



St. Luke's Newsletter No. 13, Friday 9th December 2016

Message from Mrs Catterson

Just in case the weather should turn inclement over the winter, I thought it would be helpful to explain now what happens. In the case of extreme snowfall, a decision about closure is made if there are concerns about health and safety of pupils and staff, particularly in terms of the practicalities of getting to and from school. Please do not telephone the school to ask if we are open as this blocks the line. We will email parents, put an alert on the website and local radio stations will be informed of the closure.

At Parent Forum this week we were asked if we could highlight where there are changes to previously advertised dates and this is something we can do moving forwards. We were also asked to highlight any actions for parents in the coming week. Where there are whole school actions, we will do this, but would ask that you refer to class weekly blogs for things that are specific to your child's class.

Few reminders about the last few days of term:

- Christmas Post Box is in the Library. **Action: Please ensure that envelopes are clearly labelled with the recipient's name and class!**
- Parties:
 - Oak – Thursday afternoon 15th December
 - Willow/Holly – Tuesday afternoon 13th
 - Redwood/Chestnut – Monday afternoon 19th
 - Maple/Rowan – Friday afternoon 16th**Action: We would be grateful for any donations of food for the parties, e.g. fruit, small cakes, biscuits, popcorn, crisps, breadsticks. Please bring into school on the morning of your child's party. Thank you.**
- Year 3/4 Nativity Performance – Thursday 15th at 6:00pm. Parents who are unable to be there on the evening may come along on Wednesday 14th to watch the dress rehearsal, which starts at 2:00pm.
- Save the Children Fundraising Day – Friday 16. **Action: Children may wear Christmas jumpers and/or pyjamas to raise money for Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Please send in a donation with your child. Thank you.**
- Christmas Lunch – Friday 16th December.
- Christmas Activities Afternoon – Friday 16th **tbc.**
- Please join us for our Carol Concert on Monday 19th December at 9:30am; refreshments will be served afterwards. **Action: If anyone is able to donate some mince pies, please bring these in to school first thing on the 19th. Thank you.**
- RE morning (Christmas as a festival) – Tuesday 20th December **tbc.**
- Please join us for our Christmas Service at St Luke's Church on Tuesday 20th at 1:45 – all children will be attending.

St Luke's Christmas Fair

To the wonderful families and staff of St Luke's,

We just wanted to say a huge, huge, enormous thank you to all of you who supported the Christmas Fair last Friday. It really was a lovely event that everyone seemed to enjoy. Thank you to all of you who gave donations, made items to sell, offered your time to set up or run a stall and to all of you who turned up to support the event, creating a wonderful atmosphere and watching your children get high on sugar!

Last year was our best Fair ever raising a whopping £1000. This year we have raised nearly £1200! It really is amazing for such a small school, so thank you again to all of you. All the money will obviously go to the school and at the moment is being spent on teachers' wish lists for resources and improving their classroom environments. So far, we have bought some new blinds, a new sink, various classroom resources and play equipment and the house point badges, and there's still quite a bit on the list. Keep an eye out for improvements coming soon to your child's classroom!

Lisa Curtis

on behalf of the PTA

Collection for Jimmy's Night Shelter

If anyone would like to donate any items from the list below to Jimmy's to make up Christmas stockings, please leave them in the box in the school reception area **by Thursday 16th**.

Guest stockings:

Toiletries – gift packs (male and female); re-useable razors and blades

Clothes – socks; boxers; ladies underwear; T-shirts; dressing gowns

Brushes and combs

Wind-up radios/battery-operated alarm clocks/batteries

For rough sleepers:

Sleeping bags

Vacuum flasks

Hot drinks sachets/Soup sachets/Pot Noodles

Wind-up torches

Anti-bacterial gel/wipes

Plasters

Hats/gloves/scarves/ hand-warmers

Pet stockings for dogs:

Bowls

Blankets/coats (S, M, L)

Leads/collars

Treats

General items:

Tea/coffee/hot chocolate

Sandwich fillings i.e. meat/fish paste, canned meats, canned fish

Snacks/crisps/crackers

Chocolates/sweets

Biscuits/cakes

Fruit juice/squash

Marmite, peanut butter

Any films on DVD

Board games

Attendance

Attendance has fallen slightly this week and stands at 96.29% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

Clubs

All after school activities have now finished. Details of spring term clubs will be sent out as soon as possible.

Dates:

- Wednesday morning 14th December, Choir performing at Cambridge Manor Care Home
- Wednesday 14th December – Reports to parents
- 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
- Friday 13th January, PTA Movie Night
- 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

- Thursday 9th February – 3:15 PTA Cake Sale (Holly/Chestnut)
- 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
- Saturday 25th March, PTA Bingo Night – tbc
- 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