



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

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Friday 8th September 2023

Newsletter Term 1 Week 1

Dear Parents/Carers

It is great to be back (Lenny the dog was especially pleased)- and I hope you all had a fantastic summer – it is delightful that the sun has finally put in an appearance as we have been able to spend lots of time enjoying outdoor learning. The children are really enjoying their new topics and we have already planned a number of exciting extra-curricular trips. We have a number of new children and families who have joined our school and I know that we will make them all feel very welcome.

Our new Fledglings have also got off to a great start and have been very busy in their new environments. They have been settled and happy and have been engrossed in their play – it has been lovely to see. It was fantastic to see so many of our year R parents at our NELFT Well-Being Team coffee morning on Monday – I hope you found the session useful.

The year 6 students who sat the Kent Test on Thursday also did a sterling job – they were calm and composed so a big well done to them all.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sun.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Magpies

Finley and Joseph

Owls

Max and Theo

Falcons

William

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.



More Important News

PTFA update

WELCOME BACK!

Hello everyone, we hope you had a great summer. For those of you who are new to the school may we offer you a very warm welcome from your PTFA J

AGM

We are really looking forward to the new school year and can't wait to share more with you all at the AGM. This year we are holding our AGM on Friday 15th September (yes, that's next week!) at Ash Village Hall, 7pm for a 7.30pm start. The actual meeting will last around 25 minutes followed by a social - which will take you back to your youth! For those new to the school or to the village it's a great way to find out what we have been up to and meet some new people – and you even get to bring along your own drinks and nibbles! We promise that coming along does not mean you have to join the committee, we just hope it will be a great night.

If you want to know more then drop us and email at candk.ptfa@gmail.com or grab any of the committee members on the school run. If you are interested in becoming a committee member or a named helper (someone that we can approach to help out at events) we'd love to hear from you too. We are also proposing a revised constitution, a copy of which we will be happy to email you upon request (candk.ptfa@gmail.com).

THANKS

In other news, you may have spotted our nice shiny new PTFA shed, which we were able to purchase & build over the summer. A huge thanks to New Ash Players for their kind donation of £500 which helped to make that possible. The old shed was desperately in need of replacing and this new one allows us to keep all the resources we have acquired over the years safe and sound. Without those resources, events such as the Summer and Christmas Fairs would not be possible, so this is great news for all our future fundraising efforts!

TUCK SHOP & MORE

For those of you who don't know, the PTFA run a small tuck shop after school on a Friday in the main playground, selling sweets and crisps ranging from 5p to £1; we do this as often as we possibly can, but please note there will be no tuck this week.

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/ptf>

Attendance Award

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| Week ending 08/09/2023 | Owls class | 98.85 |
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| Year 1 Robins | Robins class for all settling into their new class routines seamlessly and with a smile on their faces. |
| Year 2 Magpies | Magpies class for settling into their new class routines seamlessly and with a smile on their faces. |
| Year 3 Owls | Clementine for a fantastic first week at their new school. Toby for a fantastic first week at their new school. |
| Year 4 Hawks | Ronnie for coming into school independently, following early morning instructions well and settling down to do his work. Well-done Ronnie! This is exactly what I expect from a year 4 student! |
| Year 5 Eagles | Jewel for settling into our class perfectly. Harvey for settling into our class perfectly. |
| Year 6 Falcons | Thomas for a brilliant start to year 6 where he has showed excellent engagement and enjoying the new challenges. |

Dates for your diary

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| 12th and 13th September | Dogs Trust Workshops in school |
| 9th October | Arts Week in school – more details to follow |
| Monday 16th October | Restart a Heart Day – online workshops in school |
| Thursday 19th October | Harvest Festival at the Church – 1.45 – parents of year 6 pupils welcome |
| Friday 20th October | End of term 1 |
| Monday 30th October | Back to school for term 2 |
| 13th November | Maths week – more details to follow |
| Thursday 14th December | Christmas Service at the Church – 1.45 then back to school and end of term 2 |
| Friday 15th December | INSET day – no children in school |
| Tuesday 2nd January | INSET day – no children in school |
| Wednesday 3rd January | WOW day and children back in school |
