



St. Luke's Newsletter No. 10, Friday 18th November 2016

Message from Mrs Catterson

It's been another very busy week here at St Luke's ending with a very spotty Friday for Children in Need. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who have been helping to make biscuits to sell today. Anti-bullying Week has been a key focus and no doubt the children will have told you all about the various exciting activities that they have been involved in. Year 6 pupils have been out and about, visiting St John's the Evangelist Church, learning all about the saints and pilgrimage. Finally, the brand new school councillors met for the first time today – watch this space for their new projects.

Bag2School

Just a reminder that the school PTA has arranged a textile collection with **Bag2School** next Tuesday 22nd November. By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive **£400 per tonne or £0.40/kg** which will be a great boost for our fund-raising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! Donation bags have already been sent home, but there are a few spares in the office. You can bring your donations to school at the school office (main entrance):

- **Monday 21st of November, between 3.00 and 3.30pm.**
- **Tuesday 22nd of November between 8.30 and 9.00am.**

Many thanks indeed for helping us to have a really good collection.

School Christmas Fair

The School Christmas Fair which will take place at 3.30pm on Friday 2nd December. Last year, thanks to your help, we all enjoyed a couple of hours of fantastic Christmas cheer, games and shopping. This year we want to make it even better! Plans are coming together for a St Luke's Christmas café, lots of fun games and activities, another amazing raffle, stalls full of Christmas crafts, books, toys and gifts and an area where you can wrap up any gifts to keep them a secret from prying eyes – help will be on hand for any children who are hoping to wrap up gifts for the adults visiting the fair with them. We also hope to have a grotto ready should Father Christmas decide to pay St Luke's a visit this year...

We can only make this plan work with your help though. No matter what you can manage, a donation of supplies or your time, big or small, it all helps. Here is a list of the ways you can help this year:

- Second hand or new gifts, toys, books, etc
- Full and empty wine bottles including the bottle cap
- Chocolate bars and boxes
- Wrapping paper and tape
- Jars of toot – small items like party bag toys, crayons, marbles, seeds, etc. that the children love to buy
- Any handmade crafts
- Cakes and savoury baked goods – plates will be sent home with children in Oak, Maple and Rowan, but everyone is welcome to contribute
- Help supervise a stall or game for 20 minutes on the day
- Help with setting up before and clearing up afterwards

All donations should be left in the PTA box, which will be left in the school reception area for a week before the fair. If you are happy to help by donating some of your time, please email us on stlukesschoolpta@gmail.com or come and talk to one of the PTA committee members. If you have any other ideas and are keen to set up your own stall or game at the Christmas Fair, please also get in touch.

If you enjoy making crafts and would like to make some for the Christmas fair, but would like some company while doing it, then why not join some of the mums at a weekly craft morning where you can drink coffee and chat while sticking, sewing and knitting. These will be held at committee member houses on Friday mornings, so please get in touch via email or ask one of us in the playground.

St Luke's School PTA

SENDIASS/PPS Road Show – for parents/carers

Date: Thursday 1st December

Venue: Cambridge Professional Development Centre (CPDC), Foster Road, Trumpington, Cambridge CB2 9NL (use CB2 9JQ for satnavs)

Cost: Free

Times: 9:30-12:30; Seminars 9:45-10:45 and 11:15-12:15

Seminar – How young people with SEND can be supported by their peers. Best Buddies is a scheme that helps to develop one-to-one friendships between students with and without SEND. Young people with SEND can be isolated and left out of social activities. Best Buddies helps to stop this, giving young people with SEND a more inclusive experience in school. This scheme is being trialled in Cambridge and this session will give more information about how it works.

Seminar – Where to find the information you need about your child's education. Schools and local authorities have to publish information about SEND. This session will explain what this has to include, so that you know what to expect from them and are able to make informed decisions about your child's education.

Seminar – Statements and the new Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs)

EHCPs replaced statements in September 2014. This session will explain what EHCPs are and how statements may be transferred to EHCPs over the next few years. You and your child's views are key to an EHCP and it will be explained how you both will be able to contribute to the process.

Seminar – How schools support pupils who do not have statements or EHCPs

Schools can support the majority of pupils with special educational needs and disabilities without the need for a Statement or EHCP. This seminar will explain how they do this and the law and guidance they follow when they do so. For further details and/or book a place, please contact robert.wilson@cambridgeshire.gov.uk or phone 01223 699211.

Headlice

We have had reported several cases of headlice. **Please** check, and if necessary treat, your child's hair regularly.

Attendance

Attendance continues to dip again this week and stands at 96.17% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

Dates:

- Tuesday 22nd November, Bag2School Collection
- Friday 25th November, Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles' Church – years 3 and 5 to visit
- Friday 25th November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5 or 6 showcase) – parents welcome
- Friday 2nd December, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- Friday 2nd December, 3:30 PTA Christmas Fair
- Friday morning 2nd December, Vision Screening for year 1
- Tuesday 6th December – Craft Day
- Wednesday 7th December – 2:00-3:00 Parent Forum
- Friday 9th December, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) – parents welcome
- Week beginning 12th December – Christmas Parties week
- Wednesday morning 14th December, Choir performing at Cambridge Manor Care Home
- 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