

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 24



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

Our value for March is Forgiveness

'Mark 11v25: If you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you'

15th March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers



Red Nose Day

As today was Red Nose Day, the children came to school in mufti looking amazing, with their odd clothes, shoes and hair. They had some weird and wonderful ideas! We managed to sell all the red noses and wristbands and with all the donations we have raised in excess of £282.70. Thank you again for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

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 Gabriella F in KS1 for working well with her friends and Jacob A in KS2 for being a forgiving person. Well done to our role models!

Fortnightly Prayer Meeting

Mrs Sue Leadbeater will be holding the next prayer group on Friday, 22nd March 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 5.

Science Workshop

British Science week has been celebrated in style as usual; each class enjoyed an exciting Forensic workshop and there was some super detective work. KS2 travelled back in time in an interactive learning journey about the fossils under our feet (in Dunstable!) Year Six were visited by a microbiologist from The Francis Crick Institute (Kings Cross). They were completely engaged with their observational work using individual microscopes - there are now children considering this as a future career! Wow! Monday was spent working on the theme of 'Journeys': Space, The Circulatory system, the natural environment, flight, pollution, and time, which were all explored with enthusiasm, engagement and enjoyment. This week in Science has been superb.

Sex and Relationships Education - 'Big Talk'

Our children had a very successful day yesterday. They found their Big Talk sessions interesting and informative. Children were very sensible, they participated in all the activities and asked some very appropriate questions. The Big Talk team praised our children for their excellent behaviour and how polite they were and also commended us on our wonderful school. We would like to thank all the parents who attended the information evening as we feel it is very important that you know what your children will be learning. Thank you.

"Look At Our Learning" - 3.00pm-3.30pm, Tuesday, 19th March 2019

Parents are invited to come into school at 3pm 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.

Year 3 and Year 4 Easter Performance - The Giant Slayer

Tickets for the Year 3 and Year 4 Easter performance of 'The Giant Slayer' will be available from the school office from Monday, 18th March. Initially, we are able to issue 4 tickets per family and extra tickets will be available from Monday, 25th March. Please also note that pushchairs must be left outside school and are not permitted in the hall. All our children will have had the opportunity to see the dress rehearsal. Performances will take place at 4pm on Monday, 25th March 2019 and Thursday, 22nd March 2017. Children in Year 3 and Year 4 will not go home at the normal time and should bring a snack to school on performance days which they will be able to eat just before the performance. Thank you.

Pool Table - Evening Owls

Do any parent/carers have a small pool table on legs that they no longer want that can be donated to Evening Owls for our children to play on? If so, can you please speak to a member of staff in the school office. Thank you.

Stamps

We would like to thank parent/carers for sending used stamps into school. We were able to donate over 900 stamps to the Bransby Home of Rest for Horses. Please continue to send in your used stamps for this worthwhile charity. 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.

Playing on the School Field

When we have 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.

Coats

In the cold weather 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.

Can we please remind parents that children must be accompanied to school by an adult and handed over to staff at their classroom door. This is to ensure that we can be certain of their safety. 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.

Attendance

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

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| 1st | Year 4 | 97.8% |
| 2nd | Year 1 | 97.6% |
| 3rd | Year 6 | 96.7% |
| 4th | Year 3 | 96.2% |
| 4th | Year R | 96.2% |
| 5th | Year 5 | 96.0% |
| 6th | Year 2 | 94.9% |

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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