

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 22



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

***Our value for March is Caring
'You need to give care in order to receive care.'***

3rd March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Football at Break Times

Unfortunately, due to a number of incidents linked to children being unkind to each other, the Senior Leadership Team has made the decision to suspend football at break and lunch times for the whole of next week and we will review the situation on Friday, 10th March. It is with great sadness that this decision has been made and we are sure that football will be reinstated in the near future.

Mobile Devices and Games Consoles

It has been brought to our attention by a number of parents that our children are on their games consoles and mobile phones, connecting to their friends, until late into the night. I appreciate that this is fun but children are coming into school tired, irritable and not ready to learn. It is therefore having an impact on their progress in the classroom and we know that as caring parents you want your children to achieve and enjoy school life. We are therefore asking you to monitor this closely. Thank you.

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.

Religious Education Questionnaire

This week, your child brought home our annual RE parental questionnaire. Can you please return completed questionnaires to the school office by Friday, 10th March and thank you to all of those who have done so already. Thank you.

World Book Day Activities - 10th March

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. Parents are invited to come into school for toast and to share a story book with their children. We look forward to seeing you on Friday.

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.

Pram service at the Priory Church of St Peter

On Tuesday, 7th March from 2pm there will be a pram service at the Priory Church. Preschool children and babies are welcome to go along with their parents and carers. We hope to see you there.

Messy Church at the Salvation Army

Messy Church at the Salvation Army will be taking place at the Dunstable Salvation Army on the Saturday, 11th March. This will be a fabulous couple of hours in which families can enjoy activities together, including a meal. This is a free activity but there is an opportunity to make an offering if you wish. Please see flyer attached.

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 4 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 4	100.0%
2nd	Year 5	98.1%
3rd	Year R	97.6%
4th	Year 2	96.3%
5th	Year 3	95.1%
6th	Year 6	94.8%
7th	Year 1	94.6%

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

Best wishes

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