

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 20



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

Our value for February is Trust

'1 Corinthians 13v6-7: Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, and always perseveres.'

18th February 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

New Vision Statement

As part of their work, reflecting on the ethos of our school, the Governors have re-written our school vision, as follows:

'Our children and adults will be grounded in God's word. We maintain a Christian family focus, aiming to support parents in raising their children as flourishing citizens, enabling them to handle life's challenges with courage and perseverance. We provide high-quality learning, preparing children to flourish academically and spiritually, fulfilling their God-given potential.'

The children have been learning about what this vision means for them, their family and the school community.

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 Trust and our role models of the week are Kai in KS1 for being a trustworthy person and Kodie in KS2 for being an excellent member of the class who can be trusted to carry out tasks. Well done to our role models!

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Mrs Sue Leadbeater will be holding the next prayer group on Friday from 22nd February 2019 from 9am-9.30am, more dates to follow. 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.

Architect Visit in Year 6

This week, Year 6 had the opportunity to enjoy a lesson about architecture from a former pupil at our school. Andrew Ingham came back to school to share his journey to his chosen profession. The children learnt about the skills needed and studying required to become an architect. They gave their opinions on different styles of architecture and then tried some designing for themselves - this was very much enjoyed up to the point where someone else took over and changed their design! This was an excellent chance for them to learn about teamwork and has, hopefully, inspired some children to be the architects of the future.

Looking after School Property

Can we please ask parents to ensure that their children take care of any school property they borrow. We have recently had a number of reading scheme books returned to school that have been damaged and had to be thrown away. If something does get accidentally damaged, can you please inform the class teacher so that it can be taken out of circulation. As you will appreciate, the purchase of new books and equipment has a big impact on the school budget. Thank you.

Parental Controls – Kindle Fire

It has been brought to our attention that Amazon have updated the software on their Kindle Fire, which has affected and possibly reset parental controls. We would like to advise parents that if their child has use of a Kindle Fire, they may wish to check the parent controls to ensure unsuitable material cannot be viewed. Thank you.

Reading With Your Children

As reading is such an important skill, could we remind parents that reading with your child every day is one of the best ways to help them to be successful. Ideally, they should read their school reading book as this is part of a carefully planned scheme. Please remember to record your child's reading in their reading record or diary. Thank you.

Messy church at the Priory Church Hall

Join us for crafts, worship and fun at Messy Church on Monday, 25th February 2019 from 3.45pm at the Priory Church Hall. All ages welcome. The theme is The House on the Rock. We hope to see you there.

Playing on the School Field

In this wet and muddy weather, if Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children would like to play football on the field at lunchtime, please can you ensure that they have a pair of named wellies in school. Children will no longer be able to play on the field in trainers due to weather conditions.

Parents Consultations

Year R to Year 5 – Wednesday, 20th February – 4pm-8pm, Thursday, 21st February – 4pm-7pm

Parent consultations will be held on the above dates. A letter to book your appointment has been sent by Parentmail. If you have not done so already, please can you complete and return your request to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Thank you.

PE Kits

Can we please remind parents to ensure their children bring to school the correct kit for indoors and outdoors PE. As a reminder, the outdoor PE kit should consist of a plain black or grey sweatshirt (no hoods, no zips) and plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms. Please ensure that any items of clothing brought to school are named. Thank you.

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

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.

As the weather is forecast to be icy, please be careful and watch for ice on school grounds, follow salted pathways and supervise young children.

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.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 4 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 4	97.5%
2nd	Year 1	97.2%
3rd	Year 6	97.0%
4th	Year R	96.4%
5th	Year 3	96.0%
6th	Year 5	95.8%
7th	Year 2	95.0%

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday, 18th February 2019.

Best wishes

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