

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 21



**'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.'***

23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Mrs Day - Year 2 Teacher**

We have some wonderful news to share with you regarding Mrs Day, our Year 2 Teacher. Mrs Day and her husband are expecting their first baby in the middle of July this year. I am sure you would all like to join me in congratulating them on their news and we will, of course, keep our Year 2 parents informed of future plans nearer the time.

### **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.

### **Parents Consultations - Please note the change in date**

**Year 1 to Year 6 - Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February - 4pm-8pm, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February - 4pm-7pm**

**Year R - Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February - 3pm-8pm, Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> 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, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. If you have not already booked an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **World Book Day - 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

As part of World Book Day, on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

### **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, 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm until 7pm** and the teaching will be delivered during the day of Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> March. Further information has been sent by Parentmail. We look forward to seeing you on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

## **KS1 SATs Presentation - 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Parents of children in Year 2 are invited to an information evening on Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.30pm focusing on the KS1 SATs. You will have the opportunity to look at a range of papers and ask questions linked to the process. If you are able to attend please can you let the school office know. Unfortunately, children are unable to attend this meeting. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. Thank you.

## **School Dinner**

Please note that as of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018 the cost of school dinners will rise to £2.20 per day. We have a new cashier working in the kitchen and have been asked to request that parents write the first name, surname and year group of their child plus the amount enclosed on an envelope when paying school dinner money. Thank you.

## **Association of Dunstable Charities**

The Clerk to the Dunstable Charities has forwarded us information regarding support available for those parents who require financial support in purchasing school uniform and other items for school. The grants are distributed annually and applications will be considered from eligible families living within the Dunstable area. If you wish to find out more information, please e-mail [dunstablecharity@yahoo.com](mailto:dunstablecharity@yahoo.com) or telephone 01582 660008 (please see flyer attached).

## **SNAP**

On Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> March 2018, SNAP will be running a Parent/Carer Forum Conference at the Rufus Centre in Flitwick. This conference is for those parents who have children with additional needs who feel they would benefit from some extra support and advice. This is a free event and places can be booked via e-mail at [admin@snappcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@snappcf.org.uk) or telephone 07984 545044.

## **'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](http://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.

## **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 3 who had the highest attendance during the last week of the term. Well done!

1st	Year 3	98.0%
2nd	Year 2	97.0%
3rd	Year 4	96.3%
4th	Year 6	96.0%
5th	Year 1	94.3%
6th	Year 5	93.8%
7th	Year R	91.3%

***Thank you for your continued support.***

Best wishes

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