

# Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

*Through God's love and strength all flourish*

\* **Achieve** \* **Create** \* **Know**



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Newsletter week 24

Dear Parents/Carers

It was lovely to welcome all of our pupils back this week - thanks to the PTFA for decorating the path with balloons - it looked great. Lots of smiley and happy children came running into school! We need to thank our PTFA for funding new playtime equipment for the children as part of their return to school - they have really enjoyed using this - thank you to Mr Hayes for ordering this for the pupils' return.

Outdoor learning has been the theme of the week - we are making the most of the Spring weather (and dodging the showers!). In their science lessons year 2 had to find and sort items that were living, dead or never alive - they used themselves for things that were living! Eagles had great learning fun re-enacting the Battle of Bosworth as part of their Tudor topic. Robins linked in their measurement learning with an outdoor scavenger hunt and went on a walk to look for signs of Spring - it is fantastic to see the children using our lovely grounds.



Mr Hart had the very difficult task of judging the World Book Day 'reading in the weirdest place' competition. The three winners were Hector K, Ethan and Anna D and Lina D. Well done to everyone who entered, we have a lovely display of all the photos in our main corridor.

## Joke of the week by our resident comedian, Lewis, in year 6

(Phone rings)

"Hello"

"Hello is your internet running?"

"Yes"

"Well then you better go catch it"

### Birthdays to celebrate - have a great birthday!

Class	
EYFS	William R and Kallie
Magpies	Ruby and Kobe
Hawks	Billy

### Star of the Week

<b>Year R Fledglings</b>	Haleema for resilience and positive attitude + learning.
<b>Year 1 Robins</b>	Peonie for settling in to class really well. Well done!
<b>Year 2 Magpies</b>	Ellis for his fantastic reading - your confidence and fluency has improved so much, keep it up!
<b>Year 3 Owls</b>	Connor for a huge improvement in his handwriting. Well done!
<b>Year 4 Hawks</b> <b>Mr Hayes</b> <b>Mr Hart</b>	Scarlett for her outstanding attitude to learning after lockdown 3.0! I'm really proud of the effort and challenge you have set yourself this week and look forward to seeing this continue. Ella making a really positive start to Term 4!
<b>Year 5 Eagles</b>	Autumn for an amazing first week and settling in brilliantly to Eagles Class! Iris for an amazing first week and settling in brilliantly to Eagles class!
<b>Year 6 Falcons</b>	Jaydn for working so well all week - you have concentrated and worked hard to produce some excellent quality work, well done you super star!

### Rock Down Relief UK - link to Times Table Rock Stars

Miss Brown and the teachers are keen to make sure the children know their times tables! Baz and the Times Tables Rock Stars team are on a mission to raise awareness of Red Nose Day! Every school in the UK, including ours, is invited to hold a Battle of the Bands in the name of Red Nose Day. This massive event is known as a Battle Royale! To celebrate the end of Rock Down Relief, come to school on Friday 19th March dressed as a rock star! Maybe you could come as your rock status or any rock star you are inspired by. The children could use their TTRS coins to buy a virtual Red Nose Day nose for their avatar and TT Rock Stars will donate 5p. There is no need to donate money - just dress up and enjoy learning! There is a separate letter that has been sent out from Miss Brown.

### PTFA Update

Welcome back together Cartwright & Kelsey from your PTFA. We are busy planning some Easter excitement for the children. It is an important time for our school, church and community.

#### **The Everything Easter Event**

Recreate the joy of Easter and celebrate all those traditions that make it special - mark these

dates in your diary!

## **Week commencing 21st March**

**Bunny hop highway-** bring in a stone design for the school path and see how many hops it takes the Easter Bunny to go past them all!

### **Friday 26th March**

#### **The C&K Easter Egg Hunt**

The whole school will take part in a fun easter egg hunt, class by class. Every year the children love exploring the grounds and having fun in the fresh air.

#### **Easter Craft Competition**

Children are invited to submit either an Easter themed shoe box\* or a decorated boiled egg. Designs can be as creative as they like but some ideas could be to express the Easter story, food, weather, nature or just how it makes you feel.

Please bring in your entry on Monday 29th March (deadline Tuesday 30th) for judging. Winners will be announced on Wednesday 31st.

\*(or similar sized box)

### **C&K Super Growers**

All the children will receive a little bag of sunflower seeds at the end of the spring term.

Take these seeds home and plant them in your garden between April & May.

Take care of your sunflowers, show perseverance for up to 12 weeks & watch them bloom & grow strong.

Prizes to be won for tallest sunflowers!

Who will be our super growers in September 2021?!

(Falcons don't worry if your sunflowers reach the skies we will find you, you will always be part of the C&K gang!)

**Pictures must be sent in for evidence - feel free to share updates as your sunflowers blossom!**

As always do not hesitate to contact the PTFA with any questions - pop a post on the school facebook page, email us on [candk.ptfa@gmail.com](mailto:candk.ptfa@gmail.com) or leave a message at the office.

### **Message from the DFE regarding testing**

Primary aged pupils are not being offered testing. Public Health England have advised there are currently limited public health benefits attached to testing primary pupils with lateral flow devices. The case and transmission rates amongst primary age pupils are currently lower than those in secondary age pupils.

However NHS Test and Trace announced earlier this week, that all adults in households with school and college age children without symptoms can now access regular rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. This would be extremely helpful in supporting to keep everyone

in school safe as the pupils when the pupils are not able to tolerate the test.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site - anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online - please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

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If you have any queries about the tests, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<b><u>Dates for your diary</u></b>	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Times Table Rock Stars relief - optional dress up as a Rock Star to celebrate</b>
<b>Week 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>PTFA Bunny Hop Highway - bring in a decorated stone for the school path</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>PTFA Easter Egg Hunt in school</b>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Science Innovation week - STEM challenges in class organised by Miss Chatters</b>
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Deadline for the PTFA Easter Craft Competition</b>
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>WOW day in school to celebrate home and school topic learning - end of term 4 - no dressing up</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	<b>Staff INSET on firepit training - paid for by the PTFA, thank you! No children in school</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Offer day for year R pupils for 2021</b>
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children back in school for term 5</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>End of term 5 - TAG day - crazy hair/accessories day to raise funds for whole school mosaic</b>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Children back in school for term 6</b>
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>End of term 6 - break up at usual time - after school club until 4.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	<b>Children in school for new academic year</b>

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend

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