

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.'***

3rd February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations Alfie!

Alfie Humphrey in Year 3 recently took part in the East of England, Ten Pin Bowling Competition and came first in his age group. He also competed in the doubles against 11 year olds and came third. Overall, he came first and will now be competing in Portsmouth in March. Following this he will be preparing for the National Competition in May. We would like to congratulate Alfie on his success and wish him lots of luck in his upcoming competitions.

Sex and Relationships Education Meeting - 'Big Talk'

As part of the teaching of sex and relationships within school, the Governors employ the services of Big Talk to come and speak to parents about the curriculum they will be delivering to our children in March. Information regarding this is attached along with a letter with an attendance slip to be completed. The presentation will be held on Wednesday, 15th March at 7pm and the teaching will be delivered during the day of Thursday, 16th March. Further information has been sent by Parentmail. We look forward to seeing you on 15th March.

Early Birds and Evening Owls

Can we please remind parents that Early Birds does not open until 7.30am and that if parents are early they will have to wait outside the school building. If you use our Evening Owls sessions, please ensure you collect your child by 5.30pm. Thank you.

Year 5 and Year 6 Use of Mobile Phones

The Governors wish to remind parents that in line with our safeguarding policies and procedures, children in Year 5 and Year 6 who bring their mobile phones into school are not permitted to use them on the school grounds. We have reminded your children of this on a regular basis and would ask that you do the same please. Thank you.

Dell Computers

This is a general enquiry, if any parents have any links with Dell and are able to obtain parts for laptops please could you let the school office know. Thank you.

Health & Safety Notice - Wall in the Alleyway

The school have reported an issue with one of the walls along the alleyway leading into West Street. The Council have now contacted the owners and the area has been taped off. We have been informed that it is not in imminent danger of collapsing but would like to remind parents to supervise their children in this area and keep them well away from the wall

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's have started their Active Kids campaign and we will be collecting vouchers that we can exchange for PE equipment. All vouchers will be gratefully received and children can bring them into school to post in the Sainsbury's voucher post box. Thank you.

Priory Church Children's Service

On Friday, 10th 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.

Parent Consultations February 2017

Parent consultations for children in Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 will be held on Wednesday, 8th and Thursday, 9th February and for children in Year R, Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 they will be held on Tuesday, 21st and Thursday, 23rd February. 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.

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!

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

1st	Year 6	97.7%
2nd	Year 4	97.1%
2nd	Year 5	97.1%
3rd	Year 1	95.8%
4th	Year 3	95.3%
5th	Year 2	94.6%
6th	Year R	94.1%

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

Best wishes

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