

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.'

10th September 2021

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. It is so lovely to have all the children back and mixing together outside at break and lunch, eating their dinners together and being able to hold collective worship, which has made it feel like a school again.

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.

Prayer Group Meetings

We are delighted to once again be able to hold our prayer group meetings in the school building this term, covid restrictions permitting. This is open to all parents, carers, grandparents and supporters of Ashton St Peter's School. We would ask all those attending to please not come if they are showing any signs of covid in order to protect the staff and pupils as we are in the building. The prayer meetings will run from 9am till 9.30am, please drop your children at school and then enter via the main entrance in order to sign in. We welcome prayer requests, so if you have something you would like to ask for prayer for please email any requests to timjo.davis@virginmedia.com. If you are unable to join the meeting but would like to be included in the WhatsApp prayer group please also email and we would love for you to join us. This terms dates are: 24 September 2021, 8 October 2021, 22 October 2021, 5 November 2021, 19 November 2021, 3 December 2021.

Diary Dates

Diary dates have been sent via Parentmail. Please note that the dates for parent consultation have been changed. 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 1 November. Further details will follow nearer the time.

Jeans for Genes Day - Tuesday, 14 September 2021

All the staff and children will be supporting this event, your child can wear their jeans to school and bring in a donation for the charity if they wish. Thank you.

Year 6 SATs Meeting

We will be holding a SATs meeting for parents of Year 6 children. Please note that the date has changed due to the original date clashing with Manshead Academy's Open Evening. The meeting will now take place at 6.00pm on Thursday, 30 September 2021. 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. A letter has been sent regarding this meeting and we ask parents to please complete and return the attendance slip informing us of how many seats you require.

School Admissions/Transfer to Secondary School

School admissions for September 2022 are now open. For further information please contact the Local Authority. If you have a sibling starting in September 2022 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 and ballet.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held in the Priory Church on Friday, 1 October 2020 at 10am. Families are welcome to join us for the service. Further information will follow.

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 Tuesday, 21 September 2021 at 7.30pm, 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 and school lunches 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	97.5%
2nd	Year 4	96.6%
3rd	Year 6	95.7%
4th	Year 1	95.0%
5th	Year 2	89.6%
6th	Year 3	88.0%

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

Best wishes

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Headteacher