



St. Luke's Newsletter No. 4, Friday 30th September 2016

Message from Mrs Catterson

Many thanks to Nicola Simmonds for organising, and to everyone who supported, a fabulous Macmillan Coffee Morning and Afternoon Tea on Wednesday this week. Everyone who came seemed to thoroughly enjoy the opportunity for a get-together and a chat. The total so far stands at £195.34. So many of us are affected by cancer either directly or by association and it is an incredibly worthy cause for the school to support. We are also joining the Stand Up to Cancer day on Friday 21st October – further details to follow.

Something else really worth flagging up is that next week I will be attending the Cambridgeshire Catering Awards ceremony as our own fabulous caterer, Wendy Briggs, will be receiving the Caterer of the Year award. We are incredibly proud of her and that our school kitchen is recognised as a Centre of Excellence within the county. We are very fortunate to have Wendy as our school caterer and she is a real asset to our team.

A big thank you to all the parents who joined us at last week's Gold book/Class sharing assembly. We do hope you enjoyed finding out all about what the children have been learning and sharing in so many successes. On the subject of assemblies and opportunities to share work, we know how much the children have enjoyed our Big Write days over the past few years and that the awards assemblies have been very well attended. This year we are turning our eye to a variation on the theme by extending the Big Write idea to incorporate a range of 'Big' days. These will include a Big Maths day after half term, a Big Write in the Spring and a Big Science in the summer. We are quite excited to explore these new themes and hope that children will share in our enthusiasm for a range of subjects.

We are excited to be doing the Christmas card project again this year. Please keep an eye out for a letter from the PTA with details on how to order your cards. Last year, this was very popular with our parents and we have taken on board feedback that it would be good to have the proofs earlier this year in order to be able to plan ahead. We will therefore be creating the artwork for these in school over the next few weeks.

We have also been aware of some children who have been given permission to walk home alone, but are staying on the school grounds after school without a supervising adult. Whilst our governors have allowed community access to the site, children left unsupervised are no longer under the care of adults in school and it is assumed that once they have left our care at the end of the day they are under the responsibility of parents/carers. If an accident or incident were to occur then there are no school adults readily available to support as our after school club team have a duty of care to those under their supervision and adhere to strict ratios. This is a paid-for service and the staff are only responsible for the children who attend the club.

For parents collecting children from clubs: Please come to the front of the school to collect your children. The coaches have asked for parents to wait outside so that they can send children out to their parents one at a time in a more orderly fashion. Earlier in the week children were rushing out without the coach having the chance to hand over to parents.

Message from the PTA

Welcome everyone, old and new, to a new year at St Luke's. Last year, thanks to your generous support, we raised a fantastic £4,000, enjoyed some fantastic opportunities to get to know each other and worked together to make improvements to the school during our "Tidy Up Mornings". With the money raised we have paid for school trips and granted some of the Key Stage 1 teachers' wishes, increasing resources in the Key Stage 1 classrooms and playground and improving the facilities at the after school club.

This year, the PTA are raring to go and will be looking to fund school trips again and grant some of the Key Stage 2 teachers' wishes. However, it is only with your support that we manage to raise money and provide events that help to build a friendly community at St Luke's, so please get involved any way you can, helping out with the running of individual events, coming up with fundraising ideas or coming along and joining in.

If you'd like to find out more about the PTA, like who the members are and which playground you can find us in for a chat, just check out our website:

<http://stlukes.cambs.sch.uk/pta/>

If you'd like to keep up to date with the PTA's activities, then check out our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Lukes-Primary-School-Cambridge-PTA-220861814594613/>.

Alternatively, you can sign up to the PTA mailing list by sending an email to stlukesschoolpta@gmail.com. Please also email us if you would like to help out with any of our events or if you have any fundraising ideas.

We are currently finalising the dates for some fun events this year and we look forward to sharing more details with you soon.

Race for Life Fundraising

One of our Reception parents is taking part in Cancer Research UK's Race for Life this Sunday 2nd October. If you would like to make a donation to support Emma, please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/emmaabbess>

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Cancer Research UK and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

Attendance

Attendance has risen slightly this week and stands at 96.42% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

Reminders:

- **For year 6 parents/carers: Admission to Secondary School – September 2017.** Applications for year 7 places can be made online or paper copies of the admissions form are available from the office. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2016; applications received after the deadline will not be processed until after the national offer date of 1st March 2017. Please speak to Nicola in the office if you need any help with your application.
- **Choir.** Choir is now open to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. It will take place every other Wednesday from 3:15 to 4:15 starting on 5th October. We are working towards a few different events: the Christmas Carol concert, singing in the community and a possible collaboration with other schools still to be confirmed. Other dates this term: 19th October; 9th November; 23rd November; 7th December. Permission slips are available from the office.

Dates for 2016-17

Autumn Term:

- Monday 3rd to Thursday 6th October, Bikeability for some years 5/6
- Friday morning 7th October, Individual/Family group photos
- Friday 7th October, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2)
- Tuesday 11th October, year 5/6 trip to Ely Cathedral
- Tuesday 11th October, Parent Consultations – further details to follow
- Wednesday 12th, Parent Consultations – further details to follow
- Friday 14th October, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5 or 6 showcase)
- Thursday morning 20th October, trip for last year's School Council to meet the Mayor
- Thursday 20 October, 1:45 Harvest Festival at St Luke's Church – parents welcome
- Friday 21st October, Stand Up to Cancer Fundraiser – further details to follow
- Friday 21st October, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Monday 31st October, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th November, Life Education Centre here
- Thursday 3rd November, Flu Vaccinations for years 1-3
- Friday 4th November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2)
- Monday 7th November, Maths Information Sessions for parents: 5:15 tea/coffee; 5:30 for years R/1/2; 6:00 for years 3/4/5/6
- Tuesday afternoon 8th November, Outreach visit from Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology for year 1
- Wednesday 9th November, year 1 visit to Fitzwilliam Museum
- Wednesday 9th Wednesday, Open Morning – tours at 9:30 and 11:15 – please book at the school office
- Friday 11th November, Story-telling Day for KS1
- Friday morning 11th November – Year 5 visit to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

- Friday 11th November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6)
- Friday 18th November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Friday 25th November – Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles’ Church – one class to visit – tbc
- Friday 25th November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5 or 6 showcase)
- Tuesday 6th December – Craft Day
- Friday 9th December – 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6)
- Week beginning 12th December – Christmas Parties week
- Wednesday 14th December – 1:45 Year 3/4 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – parents welcome to attend if unable to attend performance
- Wednesday 14th December – Reports to parents
- Thursday 15th December – 6:00 Year 3/4 Nativity Performance
- Friday 16th December – Christmas Lunch (pupils only!)
- Friday 16th December – Christmas activities afternoon
- Monday 19th December – 9:30 Carol Concert followed by tea/coffee/mince pies
- Monday afternoon 19th December – Christmas Quiz
- Tuesday 20th December – RE morning (Christmas as a festival)
- Tuesday 20th December – 1:45 Christmas Service at St Luke’s Church – parents welcome
- Tuesday 20th December, 3:15 term ends

Spring Term:

- Thursday 5th January, 8:55 term begins
- Friday 6th January, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Wednesday 11th January, Swimming for year 5, and year 6 non-swimmers at Parkside Pool – time tbc
- Friday 13th January, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6)
- Thursday afternoon, 19th January, pantomime for whole school here (Dick Whittington)
- Week beginning 23rd January – Maths Week
- Friday 27th January – 2:45 Maths Assembly – parents welcome
- Week beginning 30th January – Interfaith & Harmony Week
- Tuesday 31st January – Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 1st February – Parent Consultations
- Friday 3rd February – 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2)
- Monday 13th to Friday 17th February, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Monday 20th February, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Friday 24th February, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Week beginning 27th February, Book Week
- Thursday 2nd March, World Book Day
- Friday 3rd March – 2:45 Book Week assembly + awards – parents welcome
- Week beginning 13th March, Science Week
- Tuesday 14th March, Science Day
- Friday 17th March, 2:15-2:45 Parent Drop-in
- Friday 17th March, 2:45 Science Assembly – parents welcome
- Tuesday 21st March, Mother’s Day Lunch
- Wednesday 22nd March, Reports to parents
- Friday 24th March, Red Nose Day
- Friday 24th March, Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years R/1/2)
- Thursday 30th March, 9:15 Information meeting for parents about year 3/4 residential trip
- Friday 31st March, 1:45 Easter Service at St Luke’s Church – parents welcome
- Friday 31st March, 3:15 term ends

Summer Term:

- Wednesday 19th April, 8:55 term begins
- Wednesday 26th April, Swimming begins for year 3/4 at Parkside Pool
- Friday 21st April, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6)
- Wednesday 26th to Friday 28th April, year 3/4 residential trip to the Kingswood Centre at West Runton, Norfolk
- Friday 28th April, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Monday 1st May, school closed for the May Day Bank Holiday
- Friday 5th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2)
- Monday 8th to Friday 12th May, year 6 SATs week – **please do not book any medical appointments/holidays for**

your children during this week!

- Week beginning 8th May, no music lessons this week
- Friday 12th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Monday 15th to Friday 19th May and Monday 22nd to Friday 26th May, year 2 SATs will be carried over these two weeks (not every day!) – **please do not book any medical appointments/holidays for your children during these weeks!**
- Friday 19th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3 or 4 showcase)
- Friday 26th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Ramadan
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Week beginning 5th June, Environment Week
- Monday 5th June, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Thursday 8th June, 9:15 Information meeting for parents about year 5/6 residential trip
- Tuesday 13th June, Father's Day Lunch
- Monday 19th June, 6:00 Meeting for new Reception parents
- Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd June, year 5/6 trip to Ilam, Derbyshire
- Friday 23rd June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4 showcase)
- Wednesday morning 28th June, Move-up Morning 1/2
- Wednesday morning 28th June, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 1/2
- Friday 30th June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Eid and International Day of Friendship
- Monday 3rd July, Craft Day
- Wednesday morning 5th July, Move-up Morning 2/2
- Wednesday morning 5th July, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 2/2
- Thursday 6th July, Sports Day (back-up day tbc)
- Friday 7th July, 9:15 Music Assembly
- Monday 10th July, school closed for staff training
- Wednesday 12th July, 2:00 Year 5/6 Production Dress Rehearsal – parents welcome if unable to attend Performance
- Thursday 13th July, 6:30 Year 5/6 Production Performance
- Friday 14th July, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2)
- Friday 14th July, Reports out to parents
- Friday 21st July, Leavers' Lunch
- Friday 21st July, 1:45 Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church
- Friday 21st July, 3:15 term ends
- Friday 21st July, 3:15 PTA Tea Party