ask for your help selling these to people you know and to buy some yourselves - 50p a ticket. Please return stubs and payment to the school office.

1st Prize: Sleigh of Merriment\*

2nd Prize: Christmas Dinner Hamper

3rd Prize: Family Cinema & Takeaway bundle

Plus other prizes donated from local businesses & the school community.

\* includes alcohol

Mystery Jars

This is a very popular stall - children buy a wrapped jar and win whatever is in that jar, it can be stationery, sweets, craft items, small toys, silly things, useful things....anything fun and positive really! Children at the last fair were delighted with their treasures and loved the surprise.

We would like to ask each family to make up a jam type jar (wrapped in any gift wrap). The jars can be any size and if you are able to make up more than one please do (we do have wrapping elves if you can't wrap - we will be grateful for just the filled jar! - but if you are able to wrap that would be ideal). Thank you so much. Please on the table outside school or drop them into the school office.

Lots of empty jars on the table outside school - please do take one or a few and return them to the table when you have kindly filled /wrapped them.

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## Dates for your diary

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Cracker week in school - PTFA
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Fair for the children in school - am and Santa's grotto - pm
<b>Monday December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Matthew Titterton to video the 'Prickly Hay' nativity (Fledglings, Robins, Magpies and Owls) for parental DVD's – please send £5 in to Mrs Bailey to reserve a copy
<b>Tuesday December 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Nativity play in school for children – Prickly Hay
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Service at the Church pm (for children)
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of term 2 – break up at normal time – after school club until 4.30pm.
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Staff INSET day – no children in school
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	WOW day and children back in school for term 3
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 2 pirate day at Dover Museum
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	End of term 3
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Children back in school for term 4

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