

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 4



'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.'***

30th September 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

Harvest Festival

This year we will be holding our Harvest Festival in the Priory Church, parents are welcome to attend. If you are able to help walk the children to Church please speak to the class teacher. We will be supporting the Bishops' Harvest Appeal and the theme is 'Water Aid - transforming lives in rural Madagascar by providing clean, safe water'. Any donations of tins and dried food would be greatly appreciated and these can be brought to school from next Monday onwards. Foods donated will be taken to the Salvation Army to support people within the community and if you know of anyone who would benefit from a parcel please can you give their name to the school office.

We are 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, 6th October in the morning. If they have not already done so, please can children bring their 50p and hand it to their class teacher by Tuesday of next week to ensure that sufficient ice cream is purchased. This is linked to vanilla being grown in Madagascar.

Please note that children are to be collected from Priory Church after the service from between 3pm and 3.30pm. At 3.30pm we will walk the remainder of the children back to school and Evening Owls will be open as usual. Thank you for your support.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to Mrs Walker for organising this fundraising event and to everyone who supported it. This was a fantastic event and exceptionally well supported by our families. Much fun was had, lots of cakes eaten and £341.44 was raised!

Book Fair - 28th September - 4th October

Travelling Books will again be delivering a selection of books for children to purchase. These books will be on display for sale at 3.30pm in the hall from 28th September until 4th October. The school will receive commission for any books sold and this money is divided by each classroom to enable teachers to purchase new books. Please feel free to come and browse and choose any books you wish to purchase. Please note the books cannot be ordered, they will only be available for purchase on these days.

Parents Consultations - Tuesday, 18th October - 4pm-8pm, Thursday, 20th October - 4pm-7pm

Parent consultations will be held on the above dates. A letter to book your appointment has been sent by Parentmail. Please can you complete and return your request to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

Early Birds/Evening Owls

Please be aware that as of 1st November 2016, after 10 years of remaining the same price, the cost of Early Birds will rise to £3.50 and Evening Owls to £5.50 per session. Just as a reminder, one slice of toast per child is included in the price for Early Birds but children will need to bring a snack to school if they are staying for Evening Owls. Alternatively, a slice of toast will be for available for 20p. Thank you for your support.

Notification of Local Visits

Year 1 children will be visiting the Salvation Army at 9.30am on Monday, 3rd October. If you are able to walk to the hall please speak to Mrs Pazik. Thank you.

Our older children will take part in a Bible Exhibition on the following dates:

3rd October - Year 4

4th October - Year 6

5th October - Year 3/Year 5

Year 2 visit to St Paul's Cathedral - information regarding this trip has been sent via Parentmail.

Year 3/Year 4 trip to The Grove - information regarding this trip has been sent via Parentmail.

Pram Service

Do you have preschool children or know someone who does? On Tuesday 4th October from 2pm there will be a pram service with crafts and fun for pre-school children and their parents/carers at the Priory Church in Dunstable. Everyone is welcome! For further information, contact Penny on 01582 663384

Christmas Art Club

Unfortunately, due to a fall in numbers our weekly Art Club has been stopped. However, for two weeks only the Art teacher is offering the opportunity for children to make 3 decorations from clay. If you are interested in your child participating in this please can you inform the school office by 30th September and we will contact the Art teacher for further information. The overall cost is £12 and all materials will be supplied.

If your child is interested in joining an after school Art Club, please can you let the office know and should numbers increase we will arrange for this to be put in place.

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.

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 4 and Year 5 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 4	100.0%
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2nd	Year 1	97.3%
3rd	Year 3	96.6%
4th	Year 2	96.2%
5th	Year R	95.8%
6th	Year 6	92.0%

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

Best wishes

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