

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 11



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

***Our value for November is Peace  
'Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.'***

25<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

### **"Look At Our Learning" - Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Parents are invited to come into school at 3pm to see what their children have been learning this term and see the progress they have made. We look forward to seeing all of you.

### **Grandparents Decoration Day**

We would like to say a big thank you to all the Grandparents who joined us yesterday for Decoration Day. Thank you for your positive feedback on the day and suggestions to make it even better which we are looking into. We hope that you enjoyed your lunch and that the glitter may still be in your hair!

### **Torchlight Procession**

Year 3 to Year 6 children will be taking part in the Torchlight Procession leaving from Priory Church at 6.30pm on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Unfortunately, parents are unable to attend.

### **Christmas Post**

Our Christmas postal service will start on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December. Children can post cards to their friends in school, a stamp costs 1p. All proceeds will be given to charity. Please remember to put the full name and class on each card sent. Thank you.

### **Christmas Performance**

Tickets for the KS1 and Reception performance are now available from the school office and extra tickets will be available from Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

### **Celebration CD**

Today your child has participated in a recording session at school. We are creating a CD to celebrate 10 years of Ashton St Peters at its current site. This is a unique opportunity to purchase a piece of music history made up of a variety of hymns and celebration songs. We would like to give you the opportunity to order the CD, just in time for Christmas gifts! The CDs containing 15+ tracks will be priced at £8 each or 2 for £15.

### **Assistance Dog**

The Governors would like to inform parents that one of our families has been allocated an assistance dog. This dog and the family have received in depth training and part of that process involves socialisation. From Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, the assistance dog will be on the school site for a short period of time from 3.40pm. It is important to ensure that the dog is not given any attention by adults or children. Whilst we appreciate it is difficult, it is essential. If you wish to discuss the matter at all please do not hesitate to contact Mrs McGinty. Thank you very much for your support.

### **Evening Owls**

Can we please remind parents that if your child attends Evening Owls you need to either give them a snack or 20p for a slice of toast. Thank you.

### **School Closure - Important Notice**

Please note that in the event of any school closures such as snowfall over the coming months we will endeavour to remain open. All parents should register with the Central Bedfordshire "State of Schools" portal. You will then receive email alerts if our school does close for any reason. The website to register is: [www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS). If there is snowfall during the night we will keep our registers open for longer so there is no need to telephone the school to say your child will be late in.

### **Christmas Fair - 2.30pm start - parents to collect children from their classrooms**

This year our Christmas Fair will be held on Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 2.30pm in the school hall. All parents are welcome to join their child to look around the fair and join in the fun activities. We would like to thank you for all your generous donations. **Please note that Street Dance will not take place on this day and that subscription fees will be carried forward to next half.**

### **Choir Singing**

In the run up to Christmas, our choir will be singing at various venues. At 1pm on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November they will be singing at The Salvation Army and then at 2pm on 8<sup>th</sup> December they will visit The Baptist Church. Unfortunately, due to space restrictions parents are unable to attend, however....

The choir will also be singing at the Priory Church Christmas Fair on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The Fair opens at 10.30am and our choir will be singing from 11.45am. We hope that you will be able to go along and support them. Thank you.

### **Choir**

Our choir has been invited to sing at The Salvation Army, Christmas at the Grove performance at The Grove Theatre at 6pm on Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016. Tickets are on sale at The Grove at a cost of £10 per adult and £5 per child. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible to help to start the Christmas festivities.

### **SNAP**

Please find attached flyers advertising training courses being run by SNAP of Central Bedfordshire Local Authority, for parents of children with additional needs.

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 5 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 5	97.8%
2nd	Year 1	96.5%
3rd	Year 3	96.0%
4th	Year 6	95.0%
5th	Year 2	94.0%
6th	Year 4	92.8%
7th	Year R	90.5%

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Best wishes

*Shirley McGinty*

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