



St. Luke's Newsletter No. 19, Friday 3rd February 2017

Message from Dr Catterson

Interfaith Week has been taking place across the school this week with children tackling the BIG questions and seeking ways for us to better understand one another. In case the idea of Interfaith Week is new to you, here is a little information about how the initiative began:

The World Interfaith Harmony Week is based on the pioneering work of The Common Word initiative. This initiative, which started in 2007, called for Muslim and Christian leaders to engage in a dialogue based on two common fundamental religious Commandments; Love of God, and Love of the Neighbour, without nevertheless compromising any of their own religious tenets. The World Interfaith Harmony Week provides a platform—one week in a year—when all interfaith groups and other groups of goodwill can show the world what a powerful movement they are. The thousands of events organized by these groups often go unnoticed not only by the general public, but also by other groups themselves. This week will allow for these groups to become aware of each other and strengthen the movement by building ties and avoiding duplicating each others' efforts.

Text from: <http://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/>

It has been some time since the school sought your views and we would be very grateful if you could spare the time to visit <https://secure.journeysurveys.com/answer/1047> and let us know what you think.

Recently, we have noticed that an increasing number of children are reporting not having a PE kit and, in particular, no trainers. Children need to have appropriate clothing to change into for PE for a number of reasons: health, hygiene and safety reasons and clothing should allow for free and easy movement. Having the right footwear is really important to ensure that children can move safely and it limits injuries. Please ensure that your child has the right kit in school at all times. At the same time, we ask that the guidance around having indoor shoes to change into is followed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Attendance

Attendance continues to dip and this week stands at 95.05% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

Code Club

Please note that Code Club will not run next Thursday, 9th February.

Sainsbury's Active Kids 2017 Vouchers

We would be very pleased to accept any vouchers. Please put them in the box in the main reception area.

Spring Term dates (new dates/changes marked in blue)

- Thursday 9th February – 3:15 PTA Cake Sale (Holly/Chestnut)
- Friday 10th February, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome (year 1 class assembly moved to 26th May at 9:15)
- 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 (no Forest School for year 4)
- **Thursday 23rd to Tuesday 28th February, Book Fair here**
- 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
- **Thursday 2nd March, Taster Morning for year 5 at Chesterton Community College**
- Friday 3rd March – 2:45 Book Week Assembly + awards – parents welcome
- Thursday 9th March – year 5 trip to the Museum of Cambridge
- Friday 10th March, 9:15 Oak Class Assembly
- Week beginning 13th March, Science Week
- Tuesday 14th March, Science Day

- Friday 17th March, 9:05 Science Assembly – parents welcome
- Monday morning 20th March – years 5/6 to CU's Department of Chemistry for 'Burning Issues – Fire and Flame' lecture
- 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
- Saturday 25th March, PTA Bingo Night – tbc
- 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