

St. Luke's Newsletter No. 22, Friday 3rd March 2017

Message from Dr Catterson

We have had an absolutely amazing Book Week! Thank you to Mrs Tait for all the behind-the-scenes organisation – quite some feat on the back of arranging such a good Big Write last week. I have been flabbergasted to see some of the extreme reading location photos and been delighted to read the many book reviews that have come flooding in during the week. It has been truly wonderful to see the whole school totally and utterly absorbed by books – not to mention the knock out costumes today! I hope that this frenzy of reading will continue beyond the event.

Thank you to everyone who came along to the Book Fair – we did a very brisk trade throughout the week. The school receives quite a generous percentage on the sales that allows us to buy books from Scholastic. We will let you know just how much we raised in due course.

Quick reminder about morning snacks – please ensure that wherever possible (i.e. allergies), snacks are fruit or vegetables. We actively discourage children eating chocolate or crisps at this time as we are a healthy-eating school. Don't forget that next Friday afternoon there is no Gold Book Assembly as we are all looking forward to watching Oak class at 9.15am.

Indoor Shoes. It has been brought to my attention that some children still do not have indoor shoes. As you know, at St Luke's we ask children to have a set of shoes solely for indoor use. This set can be a normal pair of shoes or a set of plimsolls/slippers, but importantly they are a different pair to those worn outside. This policy of indoor shoes is in place for a number of reasons. Firstly, indoor shoes stop mud, grass and other mess from entering the teaching spaces where children sit on the floor, helping us to keep the classrooms clean and hygienic. Keeping outdoor shoes in the cloakrooms helps limit the areas that need in-depth cleaning, especially as we encourage children to play outside in nearly all weathers. The policy allows you as parents, with your child, to choose the most appropriate footwear for running around outside and the most comfortable pair for working inside. Please note that it is perfectly acceptable for children to use their PE plimsolls as their indoor shoes, but do make sure they are aware of this. I would also like to highlight the importance of naming shoes, especially plimsolls.

Attendance

Attendance has risen very slightly this week and stands at 94.86% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

PTA Bingo Night

Following the success of last year's Bingo night, this will be held again on Saturday 25th March from 5-7pm. Ticket prices are as follows: Adult £5, Child £3, Family £15. The ticket includes a Chinese buffet meal for each person. Bingo games are 50p each. Forms for booking your tickets will be sent home soon and need to be returned to the PTA box near the school office or to a member of the PTA by Monday 20th March. We hope that you will all join us for an evening of family fun with lots of prizes to be won!

Spring Term dates (new date marked in blue)

- Thursday 9th March – year 5 trip to the Museum of Cambridge – packed lunch needed
- Friday 10th March, 9:15 Oak Class Assembly
- Week beginning 13th March, Science Week
- Tuesday 14th March, Science Day for years R/1/3/6
- Wednesday 15th March, Science Day for years 2/4/5
- **Thursday 16th March, No Code Club**
- Friday 17th March, 9:05 Science Sharing 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