

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/Compassion

"2 Colossians 3v12: Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

13th December 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Date Reminder

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

- 16th December, 3.00pm - 'Look At Our Learning'
- 17th December, 2.00pm - Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 - Magic Dave
- 18th December - Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 -Christmas Party
- 18th December - Year 3 to Year 6 - Pantomime at The Grove Theatre
- 19th December - KS2 Christmas party
- 20th December - Christmas Service at Priory Church
- 20th December - School finishes at 1.15pm - there will be no Evening Owls on this day

Fortnightly Prayer Meeting

Mrs Sue Leadbeater will be holding the next prayer group meeting on Friday, 17th January 2020 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.

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.

Rotary Club Christmas Float

Members of SOAPS and the staff of Ashton St Peter's joined the Rotary Club on Monday evening of this week to walk with the Rotary Club Santa float to raise money for charity and the school. A total of £798.11 was raised of which £319.24 will be donated to the school. Thank you to all of those who took part in this fun event!



Student Council visit to the Salvation Army

On Wednesday 11th December, Year 4 to Year 6 School Council members visited The Salvation Army to see the Christmas boxes being prepared ready for distribution. The children were blown away by the scale of the operation and the dedication of the volunteers, helping over 200 families in our town, reaching over 350 children this Christmas. It was a valuable and inspirational experience for them and they have come away with some fabulous ideas of how we can help in the future. Watch this space.....

Christmas Cracker

We would like to thank SOAPS, for yet another amazing Christmas Cracker. They have worked exceptionally hard for many, many hours and I'm sure you will agree that the fair was a great success. Thank you.

Christmas Performance - Year R, Year 1 and Year 2

I am sure you would like to join us in congratulating the children on their outstanding performance during their Christmas production of 'Everyone Loves A Baby'. They sang and danced beautifully! The USB is on sale for £3.00 so you will be able to watch it again and again! If you wish to purchase a USB please put your money in a named envelope and post it in the post box by Wednesday 18th December. Thank you.

"Look at our Learning" - Monday, 16th December 2019

Parents are invited to come into school between 3pm and 3.30pm 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 6 General Election

On Thursday, children in Year 6 organised a mock General Election for staff and all pupils in KS2 as part of their learning on British values. This was an intensive time of teamwork; for party members- working together to choose the policies that mattered to them and researching information to back their ideas up, campaigning, advertising, leafleting, canvassing and debating. The leaders were certainly able to stand up well to the questions and counter arguments of staff, who enjoyed challenging their thinking. For the 'council' more teamwork : compiling registers, sending out poll cards, preparing ballot papers and a polling station which ran smoothly. The children were a credit to you and the results were reasonably reflective of national ones! Well done to all that helped to make this such a valuable learning experience.

Christmas Parties

Next week, children will be having their Christmas parties:

- Year 2 - Tuesday, 17th December 2019 (after Magic Dave)
- Year R and Year 1 - Wednesday, 18th December 2019
- Year 3 to Year 6 - Thursday, 19th December 2019

A list for food contributions will be displayed outside the classrooms. **Please can children wear their party clothes on the day of their party.**

Pantomime - Wednesday, 18th December 2019 - PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 4.00PM FROM THE GROVE

On Wednesday, 18th December 2019 Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be going to the Grove theatre to see their pantomime. We will be leaving school at 12.45pm, please could all parent helpers be in school for 12.30pm. **Please collect your child from the Grove Theatre at 4pm.** Please remember, if you wish your child to be collected by someone else you must inform the school office before 11.00am on the day. Evening Owls will be taking place as usual, please inform your child's teacher on the morning of the trip if you want your child to walk back to school to attend the after school club. Thank you.

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.

Whole School Art Project

During the Spring term we will be carrying out a whole school project to create art using bottle tops. The finished artwork will be displayed around the school site. Some children will be involved with designing some art based on the colour of bottle tops collected and then the rest of the school will have the opportunity to help complete the image. To help us with our project, we are asking parent/carers if they could start collecting drink bottle and milk bottle lids (not metal ones). These will be collected in individual classrooms. Thank you.

Health and Safety

Due to Health & Safety, can I please ask that if you bring your dog to school to drop off or collect children, that you do not bring them onto the school site other than on the school field. Can owners either stand with or tie up your dog where there is plenty of space for children to pass giving a wide berth on the school field, beyond the vehicle entrance to the staff car park and away from the alleyway. Sidney is the exception to this rule as he is a school dog who is insured and being trained to work with children in a controlled environment.

Can I please remind parent/carers not to walk through the staff car park gates or use the staff car park to drop off and pick up their children, unless they have a disabled badge. 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 2 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 2	99.0%
2nd	Year 3	97.0%
3rd	Year 4	95.8%
4th	Year R	94.8%
5th	Year 1	91.5%
6th	Year 5	89.6%
7th	Year 6	89.3%

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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