

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 7



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

***Our value for October is Friendship  
'When one will not quarrel, two cannot.'***

20<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Bikeability**

The children in Year 5 have had the opportunity to participate in Bikeability. They have learned a range of skills to support in riding safely on the road. The team organising the training have been most complimentary about the children's behaviour. Well done to all those who participated and remember to ride safely.

### **Salvation Army Band**

We would like to thank the Salvation Army Band for sharing their music and skills with the whole school on Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and we look forward to their next visit. Thank you.

### **Great Fire of London**

As part of the Year 2 History curriculum, and following their visit to St Paul's Cathedral in London, the children had the opportunity to see for themselves how quickly fire can spread. The houses that they made and designed in technology were placed in rows to represent streets and a fireman came and set one alight. The children stood and watched as the fire quickly spread along the rows of houses. This was carried out in a controlled environment and the children were amazed at just how fast the fire spread. This is one of the many ways in which teachers plan for exciting and memorable learning opportunities for the children.

### **Pebble Music School**

Pebble Music School is run by 4 musicians who work closely with other local primary and lower schools in Dunstable. The children had the opportunity to see them in action today and all were inspired. If you would like your child to have guitar, drum or piano lessons please contact Chris Taverner on 07581 812784. All sessions are held after school. Dates and times will be dependent on interest. Pebble Music School will also be running a holiday club this half term - please see flyer attached.

### **Grandparent's Decoration Day**

This year, our Grandparent's Decoration Day will be held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November. Information will be sent out on Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> October via ParentMail regarding booking places. Please note that there are a limited number of spaces and the closing date is Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Football Event - 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

On Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017, at 2pm, in memory of Ethan and Joshua Houghton and Aimee Goldsmith, the Ashton St Peter's Football Club will be unveiling a memorial plaque. Everyone is welcome to join us. There will be football matches between local schools as well as a penalty shootout competition. Soup and rolls will be served followed by tea and cakes. Please inform the school office by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017 if you would like to attend. We hope you can join us for this memorable occasion. Thank you.

### **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.

### **'Xtramath' - Log-in Details**

During the coming week, your child will be bringing home a piece of paper with their new log-in details and instructions for accessing this exciting maths programme. Children will revisit concepts in order to consolidate their learning and improve the speed at which they are able to recall number facts. We ask you to encourage your children to engage in this fun activity which is linked to their learning in school and monitored by their class teacher. If you have any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

### **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. Can I please also remind parents not to use the staff vehicle entrance as a pedestrian entrance as clearly stated. There have been a number of parents using this entrance and this is dangerous. Thank you.

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.

### **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

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 5 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

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| 1st | Year 3 | 100.0% |
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| 2nd | Year 2 | 98.6%  |
| 3rd | Year R | 97.6%  |
| 4th | Year 4 | 97.0%  |
| 5th | Year 6 | 96.9%  |
| 6th | Year 1 | 93.0%  |

*Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, 31<sup>st</sup> October.*

Best wishes

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