

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 25



**'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.'*

23<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

### **The Perfect Performance of the Pied Piper – A Review Written by a Year 4 Children**

"It began in a small village which had been infected by rats. Who's going to help them and how will they get rid of them? The thrilling play of the Pied Piper was perfect, especially as we didn't have that much time to practise. As the audience (parents, school children and the teachers) liked it, I guess we did a good job. Furthermore, the singing was a highlight, we had to learn eleven songs! Us children did particularly well, and we were rewarded with ice lollies afterwards. Thank you to the teachers for helping us and the parents for being a spectacular audience."

I am sure that all who attended this performance would agree with the Year 4 child's review above. Our children sang and acted out the story of the Pied Piper with confidence and enthusiasm, singing their hearts out, they were all amazing! Congratulations and well done to you all!

### **Swimming Gala**

We would like to say a huge congratulations to the children in Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in the Swimming Gala today at Houghton Regis Leisure Centre. The girl's team, Francesca Humphrey, Jodie Burgess, Eva Meenan and Alicia Mollison and the boy's team, George Battersby, Jacob Battersby, Gabriel Carew and Nitish Uthayaseelan came second overall. It was lovely to see all the children working very hard and supporting their team mates continuously throughout the Gala. Well done!

### **Sport Relief Day**

Today, the children have enjoyed participating in a range of sports activities linked to Sport Relief day. Thank you to parents for their donations.

### **School Uniform**

In line with our school uniform policy, please ensure that your child does not wear make-up or nail varnish to school. Please can we also reminder you that grey school shorts are part of our summer uniform and can be worn after the Easter holiday. Summer dresses may also be worn and fingers crossed, the weather will allow this!

### **Choir and Recorder Performance**

Mrs Leadbeater, Mrs Dineen and Mrs Gilmour are planning to hold a concert for family members of the choir and recorder groups at 2.30pm on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018. As this will be the last opportunity to hear the choir and recorder groups this academic year we hope you will be able to attend. Please inform a member of staff in the school office if you would like to attend. Thank you.

### **SOAPS Easter Garden Competition**

This is just a reminder that information has been sent out regarding this fun competition. Please can families bring in their Easter Gardens on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 to the school office. The gardens will be displayed in the school entrance and children will vote for their favourite garden on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018. On 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018 children can take their garden home to display over Easter.

### **Easter Service - Priory Church**

Our Easter Service will be held at 2pm on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018, in the Priory Church and all families are welcome to join us. On Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018, please can we ask parents not to send their child's reading package to school and if your child has a packed lunch, please can they bring it in a carrier bag rather than their lunch box.

Following the Church service you may take your child home from the Church. If you are unable to collect your child from Church between 3.00pm and 3.15pm, we will walk the children back to school for them to be collected at 3.30pm. Evening Owls will be finishing an hour earlier at 4.30pm on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

### **Priory Church Easter Workshop**

Join us at the Priory Church for a morning of crafts and Easter themed activities in the Priory Church Hall on Easter Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 from 9.45 until 1pm. All ages are welcome. Please bring an apron or wear old clothes (as there will be painting and gluing), a boiled egg to decorate and £3.50 for a contribution towards materials. We hope to see you there! If you have any questions please contact Penny at the Priory Church on 01582 663384.

### **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.

### **'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.

### **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 6 who had the highest attendance during the last week of the term. Well done!

1st	Year 6	100.0%
2nd	Year 3	98.3%
3rd	Year R	98.0%
4th	Year 5	97.6%
5th	Year 2	97.3%
6th	Year 4	94.6%
7th	Year 4	91.6%

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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