

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 1



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

***Our value for September is Co-Operation  
'There is strength in numbers.'***

8<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

**I would like to welcome you all back to the new school year and hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting school year.**

### **Whole School Vision**

We would like to share with you our school vision which will be sent to you by Parentmail and is also displayed around the school. If you would like to discuss this or contribute in any way please do not hesitate to contact the school.

### **Values**

As parents and carers, you know that we are a "Values Education" School and values are an integral part of our ethos and school life, they permeate the curriculum and are an important part of collective worship too. We have attached information on our "values cycle" and ask parents to share in promoting these values in our children's lives. Thank you.

### **Diary Dates**

Diary dates will be sent via Parentmail but can also be accessed via our website by clicking on the yellow box on the home page (Diary Dates). The academic school calendars are also available on the website for the coming two years. Please note we will be taking reservations for our Grandparent's Day from 6<sup>th</sup> November. Further details will follow nearer the time.

### **Year 6 SATs Meeting**

We will be holding a SATs meeting for parents of Year 6 children at 7pm on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017. At the meeting we will be informing parents for the arrangements of the SATs tests, the support that is required from home and giving further details regarding SAT booster classes. SATs guidance books for English and Maths for parents will be on sale on the evening at a cost of £4 each. Please let the school office know how many seats you require.

### **Midday Meal Supervisor Post**

We have a vacancy for a Midday Meal Supervisor to support an individual child during the lunchtime. If you are interested in applying for this post please obtain an application form from the school office.

### **School Admissions/Transfer to Secondary School**

School admissions for September 2018 are now open. For further information please contact the Local Authority. If you have a sibling starting in September 2018 you will still need to complete an application via the Local Authority.

Information has been sent home with current Year 6 children regarding the transfer to secondary school in September 2018. Secondary school will hold open evenings which are publicised on their websites.

### **Health and Safety**

The Governors wish to remind parents that their children need to be supervised on the school site at all times and they are not permitted to play on any of the equipment before or after school, for example, in the Reception playground, outside Year 1 or in the main playground.

Please can parents also be reminded to consider neighbours when parking within the school vicinity. Please note that there are new parking restrictions on West Parade.

### **Curriculum Overview**

An overview of what your children will be learning this half term within the creative curriculum will be 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.

### **Extra-Curricular Activities**

Information regarding our extra-curricular activities has been sent via Parentmail for Hotshots, netball, Pebble Music, ballet and Street Dance. Details regarding choir, and recorders will follow shortly.

### **Gym - Tuesday Morning at 8am**

This club is free of charge and open to children from Year 1 to Year 6. Children wishing to attend must be in school promptly at 8am. Thank you.

### **Book Fair - 27<sup>th</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Travelling Books will again be delivering a selection of books for children to purchase. These books will be on display for sale at 3.30pm in the hall from 27<sup>th</sup> September until 3<sup>rd</sup> October. The school will receive commission for any books sold and this money is divided by each classroom to enable teachers to purchase new books. Please feel free to come and browse and choose any books you wish to purchase. Please note the books cannot be ordered, they will only be available for purchase on these days.

### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the Priory Church on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm. Families are welcome to join us and children can be taken home from the Church at the end of the service. Further information will follow.

### **School Uniform**

Can you please ensure that you write your child's name in all school uniform and PE kits and that PE kits stay in school for the half term. The lost property box has been moved and is now situated outside Year 3 and Year 4.

### **Attendance & Holidays in Term Time**

The Governors wish to remind parents that 'holidays in term time' will be unauthorised and subject to a fine in line with our school Attendance Policy. Our Attendance Policy is available on the website.

### **SOAPS AGM**

On Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm, SOAPs will be holding their AGM at school. All parents are invited to attend and your support would be greatly appreciated.

**Payments to the school**

If you are paying cash for trips can you please hand the correct money to the school office as we do not keep money for change. We understand that on some occasions, change will be required and whilst we will endeavour to give this straight away, unfortunately, parents may have to wait a few days. Please note all change needs to be collected and signed for from the school office. Thank you.

**Payments for trips, uniform, Early Birds and Evening Owls can be made via the ParentMail app.**

**Coats**

As the weather begins to turn Autumnal please can children remember to bring in their coats as it can get chilly in the playground. Thank you

**Beehive Sure Start Centre Timetable**

Please find attached the Beehive Sure Start Centre timetable for the Autumn term. This contains a range of events and everyone is welcome to join in.

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

Best wishes

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