

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 10



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

Our value for November is Peace

***Matthew 5v9: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.***

19 November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Books for School Competition Winners

Red Bird Tutoring recently ran a 'Books for School' competition, which schools could enter to win £200 worth of books for their library. To enter, schools had to write why they thought they should win, in no more than 100 words. Mrs Roberts & Mrs Harwood wrote the following poem as our entry:

There is nothing that quite beats reading for pleasure,
But how to convince children to seek out this treasure,
We can check their records on a daily basis,
Give team points, gold stars and hold reading races,
Colourful displays with fabulous book covers,
Dress up as superheroes or wicked stepmothers.
To help children grow on their reading journey,
Variety is all that they need,
We would love more non-fiction books in our library,
Help us, Red Bird please!

I am delighted to tell you that we won! We are really looking forward to expanding the non-fiction books - watch this space! Well done Mrs Roberts and Mrs Harwood.

Christmas Dinner - Friday, 10 December 2021

A letter has been sent via Parentmail regarding the ordering of Christmas dinner this year. **Please note that the deadline for ordering a Christmas dinner for your child is Wednesday, 1 December 2021.** An order form must be completed for children in all year groups. Christmas dinner is free for children in Year R to Year 2 and costs £2.30 per child from Year 3 upwards. Please be aware that to enable Yes Chef to order enough supplies and to avoid waste, we will only be able cater for those children who have ordered a dinner by the deadline. Thank you.

Flu Vaccination - Wednesday, 24 November 2021

The NHS Nurses will be visiting school on Wednesday, 24 November 2021 to administer the flu vaccination to children via a nasal spray. Please note that the nurses will only administer the vaccination to those children whose parents have given consent electronically and the school office have no input into this system.

Priory Church Children's Choir

The Priory Church is recruiting for its Children's Choir (aged 6+) to sing in the run-up to Christmas. For further information, please email priorychurch@gmail.com. Thank you

Torchlight Procession - Friday, 26 November 2021

Year 3 to Year 6 children will be taking part in the Torchlight Procession leaving from Priory Church at 6.30pm on Friday, 26 November 2021. Unfortunately, parents are unable to come into the Church due to the number of schools who attend and we ask parents to meet us in Ashton Square for the carol singing.

Decoration Day

Although we are unable to invite grandparents into school to take part in a decoration day this year, it will still go ahead for children next Friday, 26 November 2021. We hope to have a fun packed day where the children will be able to create a number of decorations ready in time to take home for Christmas.

Santa Challenge 2021

Between Monday, 29 November 2021 and Friday, 10 December 2021 parent/carers and their children are invited to take part in the Santa Challenge - a virtual race to reach Santa in Lapland. Each time you walk, cycle or scoot to school, you will be credited with one mile. Everyone who actively travels to school each day will be entered into a prize draw to win a scooter! Please see the attached letter for more details.

School Uniform

Can I please remind parents that fleeces are not part of the school's 'indoor' uniform and are to be worn outside at breaks and lunch times. School jumpers and cardigans are to be worn in class if children require an extra layer. Thank you.

Health and Safety

Can I please ask parents to help with the following:

- Parents are not to walk through the staff car park gate when dropping off and collecting their children as cars and delivery vans use this entrance and it can be very dangerous. Please use the pedestrian entrance in the alleyway.
- Parents are not to leave children in Year 4 and under unsupervised but must hand them over to a member of staff.
- Can parents of children in KS1 please ensure that when dropping off or collecting their child that they leave the premises promptly to minimise overcrowding at the beginning and end of the school day. Please do not allow your child to play on the climbing equipment or play ball games outside the classrooms. Due to the number of children and adults passing through the area, it is not safe and an incident occurred recently where a member of staff nearly got hit in the face by a ball kicked by a child. Thank you.

Coats

As the weather begins to turn wintry please can children remember to bring in their coats, hats and gloves as it can get chilly in the playground. Thank you.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 1 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 2	99.3%
2nd	Year 4	98.6%
3rd	Year 1	97.5%
4th	Year R	96.7%
5th	Year 6	95.14%
6th	Year 5	92.8%
7th	Year 3	92.1%

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

Best wishes

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