

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 22



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

*Our value for March is Caring
'You need to give care in order to receive care.'*

2nd March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Ofsted

As you will be aware, Ofsted visited our school on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. On behalf of the Governors and staff, I would like to thank parents for their very positive support and comments regarding our school. Your wonderful children were impeccably behaved and eager to share their learning, and to talk to Inspectors about school life. The final Ofsted Report will not be available for some weeks, but once received, the Governors will share the outcome with parents. 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.

Parents Consultations - Please note the change in date

Year 1 to Year 6 - Monday, 5th March 2018 - 4pm-7pm, Tuesday, 6th March - 4pm-8pm

Year R - Monday, 5th March 2018 - 5.30pm-7.30pm, Tuesday, 6th March - 3pm-8pm,

I would like to apologise once again for any inconvenience caused by the postponement of this week's parent consultations and would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding. Thank you.

World Book Day - 1st March 2018

As part of World Book Day, a procession of book characters made their way to the Grove Theatre for a fabulous theatre show. The children thoroughly enjoyed joining Jack and Jill as they travelled into different book lands, even joining in with the signing and dancing! Children, remember to spend your £1 book voucher on more amazing books! Thank you for sending your children to school as wonderfully dressed book characters, they looked amazing and there will be photographs on the website at the weekend.

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. We look forward to seeing you on 7th March.

KS1 SATs Presentation – 14th March 2018

Parents of children in Year 2 are invited to an information evening on Wednesday, 14th 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.

Mother's Day Gift Shop

The SOAPS Mother's Day Gift Shop will taking place on Friday, 9th March 2018. If you would like your child to visit the gift shop, please complete the form on the attached flyer and return it to the school office by Wednesday, 7th March 2018.

Bags to School – 9th March 2018

A large blue plastic bag will be sent home with your child for you to fill with unwanted clothes/bedding etc. Please bring your bag into school on Friday, 9th March 2018. **Please do not bring your bags into school before the 9th.** The money raised goes into the SOAPS funds. Thank you for your support.

School Dinner

Please note that as of 1st 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.

'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.

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

1st	Year 4	99.0%
2nd	Year 3	98.3%
3rd	Year 2	97.6%
4th	Year R	95.3%
4th	Year 5	95.3%
5th	Year 6	93.6%
6th	Year 1	92.3%

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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