

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 15



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

Our value for January is Appreciation

'Life is God's gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to God. Make it a fantastic one!'

5th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new term. We hope that you all had a lovely Christmas and wish you all a happy, healthy New Year.

Christingle

Today, we held our Christingle service in school. This was a wonderful occasion to start the term with. Thank you for your generous donations and the candles are displayed in the entrance hall for you to see. All monies raised will be sent to support the work of the Children's Society.

Values

Our value for January is Appreciation, please see attached flyer for more information.

Curriculum Overview

An overview of what your children will be learning this half term within the creative curriculum has been sent by Parentmail. Through parent feedback we know how important it is that you know what your children are learning in school so that you can discuss and share in their school day at home. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Diary Dates

A list of events for this term will be sent by Parentmail, please remember that these are subject to change.

"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.

Mad Science After School Club

Great news - due to the interest from parents, Mad Science will run an After School Club on Thursdays at school in the spring term! The club will run for 6 weeks (25th January 2018 - 8th March 2018) for children in Reception up to Year 6 (flyer attached). The cost of the club is £45 for the 6 weeks and registration can be completed on-line at <https://register.madscience.org/hertsbeds/afterschool-register.aspx?regItemSessionID=224030>.

Alternatively, if you would like to book a place for your child over the phone, please call Mad Science on 01727 824700.

Early Birds/Evening Owls

Please be aware that the cost of Early Birds has risen 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.

Public Health England - Snack Recommendations

This week Public Health England has issued snack recommendations to support children's overall health. Public Health England is recommending '100 calorie snacks for young children, two a day max' - this applies to all snacks apart from fruit and vegetables, as children should be encouraged to achieve their '5 a day'. Currently half of children's daily sugar intake, around 7 sugar cubes, are from unhealthy snacks and sugary drinks a day, leading to obesity and dental decay. The new Change4Life campaign will help parents to choose healthier snacks, by using the improved food scanner and money-off vouchers for selected supermarkets. See www.nhs.uk/change4life for more.

'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.

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 2 who had the highest attendance during the last week of the term. Well done!

1st	Year 2	99.1%
2nd	Year R	98.3%
3rd	Year 5	97.1%
4th	Year 4	96.2%
5th	Year 1	95.8%
6th	Year 6	92.6%
7th	Year 3	92.0%

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

Best wishes

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