

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 14



**'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.'*

14<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

At the end of this term, we shall be saying goodbye to Mrs McGinty, as she takes early retirement to spend more time with her family, and pursue leisure and other interests. Mrs McGinty has devoted the last 12 years to the school, for which we are extremely grateful. Over that time, she has seen numerous children and families grow and flourish, which is extremely rewarding, and I'm sure will always remain as a special part of her heart. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to extend a special thanks to her for her dedication and hard work to make the school the amazing place of learning that it is. Personally it has been a pleasure to work alongside Mrs McGinty, who is now more of a friend than a colleague. We will all miss Mrs McGinty very much, but wish her every happiness in her new and exciting phase of life!

### **Date Reminder**

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

- 17<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 to Year 6 Christmas party
- 18<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service
- 19<sup>th</sup> December, 10am - Christmas Service at Priory Church - all parents are welcome

### **Christingle**

Your child will be bringing home a Christingle candle collection box in preparation for our service on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018. If possible, please can children bring their candles into school on the day. Thank you.

### **Year 1 visit to Weatherfield Academy**

On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2018, Year 1 children have been invited to the Weatherfield Academy Christmas Performance. We will be leaving school at 12.45pm and would like to thank all the parents who have offered to come and walk with us. The children will return to school by 3.30pm.

### **Christmas Parties**

On Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

Mrs Sue Leadbeater will be restarting the prayer group on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019 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 1.

### **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](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.

### **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 2 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 2	99.0%
2nd	Year 4	98.7%
3rd	Year 1	98.6%
3rd	Year 5	98.6%
4th	Year R	97.0%
5th	Year 3	96.4%
6th	Year 6	94.6%

*Thank you for your continued support.*

Best wishes

*Shirley McGinty*

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