

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 13



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

*Our value for December is Love*

*"Love life and life will love you back. Love people and they will love you back"*

9<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Dear Parents and Carers



### **Christmas Performance - Years R, 1 and 2**

I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating the children on their outstanding performance during their Christmas production of 'The Nativity'. They sang and danced beautifully! The DVD is on sale for £3.50 so you will be able to watch it again and again! If you wish to purchase one or more please put your money in a named envelope and post it in the post box by Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

### **Christmas Decorations**

Next Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, can you please ensure your child brings in to school a plastic carrier bag with their name on so that they can take home their Christmas decorations.

### **Christmas Post - last day for posting is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

Our Christmas postal service has started. Children can post cards to 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.

### **Pantomime - Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December - PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 4.00PM FROM THE GROVE**

On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to the Grove theatre to see their pantomime. We will be leaving school at 12.45pm, please could all parent helpers be in school for 12.30pm. **Please collect your child from the Grove Theatre at 4pm.** Please remember if you wish your child to be collected by someone else you must inform the school office before 11.00am on the day. Thank you.

### **Magic Show - Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Years R, 1 and 2 will be enjoying a fun afternoon with 'Magic Dave' in school. Look out for some magic tricks when they get home!

### **Christmas Parties**

On Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December Years 5 and 6 will be having their Christmas Parties, on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> December Years 3 and 4 and on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December Years R, 1 and 2 will have theirs. A list for food contributions has been displayed outside the classrooms. **Please can children wear their party clothes on the day of their party.** Thank you.

### **Priory Church - End of Term Christmas Service**

All our children will be visiting Priory Church at 10am on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 for the end of term Christmas service. If you are able to walk to the church with the children please speak to their teacher.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December we will all be wearing our Christmas jumpers and school trousers/skirts to school for the Carol Service at Priory Church. We would love to see all parents wearing a Christmas jumper to our Carol Service as well. This is a charitable event and we ask that children bring in a £1 donation as we will be raising money for Save the Children. Thank you.

### **Evening Owls**

Recently, as you will be aware, there have been a number of issues regarding traffic around Dunstable and the surrounding area. We would like to reassure parents that their children will always be supervised in school until they are collected from Evening Owls sessions. The school phone is on answerphone and messages can be left in the case of an emergency. We will of course, endeavour to answer calls but the office is only manned until 4pm.

### **Mobile Phones in School**

In line with our safeguarding policies and procedures, the Governors would like to remind parents that mobile phones are not to be taken out of pockets or bags and used at any time within the school grounds. Thank you for your co-operation in this very important matter.

### **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.

### **Weatherfield Academy Christmas Performance**

This is just to inform parents that on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm, the Year 1 children will be walking to Weatherfield Academy to watch their Christmas performance. This is a wonderful event enjoyed by the children.

### **Pebble Music Christmas Workshops**

Pebble Music will be running Christmas music workshops on 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> December. They will be running two sessions per day at 9:30am to 12:30pm and 2:30pm to 5:30pm, however, Thursday sessions are all day bookings only. If you would like further information please contact [info@pebble-music.co.uk](mailto:info@pebble-music.co.uk), message the team at [www.facebook.com/pebblemusicschool](https://www.facebook.com/pebblemusicschool) or call Chris on: 07581 812784.

### **Employers**

The Governors have asked if any parents' employers support charitable organisations in any way. If any of our parents are aware of this offer please inform the school office.

### **Attendance**

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

1st	Year 2	100.0%
2nd	Year 3	97.6%
3rd	Year 5	97.5%
4th	Year R	96.9%
5th	Year 4	96.7%
6th	Year 6	93.5%
7th	Year 1	92.0%

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Best wishes

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