



## St. Luke's Newsletter No. 16, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017

### Message from Dr Catterson

Trinity Week has gone really well, with children across the school learning about different ways to represent the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Some children have danced, others sculpted and found numerous creative ways to help visualise this rather tricky concept. I look forward to Gold Book assembly this afternoon and seeing the full range of children's work. Many thanks go to Rev Janet Bunker for helping to plan and deliver this week's activities.

Football news – well done to the boys who represented us at Cambridge Utd's Primary School EFL Kids Cup Local Final tournament yesterday. Although we did not win this time, they played brilliantly, demonstrated great sportsmanship and made us proud!

ASC club members of staff have asked us to remind parents that it is important to inform them, or office staff, if children are going to have a play date and so won't be attending ASC when they would normally be expected to do so.

With the warnings of snow yesterday and today, it is perhaps prudent to remind everyone of what happens in the case of extreme snowfall. A decision about closure is made if there are concerns about the 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 phone line. Please do not leave a message asking for a call back** - we are unable to respond to individual requests. We will put an alert on the website, local radio stations will be informed of the closure, and if possible, Nicola will send an email to all parents on our mailing list. We do not take the decision to close lightly and make every effort to stay open when it is safe to do so.

Following monitoring of collective worship, we are making a couple of changes to our collective worship schedule. It was felt that the Gold Book assembly on Fridays was so packed full of celebrations, that trying to fit in a meaningful act of worship was not feasible. Therefore, the act of collective worship will be taken out of Gold Book and it will be carried out in class during the day. Instead of class worship on Wednesdays, we will meet as a whole school. Monday will remain focussed on the value for the half term and Wednesday will pick up on other world events.

### Message from Dan Woodford, Chair of Governors

Keen-eyed parents may have noticed that Mrs Catterson has signed this newsletter as Dr Catterson. This is due to her recently being awarded a Doctor of Education degree (EdD) from the University of Leicester, the result of seven years of hard academic work. On behalf of the Governing Body, I would like to congratulate her on this impressive achievement.

### Non-Violence Resistance (NVR) Programme – Course for Managing Violent and Destructive Behaviour from Children

Please see the attached flyer advertising this free 10 week course to be run at The Edge Café in Mill Road. The aim of the course is to offer parents the opportunity to deal effectively with their child's violence, aggression or destructive behaviour by learning how to prevent escalation and violence within the home, and to rebuild the adult/child relationship. NVR works on three main principles:

- Taking a firm stand against violence, risk-taking and destructive behaviours;
- Holding back from responding with verbal or physical violence/hostility;
- Increasing your parental presence in your child's life.

If this is of interest to you then you can book yourself on directly via the number on the flyer, or liaise with Mrs Proietti who can help you book.

### School Uniform

If you are ordering any uniform items from the Tesco website, please use the following link:  
<http://www.tesco.com/direct/st-luke-s-cofe-primary-school/6318.school>

### School Meals Menu, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January

The menu for next Thursday has been amended. Roast pork will still be offered, but the vegetarian option will now be cheese & tomato pizza. Dessert will be fudge tart or choc ice.

## **Dick Whittington Pantomime, Thursday afternoon 19<sup>th</sup> January**

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £4 per child. Please pay via ParentPay. PayPoint letters are available from Mrs Peters in the school office.

### **Attendance**

Attendance currently stands at 95.5% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

### **Spring Term dates:**

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January, Tennis/KS2 Multi Sports Clubs start
- Wednesday lunchtime 18<sup>th</sup> January, Music Club starts
- Thursday morning, 19<sup>th</sup> January, Vision screening for Reception pupils
- Thursday afternoon, 19<sup>th</sup> January, pantomime for whole school here (Dick Whittington)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 9:15 Holly Class Assembly
- 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
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – 3:15 PTA Cake Sale (Holly/Chestnut)
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 9:15 Willow Class Assembly
- 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 (no Forest School for year 4)
- 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 Oak Class Assembly
- 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
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March, PTA Bingo Night – tbc
- 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