

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 1



'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.'***

9th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you all back to the new school year and hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Joshua Houghton

You will all be aware of the terrible tragedy that took place this summer. Josh was in Year 6 last year and both Ethan and Aimee were past pupils of our school. Sadly they all lost their lives along with Tracy Houghton. We would like to thank those of you who were able to come into school on the Sunday following the accident to pay their respects and show their support for the families. It was greatly appreciated.

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, 23rd 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.

Whole School Vision

We would like to share with you our school vision which will be sent to you by Parentmail and is also displayed around the school. If you would like to discuss this or contribute in any way please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Values

As parents and carers, you know that we are a "Values Education" School and values are an integral part of our ethos and school life, they permeate the curriculum and are an important part of collective worship too. We have attached information on our "values cycle" and ask parents to share in promoting these values in our children's lives. Thank you.

School Admissions

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

Children with Disabilities Register

Please can you read the attached information from the Local Authority regarding the Children with Disability Register held at the Local Authority.

Curriculum Overview

An overview of what your children will be learning this half term within the creative curriculum will be sent by Parentmail. Through parent feedback we know how important it is that you know what your children are learning in school so that you can discuss and share in their school day at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Information regarding our extra-curricular activities has been sent via Parentmail for Art Club, Hotshots and Street Dance. Hotshots will commence on Thursday, 15th September. Details regarding choir, recorders and netball will follow shortly.

Gym - Tuesday Morning at 8am

This club is free of charge and open to children from Year 1 to Year 6. Children wishing to attend must be in school promptly at 8am. Thank you.

Forest Days

We started the term with Forest Days run by Mr Peck from Dell Farm for all the children. In spite of the wet start, each class had great fun learning more about the trees that surround our school. Some of activities including making stick men, building and lighting fires and estimating the height and age of trees. We were astonished to find that the large beech by the main gate is approximately 200 years old! All the children had great fun and learnt a lot.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

We will be holding a SATs meeting for parents of Year 6 children at 7pm on 14th September 2016. At the meeting we will be informing parents for the arrangements of the SATs tests, the support that is required from home and giving further details regarding SAT booster classes. SATs guidance books for English and Maths for parents will be on sale on the evening at a cost of £3 each.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the Priory Church on Thursday, 6th October at 2pm. Families are welcome to join us and children can be taken home from the Church at the end of the service.

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, 26th 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 10th-14th 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.

Diary Dates

Diary dates will be sent via Parentmail but can also be accessed via our website by clicking on the yellow box on the home page (Diary Dates). The academic school calendars are also available on the website for the coming 3 years.

Attendance & holidays in term time

The Governors wish to remind parents that holidays in term time will be unauthorised and subject to a fine in line with our school Attendance Policy.

Payments to the school

Parents are very good at paying the correct amount for trips and swimming for example and we really appreciate this. On occasions, change is required and whilst we will endeavour to give this straight away, unfortunately, parents may have to wait a few days. Please note all change needs to be collected and signed for from the school office. Thank you.

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

SOAPS AGM

On Monday, 19th 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.

Unfortunately, the SOAPs event, Stories Under the Stars, planned for 23rd September has been cancelled.

Consent Forms

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

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

Best wishes

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