

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 12



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

Our value for December is Love

'Love life and life will love you back. Love people and they will love you back.'

1st December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Date Reminder

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

- 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

More information will follow on the weekly Newsletter. Please take time to read it.

Milkshake Monday

The School Council are supporting Crisis at Christmas charity. They would like to sell milkshakes during break time on Monday, 4th December 2017. The milkshakes will cost £1 each and there will be a choice of banana, strawberry or raspberry. The School Council feel this is a very worthy cause as Crisis for Christmas do amazing things to end homelessness and transform lives. If your child would like to buy a milkshake, please could they bring a £1 to school on Monday morning. Thank you.

"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.

Christmas Post

Our Christmas postal service has started. 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. We would like to encourage all children to participate as it is very good for them to handle money and the management of the postal service is a valuable exercise for the Year 6 children. Last year, Year 6 children delivered over a thousand cards. Thank you.

Choir on Tour

Members of our choir will be visiting two residential homes on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. They will be singing a collection of Christmas carols to the residents and we wish them lots of success!

Mad Science After School Club

We have been offered an after school club on Thursday evenings for six weeks during the Spring half term. The sessions are led by 'Mad Science Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire' experts, inspiring scientists of the future. "All our after school clubs are delivered by highly experienced, enthusiastic and inspiring Mad Scientists". If you wish your child to take part in the club, the cost will be £45 for the six weeks. If you would like to find out more information please visit their website - www.hertsbeds.madscience.org. If you would like to book a place for your child, please inform the school office and we will forward your details on.

Early Birds/Evening Owls

Please be aware that as of 2nd January 2018, the cost of Early Birds will rise to £3.70 and Evening Owls to £5.70 per session. Just as a reminder, one slice of toast per child is included in the price for Early Birds but children will need to bring a snack to school if they are staying for Evening Owls. Alternatively, a slice of toast will be for available for 20p. Thank you for your support.

Money Raised for Red Nose Day and The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We have had a very busy month fundraising for two very worthy causes. We would like to thank parents for their generosity and are pleased to report that you have raised £275.57 for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and £224.04 for Children in Need! Thank you.

Coats

As the winter draws in **please can children remember to bring in their coats, hats and gloves (all named) to school as it is getting very cold in the playground.** Thank you

School Closure - Important Notice

Please note that in the event of any school closures such as snowfall over the coming months we will endeavour to remain open. All parents should register with the Central Bedfordshire "State of Schools" portal. You will then receive email alerts if our school does close for any reason. The website to register is: www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS. If there is snowfall during the night we will keep our registers open for longer so there is no need to telephone the school to say your child will be late in.

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.

'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.

Attendance

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

1st	Year 3	98.0%
2nd	Year 5	97.6%
3rd	Year 4	97.6%
4th	Year 6	97.5%
5th	Year R	97.0%
5th	Year 2	97.0%
6th	Year 1	92.3%

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

Best wishes

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