

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 1



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

Our value for September is Positivity

'Philippians 4.8: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever, is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-think about such things.'

6th September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you all back to the new school year and hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday and are looking forward to an exciting school year. We also look forward to welcoming our new Reception class children on Monday.

Whole School Vision

We would like to share with you our school vision which will be sent to you by Parentmail and is also displayed around the school. If you would like to discuss this or contribute in any way please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Values

As parents and carers, you know that we are a "Values Education" School and values are an integral part of our ethos and school life, they permeate the curriculum and are an important part of collective worship too. We have attached information on our "values cycle" and ask parents to share in promoting these values in our children's lives. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Diary dates will be sent via Parentmail next week but please note that they could be subject to change. The academic school calendars are also available on the website for the coming two years. Please note we will be taking reservations for our Grandparent's Day from 1st November. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

We will be holding a SATs meeting for parents of Year 6 children at 6.30pm on Thursday, 12th September 2019. At the meeting we will be informing parents for the arrangements of the SATs tests, the support that is required from home and giving further details regarding SATs booster classes. SATs guidance books for English and Maths for parents will be on sale on the evening at a cost of £4 each. Please let the school office know how many seats you require.

School Admissions/Transfer to Secondary School

School admissions for September 2020 are now open. For further information please contact the Local Authority. If you have a sibling starting in September 2020 you will still need to complete an application via the Local Authority. Secondary schools will hold open evenings which are publicised on their websites.

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 parents also be reminded to consider neighbours when parking within the school vicinity.

If you bring your dog to school to drop off or collect children, please could we ask that you keep the dogs clear of entry gates and either stand with or tie up your dog where there is plenty of space for children to pass with a wide berth on the school field or beyond the vehicle entrance to the staff carpark, away from the alleyway. Thank you.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Information regarding our extra-curricular activities will be sent via Parentmail for Hotshots, netball, ballet, contemporary dance and Street Dance. Details regarding choir, and recorders will follow shortly.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the Priory Church on Thursday, 3rd October 2019 at 2pm. Families are welcome to join us and children can be taken home from the Church at the end of the service. Further information will follow.

Volunteers

If there are any parents who are able to volunteer to help our Site Manager with odd jobs around the school and be an extra pair of hands, please inform Mr Arthur as he would be delighted with the offer of help,

I would like to start a new football team for Year 5 and Year 6 children and am looking for qualified coaches and volunteers who would be interested in helping out on a regular basis with training and at matches. If you would be interested in helping, please speak to the member of staff in the school office.

School Uniform

Can you please ensure that you write your child's name in all school uniform and PE kits and that PE kits stay in school for the half term.

Attendance & Holidays in Term Time

The Governors wish to remind parents that 'holidays in term time' will be unauthorised and subject to a fine in line with our school Attendance Policy. Our Attendance Policy is available on the website.

SOAPS AGM

On Monday, 9th September 2019 at 7.00pm, SOAPs will be holding their AGM at school. All parents are invited to attend and your support would be greatly appreciated.

Payments to the school

If you are paying cash for trips can you please hand the correct money to the school office as we do not keep money for change. Payments for trips, uniform, Early Birds and Evening Owls can be made via the ParentMail app. Thank you.

Coats

As the weather begins to turn Autumnal please can children remember to bring in their coats as it can get chilly in the playground. Thank you

I would like to thank all parents for their continued support.

Best wishes

David Bower

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Headteacher