Ashton St. Peter's Primary School
Newsletter 19

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

Our value for February is Forgiveness
'To err is human; to forgive, divine'

5th February 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Swimming
After half term, Year 3 children will be taking part in swimming lessons at Dunstable Leisure Centre every Wednesday afternoon for a total of 10 weeks. Can you please ensure that you give a permission slip along with payment for your child to attend these sessions to the school office as soon as possible. If you are able to help with swimming on a Wednesday please speak to Miss Loudon. Unfortunately if we do not have enough parental support we may have to cancel sessions due to Health and Safety. Parents do not have to swim!

Year 5 trip to Priory Church
On Wednesday, Year 5 children participated in a very interesting visit to the Priory Church. Mrs Dyke and Mrs Short gave a very detailed tour and explained the history of the Priory and the meaning behind a range or artefacts and windows.

Priory Church Children's Service
On Friday, 12th February we will be holding the children's half termly church service. If there are any parents who are able to walk down in the morning, your support will be greatly appreciated. Please speak to your child's class teacher.

Pebble Music School
Pebble Music School is run by 4 musicians who work closely with other local primary and lower schools in Dunstable. The children had the opportunity to see them in action today and all were inspired. They are running a music workshop during February half term on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at a cost of £7.50 per half day session. If you would like to book a place for your child please contact Chris on 07581 812784. In addition to this, if you would like your child to have guitar, drum or piano lessons at a cost of £10 per half an hour please can you give your information to the school office. All sessions will be held in school, either at lunchtime or after school. Dates and times will be dependent on interest. All names need to be given to the office by Friday, 12th February and Chris will contact you after half term.

Parent Consultations – 22nd and 23rd February 2016
Parent consultations will be held on the above dates. A letter to book your appointment will be sent by Parentmail. Please can you complete and return your request to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Quiz Night
Our Quiz Night will be taking place from 7.30pm on Saturday, 5th March. There is a maximum of 6 people per team but if you can't make a team, please still buy a ticket and we will create teams on the night. Tickets cost £5.00 per person or £7.50 with Sausage & Chips. If you would like to join us for our fun Quiz Night please give your name into the school office.

Sex and Relationships Education Meeting
If you are able to attend the Sex and Relationship meeting at 7pm on Wednesday, 9th March, please return your reply slip to the school office by Friday, 12th February. Please note that, at the present time, we are only able to offer one seat at the meeting per family and children are unable to attend.

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. 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.

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

Attendance
Congratulations to Year 2 children who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 2	98.3%
2nd	Year 6	98.1%
3rd	Year 3	96.6%
4th	Year 5	95.7%
5th	Year R	93.3%
6th	Year 1	91.3%
7th	Year 4	89.6%

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

Best wishes
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Headteacher