

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 11



'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.'*

24th November 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

"Look At Our Learning" - Tuesday, 12th December 2017

Parents are invited to come into school at 3pm to see what their children have been learning this term and see the progress they have made. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Grandparents Decoration Day

We would like to say a big thank you to all the Grandparents who joined us yesterday for Decoration Day. Thank you for your positive feedback on the day and suggestions to make it even better for next year. If any grandparents have time, we would love to receive your written comments too. Please can you e-mail them to office@ashtonstpeters.beds.sch.uk or send them via your lovely grandchildren. We hope that you enjoyed your lunch and that the glitter may still be in your hair! Have a happy Christmas.

Christmas Post

Our Christmas postal service will start on Friday, 1st December. Children can post cards to their friends in school, a stamp costs 1p. All proceeds will be given to charity. Please remember to put the full name and class on each card sent. Thank you.

Bags to School - 28th November 2017

A large blue plastic bag has been sent home with your child for you to fill with unwanted clothes/bedding etc. Please bring your bag into school on Tuesday, 28th November 2017. Please do not bring your bags into school before the 28th. The money raised goes into the PTA funds. Thank you for your support.

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. If you would like your child to attend please complete and return the attached consent form to the school office.

Christmas Message from SOAPS

Once again thank you for your donations. On Monday, your child will be bringing home a paper **plate** in their school bag. Please would you return plates to school on Thursday, 30th November 2017 and Friday, 1st December 2017 full of yummy cakes for the Christmas Cracker? Last call for teddies, books and bottles - more of these would be fabulous. Thank you so much!

Love from the Christmas Elves

Date Reminder

We would like 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.

Chateau Beaumont

We have booked to go to Chateau Beaumont in France from 1st October 2018 to 5th October 2018. This trip is for those children who, in the next academic year (2018/2019), will be in Year 5 or Year 6. There are some places still available and if you wish your child to go, please inform the school office as soon as possible. We can confirm that parents who previously expressed an interest in their child attending, have been allocated place. A leaflet giving further details of Chateau Beaumont is attached. Further information is also available on their website - www.chateau-beaumont.co.uk.

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

1st	Year 5	97.6%
2nd	Year 1	97.6%
3rd	Year 2	97.3%
4th	Year 6	96.5%
5th	Year R	96.0%
5th	Year 4	96.0%
6th	Year 3	94.0%

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

Best wishes

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