

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 16



'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!'

12th January 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

SOAPs Meeting

SOAPs will be holding a meeting at school at 7pm on Monday, 15th January to discuss forthcoming events. All parents/carers are welcome to go along to the meeting - it would be lovely to see you all. Thank you.

Mrs Maskell

Mrs Maskell will sadly be leaving us to retire at the end of this half term. Mrs Maskell has been a valuable member of staff for the past six years and we will all miss her very much.

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?reqItemSessionID=224030>. Alternatively, if you would like to book a place for your child over the phone, please call Mad Science on 01727 824700.

'Toxic Tom' visited our school on Wednesday of this week and demonstrated a range of exciting experiments to the children. This is just a taster of what's to come in the exciting new after school club!

'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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 5 who had the highest attendance during the last week of the term. Well done!

1st	Year 5	100.0%
2nd	Year 1	98.3%
3rd	Year 2	98.2%
4th	Year 3	96.1%
5th	Year 4	95.5%
6th	Year 6	95.4%
7th	Year R	91.6%

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

Best wishes

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