

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 14



'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.'*

15th December 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

Date Reminder

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

- 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.

Thank you

On behalf of all the staff and Governors at Ashton St Peter's I would like to thank our parents and grandparents for all the support they have given to the school this term. We have been able to share many memorable occasions, such as grandparent's day and school trips to St Paul's and The Grove for example. Without your support, these opportunities would not be able to happen. Thank you everyone!

'Xtramath' - Log-in Details

The children are really enjoying gaining their certificates when completing Xtramath's levels. These activities are supporting children in recalling facts which helps them to solve problems quicker! If your child is having problems logging on, please speak to their class teacher because it is not only great fun but really does enhance their mathematical skills. Thank you.

Christingle

Your child will be bringing home a Christingle candle collection box in preparation for our service on Friday, 5th January. If possible, please can children bring their candles into school by Thursday, 4th January 2018. Thank you.

"Look At Our Learning" - Tuesday, 9th January 2018

Due to the adverse weather conditions, 'Look At Our Learning' has been changed to Tuesday, 9th January 2018. 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 Jumper Day - Save the Children

We have managed to raise over £157 today for charity by wearing our Christmas jumpers. There were lots of twinkling lights, music and dodgy reindeers to be seen. Thank you all!

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.

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	100.0%
2nd	Year 2	98.6%
3rd	Year R	97.3%
4th	Year 5	95.7%
5th	Year 6	95.1%
6th	Year 4	94.3%
7th	Year 1	91.6%

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

We would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year. We look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday, 3rd January 2018.

Best wishes

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