

Ash Cartwright and Kelsey CEP School

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Friday 24th September 2021

Newsletter week 3

Dear Parents/Carers

We have really made the most of the warm weather and have spent lots of time taking our learning outside. Eagles have been developing their communication and listening skills by directing each other to the beanbag, using $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ turn instructions and counting steps. EYFS have been learning all about the story of the 3 little pigs - they explored the different materials in their child-initiated play. Very busy children!



School starters

It is hard to believe that we are at the time of year already when we start to think about new year R starters for 2022. Year R applications are for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. 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. Even if you already have a child in our nursery, it is a great opportunity to see the rest of the school and have a chat.

PTFA - Notes from your PTFA

The PTFA is an integral part of the school community made up of teachers, parents and friends of the school. All parents & carers are automatically members.

PTFA AGM

You are invited to attend this meeting on Tuesday 19th October at 9am (at school) - please see letter which was sent out for full information.

TUCK SHOP FRIDAY!

Frozen Friday has had a seasonal name change. Commencing today! In the school playground for children and parents/carers to buy end of week treats - just bring the money at the end of the school day as pre-lockdown.

Last call! C&K Super Growers

Don't forget to send in pictures of any sunflowers grown from the seeds the PTFA gave out earlier in the school year - how tall did they go? Prizes will be given for the tallest sunflowers, and maybe for those that expressed themselves by growing in an amusing pose or never quite made it beyond the top of the pot! Sunflowers love a long bloom and grow through summer into autumn! Deadline for entries is the end of September.

New to the school or didn't enter this year? - look out for similar competitions next spring!

Pre-loved school uniform

Don't forget about the Cartwright and Kelsey Pre-loved School Uniform facebook group! (see link on main school FB page) If you are not on Facebook you can email the PTFA directly with any requests (see email below). Samantha Daunoras is your contact.

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 or leave a message at the office.

If you ever have any unwanted or unused childrens gifts/toys/stationery please consider donating to your PTFA charity as we can make use of these for prizes or extra treats at events.

We are charity reg. Number 1042205. All funds raised go straight back into the school to benefit the children

Parent governor vacancy

We have a parent governor vacancy at our school and are in a position to formally elect a Parent Governor onto the Governing Body. This is a rewarding volunteer position.

When nominating someone or yourself, you may want to know more about what is involved; Governors do not need to be experts in the field of education, what is needed is an interest in the welfare of students together with the time and willingness to be involved. Your skills may be very useful as part of the Governing Body. Governors need to build relationships with a range of people, to be able to work as part of a team, to be able to question and the ability to make connections between different types of information.

The Governing Body is responsible for supporting the vision for the school and ensuring that the school works effectively towards achieving the vision. It does this by building a thorough knowledge of the school and its community. The Governing Body is made up of Parent Governors, Staff Governors, Foundation Governors and a Local Authority Governor. If you think you would be interested in this position, please do pop in for a chat.

Free school meals

We are encouraging parents to apply for free school meals if you think your child is eligible.

Your child may be eligible for Free School Meals if you are in receipt of the following:

- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1st April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you receive)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual

gross income of no more than £16,190)

• Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

Please check with Mrs Bailey or Mrs Rowe in the office if you need any help or have an queries.

Birthdays to celebrate - have a great birthday!

Class	
Fledglings	Cameron
Robins	Sienna
Owls	Grace, Kaiden and Kye
Falcons	Isabel

Star of the Week

EYFS	Frankie for making good choices and taking part in phonics with enthusiasm!
Year 1 Robins	Oliver for some really thoughtful and careful work in PSHE this week.
Year 2 Magpies	Lexi for writing a wonderful diary entry in English.
Year 3 Owls	Noah for producing fantastic work in all subjects.
Year 4 Hawks	Lottie for making some excellent changes and improvements to her writing!
Year 5 Eagles	Lexi for always being willing to share her ideas and constantly trying to challenge herself with her work.
Year 6 Falcons	Isabel for being a super, conscientious writer - thinking carefully about language choice and description in an Aboriginal story. Well done!

Attendance Award

Week ending 17/09/2021	Falcons Class	99.00%
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Dates for your diary

Wednesday 13 th October	Start a heart workshop provided by Kent Fire Brigade for year 6
Tuesday 19 th October	Year 5 trip to Port Lympne Zoo KS2 open afternoon 3.20 - 3.45 - parents can pop in classes, say 'hello' to the teacher and have a look in the children's books
Wednesday 20 th October	Harvest Festival at the Church - for children only (years 1-6)
Thursday 21 st October	Kent Test results sent to parents. KS1 open afternoon - 3.20 - 3.45 - parents can pop in classes, say 'hello' to the teacher and have a look in the children's books
Friday 22 nd October	Break up for end of term 1
Monday 1 st November	Children back in school for start of term 2

Wednesday 17th November	Sleeping beauty pantomime in school
Friday 19th November	Children in need day - more details to follow
Friday 17th December	End of term 2
Tuesday 4th January	Staff INSET day - no children in school
Wednesday 5th January	WOW day and children back in school for term 3

Best wishes and have a lovely weekend

Fiona Crascall
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