



St. Luke's Newsletter No. 11, Friday 25th November 2016

Message from Mrs Catterson

For quite some time, I have been requesting that bikes and scooters are not ridden, but pushed, when children and adults enter the playground because there is a high risk of someone having an accident. It is with great sadness that I have to report that we had an accident last Friday on the playground around 4.00pm. Unfortunately, a child was hit by a scooter and was left with a fractured patella. Please could everyone realise the necessity of pushing bikes and scooters on the playground? This accident could have been avoided.

Other news... £209.83 was raised last Friday for Children in Need – thank you. Bag2School was a huge success this week, with a very respectable pile of unwanted clothing items appearing outside the school. As soon as we know how much money this raised we will let you know.

The rapidly approaching festive season can no longer be denied; this week the whole school has been working on Christmas tree decorations ready for years 3 and 5 to go to the St Giles' Christmas Tree festival today. Now Christmas is out of the bag, there will be no stopping the festive spirit! On this note, PJ Day on Friday 16th is also going to be Christmas Jumper Day, so you can wear either PJs or the jumper or both! The school Christmas Post Box will be in the Library from Thursday 1st. Details of Christmas parties will follow.

Despite repeated requests, there are still people parking in the disabled bays, especially the two by the front of the school, when they clearly do not have a blue badge. There are families in genuine need and in possession of a blue badge who find themselves unable to park before and after school. We will be monitoring this situation and asking people to move their cars if they do not have a blue badge visible.

Attendance

Attendance has risen slightly this week and stands at 96.23% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

School Christmas Fair

The school Christmas Fair will take place at 3.30pm on Friday 2nd December. Here is a list of the ways you can help:

- 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 in the school reception area. 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.

Dates:

- **Friday 2nd December, 9:15 Class assembly – year 1**
- Friday 2nd December, 3:30 PTA Christmas Fair
- Friday morning 2nd December, Vision Screening for year 1
- Tuesday 6th December – Craft Day
- Tuesday morning 6th December – Rhyme Rocket Live for years R/1/2, 9:15 start
- Wednesday 7th December – 2:00-3:00 Parent Forum
- Friday morning 9th December, year 6 visit to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- 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