Ashton St. Peter's Primary School Newsletter 18



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

Our value for January is Appreciation
"Life is God's gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to God.

Make it a fantastic one!'

27th January 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Mrs Marriott

It is with much sadness that the Governors wish to inform parents and carers that Mrs Marriott has decided to retire at the end of the Summer term 2017. This is wonderful news for her and her family, including her grandchildren, but obviously very sad for all the staff, Governors and children of our school as she will be missed greatly. Mrs Marriott has been teaching at Ashton St Peter's for 29 years and as you can imagine, many, many children have been able to benefit from her outstanding teaching and wealth of experience. This also applies to the many teachers that she has trained and share her expertise with over the year. She is truly a fountain of knowledge! We wish her every happiness in the future and know that she will keep in touch.

But remember, the Summer is a long way off and we have lots to do and lots of fun things to share before she leaves. So please don't worry Year 6!

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion has informed us that, due to your generous donations, we raised £323.39 for the Poppy Appeal last year. This is an exceptional amount of money raised for such a worthy cause. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Year 3 trip to St Albans Abbey

On Tuesday of this week children in Year 3 visited the Abbey at St Albans Cathedral. The children had a fantastic time taking part in a blanket dig, learning about the life of St Alban and creating their own Roman mosaic. They were enthralled by the staff who led the activities, picking up on some amazing and often memorable Roman artefacts. The children have used all this information to write a recount in their English lesson.

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.

A Message from the Priory Church - Messy church

The next Messy Church will take place on Monday, 30^{th} January at The Priory Church from 4-6pm. Join us for crafts, games and fun for adults and children of all ages - the theme this month is Thank you. A sandwich tea is provided (please see flyer attached). We hope to see you there!

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 1 and who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 1	100.0%
2nd	Year 3	99.3%
3rd	Year 4	98.5%
3rd	Year 5	98.5%
3rd	Year 6	98.5%
4th	Year R	98.2%
5th	Year 2	97.3%

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

Best wishes
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Headteacher