

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 13



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

Our value for December is Love and Compassion

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

10 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Note from the Chair of Governors

I would like to inform parents/carers that we recently met with the Diocese of St. Albans regarding the provision of Relationship and Sex Education in the school and we will be engaging with a subject review visit in the Spring.

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

I would like to thank parent/carers for their generosity towards the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and am very pleased to report that you helped to raise a whopping £323.37 - our best year ever! Thank you.

Date Reminder

Due to current circumstances, we have had to cut back on the amount of activities we are able to provide for children leading up to Christmas this year. Please note the upcoming events for your diary:

- 13 December - Year 2/Year 5 Christmas party
- 14 December - Year 3 to Year 6 Pantomime at The Grove Theatre
- 14 December - Year 1 Christmas party
- 14 December - Year R to Year 2 - Magic Dave
- 15 December - Year R/Year 4/Year 6 Christmas party
- 16 December - Year 3 Christmas Party
- 17 December - End of term service (virtual)
- **17 December - School finishes at 1.15pm - there will be no Evening Owls on this day**

Christmas Parties

Week commencing 13 December 2021, children will be having their Christmas parties:

- Year 2/Year 5 - Monday, 13 December 2021
- Year 1 - Tuesday, 14 December 2021 (before/after Magic Dave)
- Year R, Year 4 and Year 6 - Wednesday, 15 December 2021
- Year 3 - Thursday, 16 December 2021

This year, to avoid Covid contamination, we are asking parents for a donation of £1 towards the cost of the food for class parties, which teachers will purchase. Can I please ask that you send your child to school with £1 to give to their teacher by Wednesday, 8 December 2021. **Children can wear their party clothes on the day of their party.**

Whole School Virtual Christmas Performance

It is such a shame that we are unable to hold our wonderful nativity play again this Christmas. However, do not worry! We have an even better idea! We are going to create a Key Stage 1 Christmas performance called, 'Born in a Barn', which will be available for all of you to watch on Google Classroom during the last week of term. I am sure the performance will be just as enjoyable as if it were live! We hope you all enjoy this extra special performance!

Pantomime - Tuesday, 14 December 2021 - PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD AT 3.45PM FROM THE GROVE

On Tuesday, 14 December 2021 Years 3 to Year 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 3.45pm.** 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 will begin on Wednesday, 1 December 2021. 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.

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 6 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 6	98.9%
2nd	Year 1	96.4%
2nd	Year 2	96.4%
3rd	Year 3	94.7%
4th	Year R	94.2%
5th	Year 5	92.8%
6th	Year 4	90.8%

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

Best wishes

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