

## St. Luke's Newsletter No. 20, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2017

### Message from Dr Catterson

Last week, we were made aware of several incidents where children were playing around by the Barn after school. The area is predominantly car park and as such is not a safe place to be playing.

If you haven't had a chance to look at the school survey yet, there is still time. Please let us know what you think by clicking on the following link – <https://secure.journeysurveys.com/answer/1047>

Whatever you have planned for the half term holidays, stay safe, keep reading and have a much earned rest. Recharge your batteries and brains and I look forward to seeing you all again on the 20<sup>th</sup> February. Don't forget that the 20<sup>th</sup> will kick off with the BIG WRITE – always a much anticipated event. We also have a really exciting assembly on recycling planned for the 21<sup>st</sup> and Book Week takes place the following week– so lots to look forward to!

### Big Pedal 2017

This year will be taking part in the Big Pedal 2017. This is a National Competition with over 850 schools taking part. The aim is to encourage children, parents/carers and teachers to cycle or scoot to school for a period of 10 days and consider our carbon footprints. The event will begin on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March and our best 5 days will be taken into account. All participating schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards including bike and scooter stunt shows and equipment and storage (if over 15% of our school cycle or scoot on each day of the challenge). If you don't already bike to school, you now have a GREAT reason to get your bike checked and in working order! For further information, check out <http://bigpedal.org.uk>

### Attendance

Attendance continues to dip and this week stands at 94.98% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

### Spring Term dates

- 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)
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, Book Fair here
- 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
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Taster Morning for year 5 at Chesterton Community College
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 2:45 Book Week Assembly + awards – parents welcome
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March – year 5 trip to the Museum of Cambridge
- 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, 9:05 Science Assembly – parents welcome
- Monday morning 20<sup>th</sup> March – years 5/6 to CU's Department of Chemistry for 'Burning Issues – Fire and Flame' lecture
- 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