

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 10



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

*Our value for November is Peace
'Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.'*

17th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Football Event

I would like to thank Mr & Mrs Burgess and Mr & Mrs Randall and Mrs Isiekwe for arranging this memorable event. and Thank you also to the parents that attended, it was lovely to see so many current and previous friends of Ashton St Peter's school. A special plaque was unveiled in memory of Joshua, Aimee and Ethan and a number of football matches were then played by Joshua's team mates. The event raised £185 and this money is going to be donated to 'The Road Victims Trust'. Aimee's mum, Kate Goldsmith, is an Ambassador for this charity and she works tirelessly to raise awareness of the importance of not using mobile phones when driving. Thank you to everyone.

Date Reminder

We would to remind parents at this busy time of upcoming events for your diary:

- 30th November - Year R and KS1 dress rehearsal - am
- 1st December, 2.00pm - Christmas Cracker
- 1st December, 6.00pm - Torchlight Procession for Year 3 to Year 6
- 2nd December, 11.45am - Choir singing at the Priory Church Christmas Fayre
- 4th December - Milkshake Monday
- 4th December, 2.00pm - Year R and KS1 performance
- 6th December, 9.30am - Year R and KS1 performance
- 6th December, 2.00pm - Choir to sing at Elliott Court, Residential Home
- 7th December, 9.30am - Year R and KS1 performance
- 7th December, 2.00pm - Choir to sing at the Chiltern Residential Home
- 8th December - SOAPs event - Christmas gift shop
- 11th December - Year 3 to Year 6 Breakfast with Santa
- 12th December, 3.00pm - 'Look At Our Learning'
- 13th December - Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 - Breakfast with Santa
- 13th December - Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 - Christmas Party and Magic Dave
- 14th December - Year 3 to Year 6 - Pantomime at The Grove Theatre
- 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- 18th December - Year 3 to Year 6 Christmas party
- 19th December, 10am - Christmas Service at Priory Church
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More information will follow on the weekly Newsletter. Please take time to read it. Tickets for the performances will be available from the school office on Monday, 27th November 2017.

Flu Vaccination

On Tuesday, 21st November 2018, parents will be aware that during the morning the school nurse will be administering the flu vaccination to children in Year R to Year 4. Thank you to all parents for their quick response to this.

Torchlight Procession

Year 3 to Year 6 children will be taking part in the Torchlight Procession leaving from Priory Church at 6.30pm on Friday, 1st December. Unfortunately, parents are unable to come into the Church due to the number of schools who attend and we ask parents to meet us in Ashton Square for the carol singing.

Christmas Message from SOAPS

This year's 'Christmas Cracker' is fast approaching - it will be happening on Friday 1st December! Next week we will be collecting bottles for the Tombola and Lucky envelopes. Please place them in the box outside your classroom. Thank you for your generosity!

Love from the Christmas Elves

Messy Church at Dunstable Priory Church Hall

Join us on Monday 20th November from 4pm for crafts, worship and fun. Afternoon tea will be provided! All ages welcome from birth to 100+. Theme for this month is 'Light up the darkness'. Any queries please call Penny on 01582 663384.

Shared Transport to and from School

A parent has approached the school office and would like to know if anybody lives in the vicinity of Lewsey Farm and would be in a position to share in school runs. The parent would like help in the mornings and she can help in the evening. If this is something you would be able to accommodate, please inform the school office.

New Admissions - September 2018

We have been asked by Central Bedfordshire Council to remind parents of children who are due to start school in September 2018 that the application process is open and that the **application deadline is Monday, 15th January 2018**.

All applications we receive from 16th January 2018 will be classed as late and not processed until the late allocation round, which will take place after the national offer day for on time applications. **Submitting a late application significantly reduces a child's chance of an offer of a place at one of their preferred schools.** Please note that there is no automatic transfer from Nursery to Reception Year so parents must apply to their home local authority.

Another open morning has been arranged for parents of children who will be starting in Reception in September 2018 and it will be held at 9.30am on Tuesday, 9th January 2018.

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.

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!

1st	Year 3	100.0%
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2th	Year 6	96.5%
3th	Year 2	96.3%
4th	Year R	95.0%
5th	Year 4	93.6%
6th	Year 1	91.0%

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

Best wishes

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