

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 4



**'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.'**

27<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

### Wheelie Fantastic 2019

I am really proud to announce that the Gardening Club's entry for the Wheelie Fantastic 2019 competition won first place! The children who attend the Gardening Club which is run by Mrs Toyer with the help of Mr Arthur, designed a fabulous wheelbarrow, which has had pride of place outside our reception since the summer term. Last night Mrs Toyer attended the awards ceremony at The Vale Academy and was presented with a first place certificate (attached) by the Mayor of Dunstable. Well done to all involved.



### Macmillan Coffee Morning

We would like to thank parents/carers for their fantastic support this morning's Macmillan Coffee Morning. SOAPS have informed us that a total of £587.15 was raised for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you.

### 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 positivity and our role models of the week are Alfie C in KS1 for his brilliant attitude in the classroom and Lola W in KS2 for her enthusiastic attitude to her work and for doing extra homework. Well done to our role models!

### Football Tournament

On Monday of this week, Ashton St Peter's hosted a football tournament which several local primary schools took part in. We would like to congratulate our Year 5 and Year 6 girls who took part in the tournament, they played really well and showed brilliant sportsmanship throughout. The girls were a real credit to the school, well done!

### Fortnightly Prayer Meeting

Mrs Sue Leadbeater will be holding the next prayer group meeting on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019 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 5.

### **Harvest Festival**

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the Priory Church on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. If your child has a packed lunch on this day, please can they bring it to school in a carrier bag. Children who are not collected from the church will be walked back to school for the usual collection time of 3.30pm and Evening Owls will run as normal. Please can we ask for donations of tins and dry food from Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> September and these will be displayed in the library area of the school. All donations will go to support people in the local community and are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

We would like to thank parents/carers for their fantastic support this morning's Macmillan Coffee Morning. SOAPS have informed us that a total of £560.15 was raised for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you.

### **Book Fair - 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 - 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019**

Travelling Books will again be delivering a selection of books for children to purchase. These books will be on display for sale at 3.30pm in the hall from 25<sup>th</sup> September until 1<sup>st</sup> October. The school will receive commission for any books sold and this money is divided by each classroom to enable teachers to purchase new books. Please feel free to come and browse and choose any books you wish to purchase. Please note the books cannot be ordered, they will only be available for purchase on these days.

### **Bishops Harvest Appeal**

This year we will be supporting the Bishops Harvest Appeal entitled 'How to give to light up Tanzania'. To help raise money for the Appeal, we are asking for a donation from children who will be able to come to school in mufti on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Please can children wear something bright in support of this year's Appeal. Thank you for your support.

### **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.

### **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.

If there are any parent/carers or grandparents available one afternoon to help clear our Science garden, which has become rather overgrown during the summer holiday, please speak to a member of staff in the school office. Any offers of help would be very much appreciated.

### **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.

### **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.

## **Attendance**

Congratulations to Year 5 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 5	98.0%
2nd	Year 1	97.7%
3rd	Year 4	97.6%
4th	Year 3	96.9%
5th	Year R	96.6%
5th	Year 6	96.6%
6th	Year 2	94.4%

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

Best wishes

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