

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 2



**'To seek to open our hearts and minds to the love of God and learning'**

***Our value for September is Co-Operation  
'There is strength in numbers.'***

16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Joshua Houghton**

A memorial book has been set up in the school's entrance hall for anyone wishing to share their memories. The book will be in the entrance hall until Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> September when it will be bound up and given to the family. We feel that this will form part of the memories for the families in years to come. You are all welcome to come into school and write your message, short or long.

In the future we will be setting up a memorial for Josh at school. Due to his passion for football, there will be a football element to our memorial. More details will follow. We are starting a collection for the memorial and if you would like to donate please do so via the school office.

Our love, thoughts and prayers are with both families now and always.

### **Harvest Festival**

This year we will be supporting the Bishops Harvest Appeal entitled 'Water Aid' - 'transforming lives in rural Madagascar by providing clean, safe water'. From Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September we will be collecting small change and filling empty water bottles. Each class has a challenge to fill as many water bottles as possible! We will also be having vanilla ice cream for a donation of 50p on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> October in the morning. Please can children start to bring their 50p and hand it to their class teacher from Monday to ensure that sufficient ice cream is purchased. This is linked to vanilla being grown in Madagascar. Thank you for your support.

### **SOAPS AGM**

On Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm, SOAPS will be holding their AGM at school. All parents are invited to attend and your support would be greatly appreciated.

### **Consent Forms**

If you have not returned your updated signed consent forms please can you ensure you do so as soon as possible.

### **School Photographs - Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

These will take place in school for individual children and siblings, please could you make sure your child wears their jumper/cardigan to school for the photographs. The proofs will be sent home in approximately 3-4 weeks time.

### **Jeans for Genes Day - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

All the staff and children will be supporting this event, your child can wear their jeans to school if they wish and donate £1. Thank you.

### **PE Kit**

Please can we remind children to wear school PE kit and not football kit. In line with our policy, the school PE kit consists of maroon shorts and a white t-shirt with the school logo on. Winter PE kit can be plain grey or black joggers and plain grey or black sweatshirt without a hood or strings.

### **'Shambles' Big Band Live**

'Shambles' Big Band will be playing at The Methodist Church, Dunstable on Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. Back by popular demand, the evening will raise money for Action for Children (flyer attached).

### **Messy Church at The Priory**

The next Messy Church session will take place on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September at The Priory Church of St Peter from 4-6pm. All ages of children and parents/carers are welcome for an afternoon of crafts and fun and a light tea is also provided. The theme this time is: Wise & Foolish Builders (flyer attached). We hope to see you there!

### **School Admissions**

School admissions for September 2017 are now open. For further information please contact the Local Authority.

### **School Uniform**

Can you please ensure that you write your child's name in all school uniform and PE kits and that kits stay in school for the half term.

### **Parent's French Trip Meeting**

On Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 6.30pm, Mrs McGinty and Mrs Marriott will be hosting a meeting for those parents of Year 5 and Year 6 children who are going on the trip to France from 10<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> October 2016. If you wish to bring the children with you to the meeting please feel free to do so. Please let the office know how many seats you will require.

### **Coats**

As the weather begins to turn Autumnal please can children remember to bring in their coats as it can get chilly in the playground. Thank you

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 3 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 3	99.0%
2nd	Year 1	98.0%
3rd	Year 2	96.2%
4th	Year 6	95.3%
5th	Year 4	95.2%
6th	Year 5	93.9%

*I would like to thank all parents for their continued support.*

Best wishes

*Shirley McGinty*

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