

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 24



'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.'***

20th March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Recruitment of new Deputy Head/Year 6 Teacher

We are pleased to announce that Mrs Sally Michaels has been appointed to the post of Deputy Head/Year 6 Teacher. She will take up the post from 1st September 2017 but is already known to many of the children through her regular supply work at school. The parents of the current Year 5 children will have the opportunity to meet Mrs Michaels at the transfer meeting in July. Mrs Michaels brings a wealth of experience and we are pleased to welcome her as a new member of staff.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - Phonics meeting - Year 1 parents

On Wednesday, 19th April 2017 at 2.50pm and Thursday, 20th April 2017 at 9.10am meetings are being held for all Year 1 parents to explain the process and procedures around the Government's Year 1 Phonic screening test to be completed in the Summer Term. It is very important that you attend this meeting in order to be able to support your child further in their learning at home. Please can you book a place with the school office. Thank you.

Red Nose Day - Friday, 24th March 2017

Red Nose Day will be taking place on Friday, 24th March 2017 and children can come into school in mufti wearing something funny on their head or have a funny hair style. There will also be red noses for sale at school for children to buy at a cost of £1 each. On the day, please send your children to school with a £1 donation to help to support the Red Nose charities. Thank you.

Easter Performance

Tickets for the Year 3 and Year 4 Easter performance of 'Daniel and the Lions' will be available from the school office from Monday, 20th March. Initially, we are able to issue 4 tickets per family and extra tickets will be available from Tuesday, 28th March. Due to health and safety guidelines we will not be able to admit anyone without a programme, so please bring your programme with you to the performance. The programme for each performance will be a different colour, so please ensure you bring the correct colour programme with you. Children in school year 1 and above need to have their own programme and must not sit on an adult's lap. Please also note that pushchairs must be left outside school and are not permitted in the hall. All our children will have had the opportunity to see the dress rehearsal. Performances will take place at 4pm on Thursday, 30th March 2017 and Friday, 31st March 2017. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will not go home at the normal time and should bring a snack to school on performance days which they will be able to eat just before the performance. Thank you.

Science Week Activities

Science Week has been celebrated wholeheartedly in school this week. Children have benefitted from engaging lessons and challenges, which have stimulated their curiosity and opened their minds to learning. Enthusiasm for activities such as hands on Wild Science sessions, an ambulance visit, a trip to the Nissan Technology Centre, Knex day, ice and water experiments, bird spotting and building habitats has been such a pleasure to see throughout the school. We are all super scientists! Thank you to everyone for their help in arranging, supporting and enhancing the science curriculum in a fun way.

Big Talk

Our children had a very successful day yesterday. They found their Big Talk sessions interesting and informative. Children were very sensible, they participated in all the activities and asked some very appropriate questions. The Big Talk team praised our children for their excellent behaviour and how polite they were and also commended us on our wonderful school. We would like to thank all the parents who attended the information evening as we feel it is very important that you know what your children will be learning. Thank you.

Priory Church Parish Magazine

Please find attached a flyer regarding the new look of the Priory Church Parish magazine.

Pathways

Parents with children on the autistic spectrum can access the Central Bedfordshire Council's latest Pathways Newsletter via the following link - <http://www.autismbedfordshire.net/wp-content/uploads/2012/02/1.-February-March-2107.pdf>.

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.

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.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 and Year 6 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 5	98.8%
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2nd	Year 2	98.6%
2nd	Year 3	98.6%
3rd	Year 1	97.6%
4th	Year 4	95.8%
5th	Year R	95.2%

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

Best wishes

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