



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

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Friday 9th December 2022

Newsletter Term 2 Week 6

Dear Parents/Carers

Christmas is well and truly upon and now that the children have finished their assessments, the Christmas Crafts can begin. Assessments completed this term will form part of the teacher reports to parents in January and we will include next steps for the children on these. Fledglings enjoyed their visit to Ash library and spent time looking at their favourite books. It is lovely be able to use our local facilities to support the children's learning.

We had a lively start to Thursday at our i-rock concert. The children performed beautifully and with such confidence! We were all very impressed and it was great to have all the parents there cheering their children on. A big thanks to Phil from i-rock for the brilliant work he has done transforming our pupils into future rock stars.

We said a sad goodbye to Reverend David on Thursday as he will begin his retirement at Christmas. We sent a heartfelt thanks to Rev D for his support and commitment over the years and we hope he will come back to lead worship as a guest. From January, 'Grandma Pat' from our Parish and one of our governors, Nick Hassall will be leading our Thursday act of collective worship.

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Eagles

Sam and Taya

Falcons

Ella



Photos of the week



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. Apply online at:
kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions
Opens Friday 4 November 2022 and closes on Monday 16 January 2023

More Important News

Fact sheet for schools and parents about Group A Streptococcus (GAS)/Scarlet Fever.

What is Group A Streptococcus?

Group A Streptococcus or Streptococcus pyogenes is a bacterium that can be found in the throat and on the skin. People may carry it and have no symptoms of illness or may develop infection.

How is it spread?

Group A Streptococcus survives in throats and on skin for long enough to allow easy spread between people through sneezing and skin contact. People who are currently carrying the bacteria in the throat or on the skin may have symptoms of illness or they may have no symptoms and feel fine. In both cases, these bacteria can be passed on to others.

What kinds of illnesses are caused by Group A Streptococcus?

Most Group A Streptococcus illnesses are relatively mild, with symptoms including a sore throat ("strep throat"), scarlet fever or a skin infection such as impetigo. However, on rare occasions, these bacteria can cause other severe and sometimes life-threatening diseases. Although scarlet fever is usually a mild illness, it should be treated with antibiotics to minimise the risk of complications and reduce the spread to others. The symptoms of scarlet fever include a sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. This is followed by a fine red rash which typically first appears on the chest and stomach, rapidly spreading to other parts of the body. On more darkly pigmented skin, the scarlet rash may be harder to spot, but it will still feel like 'sandpaper'. The face can be flushed red but pale around the mouth. Children who have had chickenpox or influenza ('flu) recently are more likely to develop more serious infection during an outbreak of scarlet fever and so parents should remain vigilant for symptoms such as a persistent high fever, cellulitis (skin infection) and arthritis (joint pain and swelling). If you are concerned for any reason please seek medical assistance immediately.

What is invasive Group A Streptococcal (iGAS) disease?

Although rare, invasive Group A Streptococcus disease may occur when bacteria get into parts of the body where bacteria are not usually found. These infections are called invasive Group A Streptococcal disease and can be very serious and even life-threatening.

What are the symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease?

The most important thing to be aware of are the early signs and symptoms of invasive Group A Streptococcal disease. These are: • High Fever • Severe muscle aches • Localised muscle tenderness • Redness at the site of a wound

What should I do if my child becomes unwell?

If your child becomes unwell contact your GP practice. Alternatively, you can call NHS111 and you should also call NHS111 if your surgery is closed.

If my child is unwell, should they stay off school?

If your child becomes unwell with these symptoms you should contact your GP practice or call NHS111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice. If your child is unwell they should stay off school until they are better.

What else can I do to prevent my child from becoming unwell?

Because Group A Streptococcal disease is spread through coughing, sneezing and skin contact, it's important to have good hand hygiene and catch coughs and sneezes in tissues and throw these away. If you are unwell, stay at home and seek medical advice. This will all help limit the spread of other infections, which are common this time of year

PTFA update

Christmas Fair – TODAY!!!

The Christmas Fair opens at 3.30pm this afternoon and we are so looking forward to having you all there!!! Make sure you bring plenty of change with you as we have lots of stalls to have a go on, from Reindeer Hoopla to Pick a Stocking – and of course a huge Tombola! Raffle tickets will still be on sale at the Fair until we draw the raffle around 5pm; any winners who aren't present when the draw takes place will be contacted by the end of next week. Fledglings have triumphed in the class competition to sell the most raffle tickets and will get their prize in the new year, though they had some stiff competition towards the end! We hope you all have a wonderful time at the Fair and thoroughly enjoy everything we have on offer - including the chance to buy the Christmas Craft that your child has made for you this week J Don't forget that we will also be selling mulled wine and hot chocolate in the Robins classroom, a little Winter warmer!

Nativity costume & Winter Sale

We are so pleased to have had lots of wonderful donations for our sale, thank you all for your generosity. As we won't be holding Tuck Shop this Friday or next, we will be packing up the unsold bits for now, though we may bring Winter coats back in the new year; keep an eye on the whiteboard and the school Facebook page for updates!

Christmas shop with Amazon Smile!

If any of your Christmas shopping is via Amazon please do support your PTFA by choosing Ash Cartwright and Kelsey as your charity with Amazon Smile. www.smile.amazon.co.uk. It costs nothing, you can sign up at any time in a few clicks - it's such an easy way to raise funds for your PTFA whilst shopping as usual.

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



EYFS	Claudia for her fantastic writing about the Nativity.
Year 1 Robins	James for making excellent choices and for showing great number work!
Year 2 Magpies	Haleema for all round amazing contributions to the Nativity.
Year 3 Owls	Owls class for all being superstars and working so hard in their assessments.
Year 4 Hawks	Hawks class for trying their best, having a can-do attitude and showing resilience and determination to complete the assessments this week.
Year 5 Eagles	Rebecca for tackling our assessment week with a positive attitude and getting great scores as a result!
Year 6 Falcons	Billy for being an absolute star and working extremely hard on assessments this week. Well done, keep up the great work!

Attendance Award

Week Ending 9/12/2022	Owls class	95.33%
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Dates for your diary

13.12.2022	Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day
14.12.2022	Nativity to parents 1.45pm – maximum of 3 attendees per child please
16.12.2022	Church Service at 1.30 and end of term 2 – parents of year 6 children welcome to attend. End of term and After School Club will finish at 4.30pm.
3.1.2023	INSET day - no children in school
4.1.2023	<p>Children back in school for term 3 – WOW day to launch new topics</p> <p>Year R – ‘Birthday celebrations’ – the children are to come dressed in their best party clothes</p> <p>Year 1 – ‘What can you find when you step outside?’ – the children are to come dressed for the outdoors!</p> <p>Year 2 – ‘Who are the real-life superheroes?’ The costumes for WOW day will be superheroes or real-life heroes.</p> <p>Year 3 – Would you find a Komodo dragon in Ash? – Can dress up as an animal/wear an animal onesie. Children will be designing a new animal and creating habitats for them. They will make clay owls</p> <p>Year 4 – How did the Romans live their lives? Children to come dressed as Romans</p> <p>Year 5 – What if you were born in Anglo-Saxon times? The children can dress up and will be making blacksmith crosses and sampling Anglo-Saxon food</p> <p>Year 6 – What changed India? The children can dress up in Indian themed clothes. They will be food tasting, Bollywood dancing and taking part in Indian art/craft activities</p>
19.1.2023	Mid year reports home to parents
10.2.2023	End of term 3
20.2.2023	Children back in school for term 4
13.3.2023	Science week in school – more details to follow
31.3.2022	Easter Service at the Church at 1.30pm and end of term 4