

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

## Newsletter 16



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

*Our value for January is Thankfulness*

**"1 Chronicles 29v12:**

**"All things come from you and of your own do we give you."**

14 January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



### **Year 4 Roman Day**

On Wednesday of this week, children in Year 4 took part in a Roman Day. All the children arrived wearing Roman attire, the costumes were fabulous, and many had gone to the trouble of making their own accessories. They began the day by setting up camps and lighting fires, and then had the opportunity to handle Roman weapons. During the afternoon, the children were put through their paces and began their training as Roman soldiers. The afternoon finished with a battle between the Romans and the Celts - the Romans, of course, won!

### **RSE Audit - Friday, 21 January 2021**

As a Church of England School, Ashton St Peter's is guided by the Diocese of St Albans. As part of our Relationship Sex Education (RSE) provision review the Diocese have suggested that an RSE audit is carried out. Following this suggestion, an external auditor will be visiting the school on Friday, 21 January 2022 to undertake an audit. Further information will be shared with all parent/carers once we have received the audit report. Thank you.

### **Blankets for Rhinos**

I would like to share with parents the message below, received from Bronwen Fergusson:

"Please can you send our thanks and appreciation to Mrs Toyer and the Year 2 class for the beautiful blanket for the baby rhinos. It has arrived safely in Cape Town South Africa and will soon be on its way to Hoedspruit, Limpopo South Africa. Rhinos are our precious gifts, uniquely beautiful gentle souls. It is our privilege to share the world with them. It is our job to protect and save them. If we all learn a little about them and love them a bit more, educate and share their struggle maybe the world will open their eyes and hearts to making their habitat safe for them again. May all the pupils in Year 2 know that we thank them with love from all the rhinos and hope that one day they will come to South Africa to visit and see these beautiful animals, their hearts will be captured.

Blessings from sunny South Africa

Warm regards Bronwen Fergusson (Blankets for baby rhinos)"

### **Evening Owls - Late Pick Up**

Can I ask parents who use our Evening Owls provision to ensure that they collect their children by 5.30pm at the latest. Please be aware that if parents are late collecting their child, they will be charged for an extra hour as staff are having to stay at school to supervise children in their own time. Thank you.

### **School Crossing Patrol**

I am pleased to announce that the school crossing patrol has been reinstated by Central Bedfordshire Council. Can I please ask that parent/carers remind their children that using the school crossing patrol is the safety way to cross Chiltern Road, which can be a very busy road. Thank you.

### **Midday Supervisory Assistant Vacancy**

We are looking to appoint a permanent Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you are interested in applying for this position, please speak to a member of staff in the school office.

### **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](http://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 2 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

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| 1st | Year 2 | 99.2% |
| 2nd | Year 1 | 98.2% |
| 3rd | Year 4 | 94.6% |
| 4th | Year 3 | 93.0% |
| 5th | Year 6 | 92.6% |
| 6th | Year R | 92.3% |
| 7th | Year 5 | 91.5% |

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

Best wishes

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