

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 21



'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.'***

24th February 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Curriculum Overview

An overview of what your children will be learning this half term within the creative curriculum has been sent by Parentmail. Through parent feedback we know how important it is that you know what your children are learning in school so that you can discuss and share in their school day at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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.

Year 5 Alive

Next Tuesday, 28th February, the Fire Service will be visiting Year 5 children to deliver Year 5 Alive which aims to raise awareness of water, road and fire safety.

Religious Education Questionnaire

On Monday of next week your child will be bringing home our annual RE parental questionnaire. We invite parents to complete these questionnaires in order to inform us of your views on the Religious Education opportunities provided and respond to any suggestions you wish to make. Can you please return completed questionnaires to the school office by Friday, 10th March. Thank you.

Handwriting Policy

All parents will have received a Parentmail message regarding our new Handwriting Policy. Please can you encourage and support your children in developing a cursive script. Thank you.

World Book Day Activities - 10th March

Please note that the World Book Day Activities will be postponed until 10th March - details will follow.

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. Please continue to donate any unwanted children's books (in good condition) to sell on World Book Day. On 10th March, can children please bring £1 to school so that they can buy a book(s) of their choice.

Bags to School – 1st March

A large blue plastic bag has been sent home today with your child for you to fill with unwanted clothes/towels/bedding etc. Please bring your bag into school on Wednesday, 1st March. Please do not bring your bags into school before the 1st. The money raised goes into the SOAPs funds. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

Messy Church at The Priory Church

This month's theme is Peter: Friend of Jesus. Come and find out more about the schools patron saint and have fun with crafts, games and worship. A sandwich tea is also provided. **Monday 6th March 2017 – 4-6pm** – all ages welcome – please see flyer attached. We hope to see you there.

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.

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 2 and who had the highest attendance in the last week before half term. Well done!

1st	Year 2	100.0%
2nd	Year 3	97.2%
3rd	Year 5	96.6%
4th	Year 6	95.5%
5th	Year R	95.3%
6th	Year 4	94.8%
7th	Year 1	87.6%

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

Best wishes

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