

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 13



'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.'

8th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Date Reminder

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

- 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.

Christmas Performance - Years R, 1 and 2

I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating the children on their outstanding performance during their Christmas production of 'Children of the World'. They sang and danced beautifully! The DVD is on sale for £3.50 so you will be able to watch it again and again! Photographs are also available at £1 per copy and can be ordered from the school office. If you wish to purchase either of these please put your money in a named envelope and post it in the post box by Tuesday, 12th December. Thank you.

Breakfast with Santa

On Monday and Wednesday, Santa will be coming to have breakfast with the children. This event is funded by SOAPS and the children will have toast and a drink.

School Council - Hamper Packing at the Salvation Army

On Tuesday, members of the School Council will be going to the Salvation Army hall to help to pack Christmas hampers. This will provide an excellent opportunity for the children to see where the Harvest donations are going. The School Council will then feedback to the whole school. Thank you again for your generous donations this Harvest.

"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. Thank you.

Pantomime - Thursday, 14th December - PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 4.00PM FROM THE GROVE

On Thursday, 14th December Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to the Grove theatre to see their pantomime. We will be leaving school at 12.45pm, please could all parent helpers be in school for 12.30pm. **Please collect your child from the Grove Theatre at 4pm.** Please remember if you wish your child to be collected by someone else you must inform the school office before 11.00am on the day. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

On Wednesday, 13th December 2017, Years R, 1 and 2 will be having their Christmas Parties, followed by an afternoon of fun with 'Magic Dave'. Look out for some magic tricks when they get home! On Monday, 18th December 2017, KS2 will be having their party. A list for food contributions will be displayed outside the classrooms. **Please can children wear their party clothes on the day of their party.**

Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

On Friday, 15th December we will all be wearing our Christmas jumpers and mufti. This is a charitable event and we ask that children bring in a £1 donation as we will be raising money for Save the Children. Thank you.

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.

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.

'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 6 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 6	98.6%
2nd	Year R	96.0%
3rd	Year 4	94.3%
4th	Year 1	93.0%
5th	Year 3	92.3%
6th	Year 2	91.6%
7th	Year 5	89.2%

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

Best wishes

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