

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 20



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

*Our value for February is Forgiveness
'To err is human; to forgive, divine.'*

9th February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Anna Maskell

Our popular, friendly member of staff, Anna Maskell, retired today. She has been part of Ashton St Peter's for 6 years and is dearly loved by all the children, staff and parents. I am sure you would like to join us in wishing her a relaxing retirement and thank her for all that she has done in keeping our school sparkling. We will miss her lots and look forward to her visits.

Hotshots Basketball Team

On Sunday, 28th January 2018, our Hotshots basketball team came 2nd in a tournament attended by various schools. I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating the team on their superb performance. Well done!

Parents Consultations - Please note the change in date

Year 1 to Year 6 - Tuesday, 27th February - 4pm-8pm, Wednesday, 28th February - 4pm-7pm

Year R - Tuesday, 27th February - 3pm-8pm, Wednesday, 28th February - 5.30pm-7.30pm

Parent consultations will be held on the above dates - please note the change in date as advised via Parentmail on Monday, 5th February 2018. If you have not already booked an appointment please can you complete and return your request to your child's class teacher by the end of the day on Tuesday, 20th February 2018. Thank you.

Sex and Relationships Education Parent Meeting - 'Big Talk'

As part of the teaching of sex and relationships within school, the Governors employ the services of Big Talk to come and speak to parents about the curriculum they will be delivering to our children in March. Information regarding this is attached with an attendance slip to be completed. The presentation will be held on **Wednesday, 7th March at 6pm until 7pm** and the teaching will be delivered during the day of Thursday, 8th March. Further information has been sent by Parentmail. We look forward to seeing you on 7th March.

World Book Day - 1st March

As part of World Book Day, on Thursday, 1st March 2018, children in Year 1 to Year 6 will be visiting the Grove Theatre to watch a performance of 'Book Club - The Musical'. For this exciting event, the children are asked to dress up as their favourite book character, please be aware that they will need to wear their costume to walk to the theatre and sit through the performance. Children in Year R will also have the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We look forward to guessing who you are!

Charities

We would just like to thank all of our families for their support in the fund raising events that have taken place over the last term. We have raised the following:

- Keech Hospice Care - £308.37
- Bishops Harvest Appeal - £167.40
- Priory Vision 2020 - £314.93

'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.

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	98.3%
2nd	Year 3	98.0%
3rd	Year 6	97.3%
4th	Year 5	95.7%
5th	Year R	95.0%
6th	Year 4	92.0%
7th	Year 1	89.3%

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday, 19th February 2018 when hopefully the weather will be much brighter.

Best wishes

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