

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 20



'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.'*

10th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

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.

World Book Day - 2nd March

On the morning of 2nd March, parents are invited to come in from 9am until 9.30am to share toast and books with their children in the classrooms. This is a very popular event and we look forward to seeing you all.

Linked to World Book day, we are going to be having a fund raising activity to enable us to purchase some books for the classrooms. On Friday, 24th February and Monday, 27th February, we would like children to bring in any unwanted children's books (in good condition) to sell on World Book Day. On 2nd March, can children please bring £1 to school so that they can buy a book(s) of their choice.

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. We would also like to remind parents that they must bring children into school and not drop them off in the car park. 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.

Hand Washing

It was advised this week by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) that teaching children to wash their hands properly could help stop the spread of infection and thereby limit the use of antibiotics. We will be talking to children in school about the importance of washing their hands well and would ask parents to do the same at home. We are sure you will all agree that limiting the use of antibiotics would be a good thing. Thank you.

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.

Parent Consultations February 2017

Parent consultations for children 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!

Girls Tights and Socks

We are in desperate need of spare girl's tights and socks aged 7 years and above. If you have any spare tights or socks that you are able to donate, they would be gratefully received! Thank you.

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	98.8%
2nd	Year 2	98.0%
3rd	Year 1	97.2%
4th	Year 5	93.9%
5th	Year 3	92.3%
6th	Year 4	91.4%
7th	Year R	86.9%

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

Best wishes

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