



## St. Luke's Newsletter No. 5, Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016

### Message from Mrs Catterson

Firstly a huge congratulations to our Bikeability pupils this week. They have worked really hard with the instructors and have shown themselves to be confident and safe cyclists. We do encourage the children to cycle where this is a safe option, but urge you to remember that safety is critical and children need to be wearing helmets and be super visible on their bikes, especially as the days shorten. We hope to begin our WOW badges again in the near future to encourage pupils to walk, scoot, bike or park/ bus and walk as often as possible.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at parent consultations next week. Do let us know if you have not received back notice of your allocated slot and we will endeavour to fit you in. We do have to keep to a fairly strict schedule in order to see everyone. If you have an issue to discuss that is likely to take longer than your allotted time, please book a supplementary appointment with the class teacher.

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding maths information sessions for parents – KS1 (years R/1/2) at 5:30pm and KS2 (years 3/4/5/6) at 6:00pm; refreshments will served from 5:15pm. This is a great opportunity for you to come along and find out more about how we teach maths, how you can support at home and the available resources. It would be lovely to see as many people there as possible. If you cannot make the evening for any reason, ideas would be welcomed as to how you would like us to share this kind of information in the future so we can plan ahead for next year. Thanks!

Something to keep your eye on, and that has been widely talked about this week, is the Cambridge City Deal regarding proposals for tackling traffic congestion in the city. There are lots of public consultations being held at the moment. Now is the chance for you to find out more and have your say. There may be implications for how you come to school, especially if you are coming from further afield. Please Google City Deal for details online.

On a creative front, all classes have been busy designing and making their PTA Christmas cards this week. These should be coming home for you to view proofs and place orders in the very near future. The children have really enjoyed the art work and I have seen some truly stunning designs. Thanks to everyone who has made this happen.

### Gardening Project

Mrs Fasching is planning a gardening project and would welcome any spring bulbs that you could spare or buy for the school. Many thanks.

### MacMillan Fundraiser

The final total stands at £227 – many thanks to all who contributed.

### Attendance

Attendance has dipped slightly this week and stands at 96.41% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

### Reminder 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016; applications received after the deadline will not be processed until after the national offer date of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Please speak to Nicola in the office if you need any help with your application.

### Harvest Festival

Please join us for our Harvest Festival on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 1:45 at St Luke's Church. As last year, we are asking for donations for Jimmy's Night Shelter in Cambridge. Please bring items along on the day (they will be collected by Jimmy's between 3:00 and 5:00pm). Here is a list of what is needed:

Biscuits  
Canned fruit and vegetables  
Canned meat (corned beef, stewing steak, hot dogs, chilli)  
Cereal  
Coffee  
Cooking oil  
Cooking sauces (pasta, curry, Chinese, etc.)  
Custard powder  
Fruit juice  
Fruit squash  
Gravy powder  
Hot chocolate  
Ketchup and brown sauce  
Long life milk  
Marmite  
Milk powder  
Peanut butter  
Rice  
Stuffing mix  
Sugar  
Sweets  
Tea

#### **Dates for 2016-17**

##### **Autumn Term:**

- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, year 5/6 trip to Ely Cathedral – packed lunches needed please
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Parent Consultations
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (year 5 showcase – parents welcome)
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October, year 5 trip to Fitzwilliam museum – packed lunches needed please
- Thursday morning 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> October, Stand Up to Cancer Fundraiser – further details to follow
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4) – parents welcome
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November, Kettle's Yard activity in school for year 5
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Life Education Centre here
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, Flu Vaccinations for years 1-3
- Thursday morning 3<sup>rd</sup> November, year 5 visit to All Saints' Church
- Thursday afternoon 3<sup>rd</sup> November, year 2 visit to All Saints' Church
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 morning 8<sup>th</sup> November, Stained Glass project for year 5
- Tuesday afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> November, Stained Glass project for year 2
- Tuesday afternoon 8<sup>th</sup> November, Outreach visit from Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology for year 1
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November, year 1 visit to Fitzwilliam Museum
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, Open Morning – tours at 9:30 and 11:15 – please book at the school office
- Thursday morning 10<sup>th</sup> November, Stained Glass project for year 5
- Thursday morning 10<sup>th</sup> November, Stained Glass project for year 2
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Story-telling Day for KS1
- Friday morning 11<sup>th</sup> November – Year 5 visit to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) – parents welcome
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, Children in Need
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4) – parents welcome
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles' Church – one class to visit – tbc

- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5 or 6 showcase) – parents welcome
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- Friday morning 2<sup>nd</sup> December, Vision Screening for year 1
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December – Craft Day
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) – parents welcome
- Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Parties week
- Wednesday morning 14<sup>th</sup> December, Choir performing at Cambridge Manor Care Home
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December, 1:45 Year 3/4 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – parents welcome to attend if unable to attend performance
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Reports to parents
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 6:00 Year 3/4 Nativity Performance
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch (pupils only!)
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas activities afternoon
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December – 9:30 Carol Concert followed by tea/coffee/mince pies
- Monday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Quiz
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – RE morning (Christmas as a festival)
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – 1:45 Christmas Service at St Luke’s Church – parents welcome
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 3:15 term ends

### Spring Term:

- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January, 8:55 term begins
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Wednesday morning 11<sup>th</sup> January, Swimming for year 5, and year 6 non-swimmers at Parkside Pool – every Wednesday morning until the end of term
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) – parents welcome
- Thursday afternoon, 19<sup>th</sup> January, pantomime for whole school here (Dick Whittington)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Maths Week
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – 2:45 Maths Assembly – parents welcome
- Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> January – Interfaith & Harmony Week
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Parent Consultations
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Parent Consultations
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4) – parents welcome
- Week beginning 27<sup>th</sup> February, Book Week
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, World Book Day
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 2:45 Book Week assembly + awards – parents welcome
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 9:15 Class assembly - tbc
- Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> March, Science Week
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Science Day
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2:15-2:45 Parent Drop-in
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2:45 Science Assembly – parents welcome
- Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Mother’s Day Lunch
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Reports to parents
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Red Nose Day
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years R/1/2) – parents welcome
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 9:15 Information meeting for parents about year 3/4 residential trip
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 1:45 Easter Service at St Luke’s Church – parents welcome
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 3:15 term ends

### Summer Term:

- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 8:55 term begins
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) – parents welcome
- Wednesday morning 26<sup>th</sup> April, Swimming begins for year 3/4 at Parkside Pool – every Wednesday until end of term

- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, year 3/4 residential trip to the Kingswood Centre at West Runton, Norfolk
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4) – parents welcome
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, school closed for the May Day Bank Holiday
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, year 6 SATs week – **please do not book any medical appointments/holidays for your children during this week!**
- Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May, no music lessons this week
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3 or 4 showcase)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Ramadan
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June, Environment Week
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15 Information meeting for parents about year 5/6 residential trip
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15 Class assembly - tbc
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Father's Day Lunch
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 6:00 Meeting for new Reception parents
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, year 5/6 trip to Ilam, Derbyshire
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4 showcase)
- Wednesday morning 28<sup>th</sup> June, Move-up Morning 1/2
- Wednesday morning 28<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 1/2
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Eid and International Day of Friendship
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Craft Day
- Wednesday morning 5<sup>th</sup> July, Move-up Morning 2/2
- Wednesday morning 5<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 2/2
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Sports Day (back-up day tbc)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 9:15 Music Assembly
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, school closed for staff training
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2:00 Year 5/6 Production Dress Rehearsal – parents welcome if unable to attend Performance
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6:30 Year 5/6 Production Performance
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Reports out to parents
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Leavers' Lunch
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1:45 Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church – parents welcome
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 3:15 term ends
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 3:15 PTA Tea Party