

Ashton St. Peter's Primary School

Newsletter 24



'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."***

18 March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers



A letter from the Queen - Year 2

Last half term, children in Year 2 were learning about the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and they each wrote her a letter, which was sent to Buckingham Palace. Tuesday was a very exciting day as they received a reply! The Queen and her Lady in Waiting wrote to tell the children that she had read all of their letters. Children were also sent some leaflets which gave answers to the many questions they had asked. Wow Year 2, this is fantastic!

Ukrainian Crisis

I would like to say a huge thank you to parent/carers for their donations of money and items for the Ukrainian Crisis. I was overwhelmed by your generosity! The children in Year 6 have sorted through all of the non-monetary donations and separated

them into different piles which will be taken to the Minutka Deli in Dunstable. The children have also counted the monetary donations and I am pleased to say that we managed to raise £455.37. We have been advised that medical supplies are running low in the Ukraine so, with the money raised, have purchased a number of first aid kits to be sent. Thank you.

Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for their support. The children looked great with their red hair and painted faces, such weird and wonderful ideas! We managed to sell all the red noses and will be busy counting up the donations over the next week. Thank you again for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

End of Term - Friday, 1 April 2022

As we are approaching the Easter holiday, I would like to remind parent/carers of the early finish time on Friday, 1 April 2022. Please arrange for your child to be collected at 1.15pm as there will be no Evening Owls on this day.

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.

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!

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 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.

Ball Games

Can I please ask parents to remind their children that they are not allowed to play ball games in the playground in the mornings at drop off time. Playing ball games when there are so many people around can be dangerous and I have received a report of a recent near miss of a parent and baby being hit. Thank you.

Parking

Please can parents be reminded to consider neighbours when parking within the school vicinity. There has been a recently incident of a parent being verbally abusive to a neighbour, which is unacceptable. Thank you.

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.

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.

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

1st	Year 1	99.3%
2nd	Year 2	93.4%
3rd	Year 3	92.6%
4th	Year 6	91.8%
5th	Year R	84.6%
6th	Year 5	83.0%
7th	Year 4	64.0%

Thank you for your continued support.

Best wishes

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