

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 20



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

Our value for February is Trust

***"John 14v1: Do not let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God, trust also in me."***

11 February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



Year 6 activities

Orangutan class have had a very busy week consolidating their learning in Science and Geography. On Tuesday, we took advantage of our recently purchased whole school membership and spent the day on an 'Adaptations Trail' around Whipsnade Zoo. We also enjoyed an 'Adaptations and Habitats' workshop-all free of charge! The children were happy, engaged and full of life and were complimented on their excellent knowledge.

Yesterday was South American Day and the children enjoyed not only a scrumptious school dinner, but a Spanish lesson, Copa America table football tournament (Brazil won), a quiz about all 13 South American countries and dancing along to carnival music. A super end to an exciting half-term's learning.

WhatsApp

Can I remind parents to be cautious about what they write in school group WhatsApp messages. This is not a forum to speak negatively about a child, parent or the school. If an incident occurs in school, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. Thank you.

Christingle

Today, the children in Year 5 counted the money raised from last week's Christingle service and reported that £184.74 was donated by parent/carers for the Children's Society. I would like to thank you all for your generous donations.

Queen's Canopy Trees

The Queen's Green Canopy is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee". The Don't Let Dunstable Die Trust has arranged for Ashton St Peter's to receive a number of trees to plant on the school site. Our children will have the opportunity to learn about the best way to plant the trees so that they survive and flourish for years to come!

Messy Church

Join the staff at the Salvation Army for the next Messy Church Session taking place on Sunday, 13 February 2022 from 4.00pm. All ages are welcome to go along for crafts, games, worship and refreshments.

World Thinking Day - 22 February 2022

Each year since 1926, on 22 February, members of Girl Guide and Girl Scout movements all over the globe have celebrated World Thinking Day. It's a day when they think of each other and give thanks and appreciation for their international friendships. The 22 February was chosen as the date for Thinking Day because it was the mutual birthday of Lord and Lady Baden-Powell, the founder and original World Chief Guide of the Girl Guides, respectively. One of the traditions of Thinking Day is that members of Girlguiding wear their uniforms to school to show others that they are part of the movement. Therefore, those children in Girlguiding will be able to wear their Girlguiding uniform on Tuesday, 22 February 2022. Thank you.

Parent's Evening - 23 February 2022 and 24 February 2022

As we are unable to invite any parent/carers into the building at the moment, we have decided carry out the parent's evening remotely on 23 February 2022 and 24 February 2022. Your child's teacher have set up a Google document on your Google classroom with a sign up sheet with timings. Please add your child's name next to the time/day you want to attend. It is a first come, first serve basis so please do not write over or next to any other names already signed up. Parents will be informed nearer the time as to how the parent's evenings will take place. Please make a note of your meeting date/time once you have put your name down as this will be down to you to remember. 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 continues to be 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 3 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 3	98.7%
2nd	Year 4	98.0%
3rd	Year 5	93.8%
4th	Year 6	93.7%
5th	Year 2	91.7%
6th	Year 1	89.4%
7th	Year R	86.5%

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a relaxing half term and look forward to seeing you on Monday, 21 February 2022.

Best wishes

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