

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 and Compassion

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

17 December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I would just like to say a big thank you for all your support during this very difficult period with Covid-19 fighting back at us. Your children have been amazing and once again, shown tremendous resilience. I hope you all have a wonderful and safe Christmas and can avoid illness as much as possible. Cherish time with your loved ones and recharge your batteries. We look forward to seeing you all back safe and well in the New Year. Please note that the first day back to school is Tuesday, 4 January 2022.



Crocheted Blanket

When our current Year 4 children were in Year 2 they sewed together squares that one of our parents, Mrs Burman, had kindly crocheted. The blanket that was created is being donated to the Rhino Conservation Trust in South Africa where they will be used as comforters for the baby rhinos who have lost their mums due to poaching. Thank you Mrs Burman and Year 4!

Santa Challenge 2021

Well done to everyone who took part in the Santa Challenge where parent/carers and their children joined a virtual race to reach Santa in Lapland. I would like to announce that the winner of the scooter is K Grint in Year 6. Well done!

Year 6 Nissan workshop

Last week, Year 6 were fortunate enough to experience a fun, interactive workshop led by Martin, a STEM ambassador from Nissan. The question for us to consider was "How can we make things better for the environment?". The children discussed Climate change and the reasons and impact for and of this, then moved on to learn about sustainable sources of power including new and futuristic technology being tested in Nissan. They enjoyed building wind powered and battery powered vehicles and racing them! The session certainly gave the children food for thought and helped them 'dare to dream' of a better future for themselves.

Swimming lessons

Year 6 children have now completed a course of 12 swimming lessons at Dunstable Leisure Centre and should be congratulated for their achievements; instructors at the pool frequently complimented the class as a whole, for their super attitudes and amazing progress. In fact they said they have never seen so much progress in such a short space of time. Well done Year 6!

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.

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.

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

1st	Year 6	97.0%
2nd	Year 2	95.3%
3rd	Year 4	95.2%
4th	Year R	93.9%
5th	Year 1	93.1%
6th	Year 3	92.1%
7th	Year 5	91.6%

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

Best wishes

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