

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 13



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

Our value for December is Love and Compassion

'2 Colossians 3v12: Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.'

7th December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Date Reminder

We would like to remind parents at this busy time of upcoming events for your diary:

- 10th December - SOAPs event - Christmas gift shop
- 10th December, 3.00pm - 'Look At Our Learning'
- 12th December - Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 - Breakfast with Santa, Christmas Party and Magic Dave
- 13th December - Year 3 to Year 6 - Breakfast with Santa and Pantomime at The Grove Theatre
- 14th December - Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner
- 17th December - Year 3 to Year 6 Christmas party
- 19th December, 10am - Christmas Service at Priory Church
- 18th December - Christingle Service

Role model of the week

Every week, staff will choose a child from KS1 and a child from KS2 who has been a role model for our value of the month. This month's value is Love and compassion and our role models of the week are Evie M in KS1 for being a kind friend and Kodie in KS2 for being kind and helpful. Well done to our role models!

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Mrs Sue Leadbeater will be holding a prayer group on a Friday, 23rd November 2018 and 7th December from 9am-9.30am. It will be held in school and all parents, grandparents and carers are welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming you.

Alongside the prayer group meetings, the Governors would like to invite all parents to pray for the school each week. Every Friday, there will be a new focus for the following week in the Newsletter. For next week, the focus will be children and staff in Year 2.

Christmas Cracker

We would like to thank our two Christmas Elves, aka Mrs Bass and Mrs Barham, for yet another amazing Christmas Cracker. They have worked exceptionally hard for many, many hours and I'm sure you will agree that the fair was a great success. Thank you also to the other members of SOAPS for their time.

Christmas Performance - Years R, 1 and 2

I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating the children on their outstanding performance during their Christmas production of 'It's a Baby'. They sang and danced beautifully! The DVD is on sale for £3.50 so you will be able to watch it again and again! If you wish to purchase a DVD please put your money in a named envelope and post it in the post box by Thursday, 13th December. Thank you.

Breakfast with Santa

On Wednesday and Thursday, Santa will be coming to have breakfast with the children. This event is funded by SOAPS and the children will have toast and a drink.

Christmas Parties

On Wednesday, 12th December 2018, Years R, 1 and 2 will be having their Christmas Parties, followed by an afternoon of fun with 'Magic Dave'. Look out for some magic tricks when they get home! On Monday, 17th December 2018, KS2 will be having their party. A list for food contributions will be displayed outside the classrooms. **Please can children wear their party clothes on the day of their party.**

Christmas Post

Our Christmas postal service has now begun. Children can post cards to their friends in school, a stamp costs 1p. All proceeds will be given to charity. Please remember to put the full name and class on each card sent. Thank you.

"Look at our Learning" - Monday, 10th December 2018

Please note the change of date for our "Look at our Learning" afternoon. Parents are invited to come into school at 3pm on Monday, 10th December 2018 to see what their children have been learning this term and see the progress they have made. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Pantomime - Thursday, 13th December - PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 4.00PM FROM THE GROVE

On Thursday, 13th December Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to the Grove theatre to see their pantomime. We will be leaving school at 12.45pm, please could all parent helpers be in school for 12.30pm. **Please collect your child from the Grove Theatre at 4pm.** Please remember if you wish your child to be collected by someone else you must inform the school office before 11.00am on the day. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day - Friday, 14th December 2018 - Save the Children

On Friday, 14th December 2018 we will all be wearing our Christmas jumpers and mufti. This is a charitable event and we ask that children bring in a £1 donation as we will be raising money for Save the Children. This is also Christmas dinner day and we are all looking forward to enjoying the festive spirit together. Thank you.

Christingle

Your child will be bringing home a Christingle candle collection box in preparation for our service on Tuesday, 18th December 2018. If possible, please can children bring their candles into school on the day. 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 we also remind parents not to walk through the car park gate but use the pedestrian gate in the alley way.

If your child rides a bike or scooter to school, please can they park it inside the school gate beside the kitchen on the grass. This is to ensure additional security.

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

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 1	100.0%
2nd	Year 5	99.3%
3rd	Year R	99.0%
4th	Year 3	98.2%
5th	Year 6	96.6%
6th	Year 4	96.1%
7th	Year 2	92.6%

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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