

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 27



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

Our value for April is Perseverance

Hebrews 12v1: 'Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us that is before us.'

5th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

SOAPS Easter Egg Competition

We have been overwhelmed by the wonderful Easter Eggs that families have enjoyed making together. These have been on display this week in the school entrance and admired by many. Every child in the school voted for their favourite Easter egg and SOAPS wish to announce the top three eggs:

1st - Lily I for her Meg egg

2nd - Neve J for her unicorn eggs

3rd - the Randall family for their Br 'egg' xit entry

The special award for the best egg with a religious theme went to Ciara D.

Role Model of the Week

Every week, staff will choose a child from KS1/Reception and a child from KS2 who has been a role model for our value of the month. This month's value is Perseverance and our role models of the week are Imogen C in KS1/Reception for trying her best even when work is tricky and Kamil in KS2 for working hard to learn in another language. Well done to our role models!

Fortnightly Prayer Meeting

Mrs Sue Leadbeater will be holding the next prayer group on Friday, 26th April 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.

Ashton Cup Winner

Today within the end of term Easter service the Ashton Cup was presented to Alicia Mollison - Congratulations. Well done to all the children who sang beautifully and to those who read and shared prayers. Thank you to all those parents who attended.

New IT Equipment

The school have invested in new iPads and Chrome Books which will be ready for children to use after the Easter holidays. I would like to thank SOAPS for match funding the cost of the iPads and for other exciting resources they have funded which are due to arrive after Easter. Thank you.

Choir and Recorder Performance

Thank you to all those parents who attended the performance on Thursday, 4th April 2019. I am sure you will agree that the choir sang beautifully and the recorder players were tuneful. We would like to thank Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dineen for their time and dedication in developing the children's talents. We hope that you all enjoyed the performance.

Bransby Horses

We received a lovely letter and certificate from Bransby Horses Rescue and Welfare (please see attached) thanking the children of Ashton St Peter's for the used stamps they collected for their charity. We are still collecting used stamps and would be grateful for any sent into school. 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.

Socks

Mrs Tait is in desperate need of girl's socks and tights, any colour, 7 years and upwards. If you have any socks or tights you are able to donate, it would be very much appreciated. 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 1 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 1	98.6%
2nd	Year 3	98.5%
3rd	Year 2	98.3%
4th	Year R	98.0%
5th	Year 4	97.4%
6th	Year 6	97.3%
7th	Year 5	96.3%

I have very much enjoyed my time as Interim Headteacher. Thank you to Mr Denham for teaching Year 5 and to all the staff and parents for all your support this term. I would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Easter break. We look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday, 23rd April 2019, when we will welcome our new Headteacher, David Bower. Let's hope the sun shines!

Best wishes

Sally Michaels

Interim Headteacher