



St. Luke's Newsletter No. 6, Friday 14th October 2016

Message from Mrs Catterson

I don't know about you, but it has felt like a very long half term from this side of the fence with so much having been achieved already! We have been so busy this week, packing in trips and competitions, parent consultations and so much more. Chestnut class has had an awesome week marking Ada Lovelace Day, celebrating the woman considered to be the world's first computer programmer back in the 1800s. In her honour, and in the name of technology, Chestnut class got stuck into designing drones as part of a competition being run by Amazon Prime. There was some impressive creativity and innovation in their designs – watch this space!

Maple and Chestnut classes spent a wonderful day at Ely Cathedral on Tuesday learning about the history of this magnificent building, getting involved in lots of exciting activities and working alongside children from lots of other schools.

A quick reminder that our Harvest Service takes place next Thursday 20th at 1.45pm at St Luke's Church. I hope you will join us as we celebrate this special time. We would be very grateful for any food donations for our harvest display in school on the 20th. We will then be donating these to Jimmy's Night Shelter, as in previous years. As they are going to Jimmy's donations need to be canned or dried foods – not fresh food items (please see list on page 2). Please send donations in with the children on the 20th.

As you know, the school is supporting National Stand Up to Cancer Day on the 21st and we thought we would do something a little different this year. For a £1 donation to the charity, come to school with crazy hair. This could be a wig, a touch of glitter, an interesting up-do or a quick squirt of colour. Maybe you will come in curlers, crimp it, plait it, punk it...let your imagination run wild – it is all for a good cause! Monies should be handed in to your child's class teacher.

We are very excited to be working with Pearson Assessment to help them develop an updated assessment tool for use in schools. A letter all about the project is attached. Please do take time to read it and participate if you feel you can. The tests they will carry out with the children they choose are very useful and can also be revealing. In addition, every participant will receive a £10 Amazon voucher to compensate for their time, as well as money being donated to the school by way of Amazon vouchers. This will go a long way to updating books in our library and book boxes as well as allowing the children (or yourselves) some fun spending on Amazon. Thanks!

Christmas cards should all have come home to you by now. The PTA has asked me to remind you that if you want to have your child's card printed, you need to order soon. The deadline has been extended to midnight on Tuesday 18th October as there has been a problem with the website. Cards must be ordered with the unique code, and artwork returned to class teachers on Wednesday 19th ready for collection on 20th October. The artwork is collected by courier and late returns will miss the boat.

It pains me to have to say that parking on French's Road is becoming a noticeable problem once more. Last week, a parent was involved in a dangerous near miss, which resulted in a report to the police. Please, consider the safety of others, as I fear the day when I have to report an actual accident has taken place and someone is seriously hurt.

Lost property has once more been collecting over the half term. Please ensure that you check for lost items BEFORE we break up on the 21st, as we will be bagging up what remains and taking it to charity shops. Lost property is located in the Junior Covered Area (brown storage box).

Sometimes things can go wrong in school and problems that arise during the day need to be addressed. In the first instance, please go to the class teacher because they are usually best placed to deal with your concerns. If, once you have had this initial conversation, you do not feel that the matter has been dealt with satisfactorily, please bring the

issue to the attention of one of the senior leadership team: myself, Mrs Proietti, Mrs Tait or Mrs Tucker. In the vast majority of cases, problems can be resolved at the classroom level.

Harvest Festival list

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

Attendance

Attendance has risen slightly this week and stands at 96.56% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

Flu Vaccinations for years 1-3

Vaccinations will take place on Thursday 3rd November in the morning. Information and consent forms are being sent home today. Completed consent forms should be returned to Nicola in the office as soon as possible. If your child has already had the vaccination or you do not wish him/her to have it, please put this in writing and give to Nicola.

National Measurement Programme

This will take place on Tuesday morning 16th May 2017 for years R and 6. Letters and information are being sent home today. If you do not wish your child to be measured, please complete and return the opt out form to the school office by Thursday 20th October.

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 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.

Dates for 2016-17

Autumn Term:

- Tuesday 18th October, year 5 trip to Fitzwilliam museum – packed lunches needed please
- 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) – parents welcome
- Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Monday 31st October, **Big Maths Day** with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Tuesday 1st November, Kettle's Yard activity in school for year 5
- Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th November, Life Education Centre here

- Thursday 3rd November, Flu Vaccinations for years 1-3
- Thursday morning 3rd November, year 5 visit to All Saints' Church
- Thursday afternoon 3rd November, year 2 visit to All Saints' Church
- Friday 4th November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- 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 morning 8th November, Stained Glass project for year 5
- Tuesday afternoon 8th November, Stained Glass project for year 2
- 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
- Thursday morning 10th November, Stained Glass project for year 5
- Thursday morning 10th November, Stained Glass project for year 2
- 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) – parents welcome
- Friday 18th November, Children in Need
- Friday 18th November, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4) – parents welcome
- 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) – parents welcome
- Friday 2nd December, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- Friday morning 2nd December, Vision Screening for year 1
- Tuesday 6th December – Craft Day
- 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

Spring Term:

- Thursday 5th January, 8:55 term begins
- Friday 6th January, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Wednesday morning 11th January, Swimming for year 5, and year 6 non-swimmers at Parkside Pool – every Wednesday morning until the end of term
- Friday 13th January, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) – parents welcome
- Thursday afternoon, 19th January, pantomime for whole school here (Dick Whittington)
- Friday 20th January, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- 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) – parents welcome
- Friday 10th February, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- 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) – parents welcome
- Week beginning 27th February, Book Week

- Thursday 2nd March, World Book Day
- Friday 3rd March – 2:45 Book Week assembly + awards – parents welcome
- Friday 10th March, 9:15 Class assembly - tbc
- 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) – parents welcome
- 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
- Friday 21st April, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) – parents welcome
- Wednesday morning 26th April, Swimming begins for year 3/4 at Parkside Pool – every Wednesday until end of term
- 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) – parents welcome
- Monday 1st May, school closed for the May Day Bank Holiday
- Friday 5th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- 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!**
- Tuesday morning 16th May, National Measurement Programme – years R and 6
- 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
- Friday 9th June, 9:15 Class assembly – tbc
- Friday 16th June, 9:15 Class assembly - tbc
- 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) – parents welcome

- Friday 14th July, Reports out to parents
- Friday 21st July, Leavers' Lunch
- Friday 21st July, 1:45 Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church – parents welcome
- Friday 21st July, 3:15 term ends
- Friday 21st July, 3:15 PTA Tea Party