



St. Luke's Newsletter No. 14, Friday 16th December 2016

Message from Mrs Catterson

Christmas Jumpers and PJ Day has been a huge success; there have been some truly stunning outfits around school today. Thank you to everyone who took part and donated money to Save the Children.

Thanks to our school caterer, Wendy Briggs, and her team for a marvellous Christmas lunch – they really know how to look after us and make Christmas lunch a very special occasion. I always find catering for 6 on Christmas Day challenging, and the thought of catering for 179 gives me the horrors. Thankfully, our top team are not fazed by this in the slightest and can produce a sumptuous meal on time for us all.

Huge congratulations to Natasha in year 6 who was awarded a distinction in her clarinet exam (scored 145/150) and to Anna in year 5 who was awarded a distinction in her piano exam.

More congratulations are in order for Redwood and Chestnut classes' Nativity production last night. In a true reflection of the multi-national and multi-cultural community of the school, this year's nativity took us all around the world to enjoy Christmas traditions from many nations. Thank you to the children and all of the adults who helped them to put on such a fabulous performance.

Reports went out on Wednesday; please take them time to complete the acknowledgement slip and return it to school before the end of term.

The choir went on their first outing to perform this week and put on a lovely carol concert at The Manor Care home. Miss Murray reported that the children were an absolute credit to the school and they sang like angels – well done!

Yesterday, the very important business of marking the art work produced by Willow and Maple classes began, in anticipation of them achieving their Arts Awards. Throughout the term, both classes have been working closely with the Fitzwilliam Museum and Kettle's Yard, as well as other major museums across the city, to experience art, experiment with various mediums and create their own works of art. We are delighted to have been told that our children's work will be exhibited in the Fitzwilliam Museum in the New Year – watch this space for details!

A few reminders about the last two days of term:

- 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.
- Redwood/Chestnut Party – Monday afternoon 19th. **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.
- Please join us for our Christmas Service at St Luke's Church on Tuesday 20th at 1:45 – all children will be attending.
- Term finishes on Tuesday 20th at 3:15.

Collection for Jimmy's Night Shelter

It is still possible to donate 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 9:00 on Monday 19th**. Please let office know if you are able to help drop these items off to Jimmy's before the end term. As I'm sure you can appreciate, members of staff will be very busy over the next few days!

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

As this is the last newsletter of 2016, I want to take this opportunity to once again thank you all for making me feel so welcome in my first year here at St Luke's. I hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas and that 2017 brings you joy and happiness.

Breakfast Club – Spring Term 2017

Breakfast club is now fully booked for Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There is currently one space per day on Mondays and Thursdays, and three spaces on Fridays. Booking forms are available from Mrs Peters in the school office.

Attendance

Attendance has fallen slightly this week and stands at 96.14% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

**Christingle Service**

There will be a combined carol and Christingle service for all the family this Sunday 18th at St Luke's Church starting at 5:00pm. If you would like to make your own Christingle, come along at 4.30pm. All materials will be provided. Hope to see you there! All welcome!

Rev Ank Rigelsford

Spring Term 2017:

- 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

Wishing everyone...



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