

# Ashton St. Peter's Primary School Newsletter 23



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

***Our value for March is Forgiveness***

***"1 John 1v9: But if we confess our sins to God,  
he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away."***

11 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



### **Science Workshops**

Yesterday, the children attended a 'Silly Science' workshop where they had a chance to experience some exciting science! The children had the chance to witness how scientific concepts, like forces, aerodynamics and chemical reactions, can be applied to a variety of fun activities. Lots of fun was had by all and many of the children are looking forward to exploring science further in Science Week next week.

### **Big Walk and Wheels Competition**

Ashton St Peter's have been registered for the Big Walk and Wheels Competition which runs between 21 March 2022 - 1 April 2022. This is a national competition which aims to encourage active travel to and from school - please see flyer attached. If a high percentage of children take part in the competition, Ashton St Peter's may win some prizes! Each class will have a record sheet and a couple of our Sport Leaders will visit classes on a daily basis to collect the required information and upload it onto the

competition website. Please encourage your children to take part in the competition to see how active they can be!

### **Absence from School**

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, parent/carers must ensure that they contact the school office or leave a message on the absence line. The onus is on parent/carers to inform us of an absence or lateness. Thank you.

### **Red Nose Day - Friday, 18 March 2022**

Red noses are selling fast and we have a very limited amount of stock left for sale from the school office at a cost of £1.50 each. This year, red noses are being sold in individually sealed boxes so children will be unable to choose which red nose they get - it will be a lucky dip! On Red Nose Day, children will be able to come to school in mufti and we are asking parent/carers to send in a donation. Activities will be planned to make it a fun day and further details will follow shortly. Thank you.

### **Mother's Day Gift Shop**

The SOAPS Mother's Day Gift Shop will be taking place in the pavilion on Friday, 25 March 2022. If you would like your child to visit the gift shop, please complete the form on the attached flyer and return it to the school office by Friday, 18 March 2022.

### **Lego**

Within the next few weeks, we have a couple of staff members who will be undertaking training in Lego Therapy, which we hope to be able to implement in school to help children with special educational needs. In order to be able to offer this therapy, we will require a lot more Lego than we currently have in school. Therefore, if you have any Lego that you can donate, please bring it into the school office. If your Lego donation is boxed with instructions - even better! 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](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 1 who had the highest attendance last week. Well done!

1st	Year 1	98.2%
2nd	Year 2	96.9%
3rd	Year 4	95.6%
4th	Year 5	91.1%
5th	Year 2	88.9%
6th	Year R	87.0%
7th	Year 6	69.2%

***Thank you for your continued support.***

Best wishes

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