

## St. Luke's Newsletter No. 27, Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2017

### Message from Mrs Proietti

Welcome back to school everyone! What wonderful weather we were blessed with during the Easter holiday! Everyone looks refreshed and ready to work hard and achieve well this term; it's amazing what a bit of sunshine can do!

This half term our value is Motivation and we will be exploring this in various ways through our assemblies and in the classroom. We have already explored how we are motivated by different things, people and outcomes and that we can also help motivate each other when we are finding things hard. I was wowed today when Daniil in year 3 popped over to show me a poster filled with facts, information and amazing diagrams about protecting bees that he had personally chosen to make in the holiday. He was motivated by the desire to educate everyone about bees in order to help preserve their future, and I for one learnt a huge amount from his work.

We are also thrilled to have received the outcome of our SIAM's inspection and a big thankyou to everyone who met or chatted to the Inspector. The school has been rated as Good in all areas. The full report will be available on the school website for anyone who would like to read it in more detail.

Another exciting bit of news comes from Ms Din in the form of the Big Pedal results. Congratulations to all who took part in the Big Pedal 2017. Out of 1670 Schools taking part nationally, we came in at 69<sup>th</sup> place, but it gets better as our overall position in Cambridge schools was 1<sup>st</sup>. This is an amazing achievement, which is made even sweeter by the fact that this was our first time in the competition. Well done all!

### Message from Dan Woodford, Chair of Governors

On behalf of the governing body, I would like to express how pleased I am by the outcome of last term's SIAMS visit. Reading the report, it is obvious that the inspector understood fully what all of us at St Luke's are working hard to achieve. She mentioned the 'loving, family ethos', the unwillingness 'to give up on anyone', and a commitment to the children 'rooted in respect and love'. All of the things she saw were inspired by our status as a church school. Thank you to all those who worked so hard to make it a successful visit. The full report will be available shortly for download from the school website.

### Attendance

Attendance has risen slightly this week and stands at 94.77% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

### Message from Lisa Curtis (St Luke's PTA) about School Fund

We all know what a wonderful job our teachers do with relatively small budgets. Our PTA tries to fund, or at least subsidise, many of the extra class activities that enhance learning and make it fun. Every year we pay for items such as school trips, themed days, or projects (spring chick-hatching coming soon!). We also care about our children's learning environment and do everything we can to support the teachers by providing the little 'extras' that go a long way to making a big difference, and of course the PTA is behind some of the larger capital projects in the school such as the kitchen garden, food technology area and the library.

Every year there are more lovely ideas and requests for our help from the staff than we can afford to fund, and whilst raising funds for the school is often a fun and sociable thing to do, it is very clear that there are more efficient ways of raising money and saving time! So with this in mind, we have launched the St Luke's School Fund to start this new financial year. It is a way for you to financially support the school without having to commit time that you may not have to fundraising events. The third bonus to this is that the PTA can claim gift-aid on many parents' donations and make it go 25% further, so it really is a win-win-win!

Attached is an information leaflet about the Fund. The leaflet lists just some of the more 'glamorous' projects and ideas, but the reality is that we help fund so much more. Please take time to read this through. If you feel this is a way that you would like to show your support for the school, then forms can be sent back either electronically or dropped in the red PTA letterbox near the school office at any time! Paper copies of the form are being sent home today. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to get in touch.

## Kitchen Garden Project

Please help us get the kitchen garden up and running again. We are kick-starting the kitchen garden project this term and need your help to make the most of the experience. We need to add to our current gardening supplies, so if you have any gardening tools or equipment that you do not use, please consider donating them to the school. We are looking for donations of bamboo sticks, growing pots, vegetable/herb seeds, children's tools (spade, fork, trowel, small wheelbarrows), sacks for topsoil storage, children's gloves, watering cans (any size), newspaper for recycling. A box for donations will be left in the main reception area. Thank you.

## Summer Term dates (changes marked in blue)

- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, French Club/KS2 Girls' Football/Athletics/Tennis Clubs start
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April, KS2 Boys' Football/KS1 Multi Sports Clubs start
- Wednesday morning 26<sup>th</sup> April, Swimming begins for year 3/4 at Parkside Pool – every Wednesday until end of term
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, year 3/4 residential trip to the Kingswood Centre at West Runton, Norfolk
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, KS1 Football/KS2 Badminton and Hockey Clubs start
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April, FUNdamentals/Code/Homework/KS2 Kwik Cricket Clubs start
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4) – parents welcome
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, school closed for the May Day Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 3:15 PTA Cake Sale (years R/6)
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, year 6 SATs week – **please do not book any medical appointments/holidays for your children during this week!**
- Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May, no music lessons this week
- Thursday morning 11<sup>th</sup> May, year 3 trip to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, year 2 SATs – please do not book any medical appointments/holidays for your children during this week! SATs will now be carried out over one week rather than two as the SPAG test has been withdrawn**
- **(Monday afternoon 15<sup>th</sup> May, Dance Workshop for year 3 – cancelled)**
- Tuesday morning 16<sup>th</sup> May, National Measurement Programme – years R and 6
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (year 4 showcase)
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May, PTA Mums' Movie Night - tbc
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May, Choir to Ely Cathedral (God and Science Project)
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Ramadan
- Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> June, Environment Week
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15 Information meeting for parents about year 5/6 residential trip
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15 Holly Class assembly
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, PTA Bag2School Collection
- Friday morning 9<sup>th</sup> June, year 5 to Michael Rosen poetry workshop
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 9:15 Oak Class assembly
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Father's Day Lunch, Cost £3.20
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 6:00 Meeting for new Reception parents
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, year 5/6 trip to Ilam, Derbyshire
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (year 3 or 4 showcase)
- Monday afternoon 26<sup>th</sup> June, dental check project (for some Reception/year 1 pupils)
- Wednesday morning 28<sup>th</sup> June, Move-up Morning 1/2
- Wednesday morning 28<sup>th</sup> June, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 1/2
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Eid and International Day of Friendship
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, PTA Summer Celebration
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, Craft Day
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, KS2 Girls' Football/Tennis/French Clubs finish
- Wednesday morning 5<sup>th</sup> July, Move-up Morning 2/2
- Wednesday morning 5<sup>th</sup> July, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 2/2
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, Year 6 Induction Day at Chesterton Community College

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Sports Day (back-up day tbc)
- Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 9:15 Music Assembly
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July, school closed for staff training
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July, KS2 Boys' Football/KS1 Multi Sports Clubs finish
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2:00 Year 5/6 Production Dress Rehearsal – parents welcome if unable to attend Performance
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July, KS1 Football/KS2 Badminton and Hockey Clubs finish
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, FUNdamentals, Code, Homework, KS2 Kwik Cricket Clubs finish
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July, 6:30 Year 5/6 Production Performance
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, Reports out to parents
- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Athletics Club finishes**
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, Leavers' Lunch
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 1:45 Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church – parents welcome
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 3:15 term ends
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 3:15 PTA Tea Party