

St. Luke's Newsletter No. 29, Friday 5th May 2017

Message from Dr Catterson

It's great to be back! Thank you to everyone who made things run smoothly in my absence. Having thought I had cunningly survived the myriad of bugs that laid low so many pupils during the spring, my time came as soon as the Easter holidays started. Here's hoping we all have a healthier summer term.

Looking ahead, we have lots of exciting things lined up this term, but first a few words about SATS. This is the first time I am mentioning this (quite deliberately) because the tests, whilst important, are not something that any child should be distressed about. St Luke's takes a very considered approach to the tests, believing that pupil well-being should not be the cost of high achievement. Good luck to all the year 2 and 6 pupils – just show the world what you can do!

Thanks to the PTA for organising another successful cake sale this week. They also have a movie night lined up in a couple of weeks. Years 5 and 6 have their residential trip to look forward to in June, as well as their end of term performance. Other classes have a whole raft of events and trips lined up.

Ms Din has been taking a lead on the environment this year, bringing us recycling events and The Big Pedal amongst others. We are really grateful for her energetic and proactive approach to arranging all of these activities. She has now turned her attention to the Kitchen Garden and has her sights on Walk to School Week. Here is a message from her with more information:

As you know we have been thinking about our environment this year. We have been recycling, junk modelling, developing the Forest School, taking part in the Big Pedal 2017 and we have restarted the Kitchen Garden. This is having a tremendous impact on the health and well-being of the pupils and we would like to extend this further by taking part in Cambridgeshire County Council's Walk to School Week. Sustainable and active travel makes a huge contribution to well-being, so wherever possible, we would encourage you to get active on the school run. This initiative is for walking, but obviously we would still encourage scooting or biking to school and if you must drive, you could park 10 mins away from school and walk. The event will be running for a week from 15th May to 19th May with the aim of committing to use sustainable and active methods of travelling to school. Obviously, some of us need to drive to school, in which case you may consider the **free** eco driver training sessions, where you can learn to save fuel and cut carbon emissions. If this is of interest to you, contact 01480 457439 or email contact@alconburydrivingcentre.com

Workshop for Parents

We have been very fortunate to work with Ali Knowles, author of Ollie and His Superpowers, over the past year, first through her assemblies in school and subsequently through working with an Ollie coach to support some of our pupils. For those of you yet to hear the name of Ollie, Ollie is a fictional character who begins his journey struggling to manage his interaction with some bullies in his school. He discovers he has superpowers (his emotions) that he can manage in order to overcome his fear and to help him control his own emotional responses in order to get the best out of each situation he encounters from playing in a football match, to helping a friend in need. We are now delighted to be able to offer a workshop on 'How to speak Ollie' to interested parents of St Luke's children (please see attached flier). The workshop will be held at school on Tuesday 16th May from 9.30 to 11.30. This will be free to St Luke's parents, but will also be offered out to our cluster schools for a small cost. In order to book a free place, please email nproietti@stlukes.cambs.sch.uk by Thursday 11th May or leave a message for Mrs Proietti via the school office. If you would like to find out more about Ollie, please follow the website link below:

<https://www.ollieandhissuperpowers.com/>

Attendance

Attendance has risen slightly again this week and stands at 94.84% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

School Meals Reminder

Please note the following menu changes:

- Monday 15th May – Roast turkey or Quorn Fillet with stuffing, gravy and roast potatoes; chocolate brownie pudding
- Thursday 18th May – Build a Burger & Ice Cream Parlour – pork or Quorn burger with chips + choice of salad toppings; chocolate & vanilla ice cream with choice of assorted toppings + wafer

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

- Monday 8th to Friday 12th May, year 6 SATs week – please do not book any medical appointments/holidays for your children during this week!
- Week beginning 8th May, no music lessons this week
- Tuesday morning 9th May, Year 3 Mini Olympics at Chesterton Community College
- Thursday morning 11th May, year 3 trip to Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology
- Friday 12th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 3/4)
- Monday 15th to Friday 19th May, year 2 SATs – please do not book any medical appointments/holidays for your children during this week! Tuesday morning 16th May, National Measurement Programme – years R and 6 – **date to be rearranged**
- **Tuesday morning 16th May, “Learn to speak Ollie” workshop for parents**
- Friday 19th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (year 4 showcase)
- **Friday 19th May, 7:00-9:00pm PTA Parents’ Movie Night**
- Wednesday 24th May, Choir to Ely Cathedral (God and Science Project)
- Friday 26th May, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Ramadan
- Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June, school closed for the half-term holiday
- Week beginning 5th June, Environment Week
- Monday 5th June, Big Write Day with Prize-giving assembly at 2:45 (parents welcome)
- Thursday 8th June, 9:15 Information meeting for parents about year 5/6 residential trip
- Friday 9th June, 9:15 Holly Class assembly
- Friday 9th June, PTA Bag2School Collection
- Friday morning 9th June, year 5 to Michael Rosen poetry workshop
- Friday 16th June, 9:15 Oak Class assembly
- Tuesday 13th June, Father’s Day Lunch, Cost £3.20
- Monday 19th June, 6:00 Meeting for new Reception parents
- Tuesday 20th to Friday 23rd June, year 5/6 trip to Ilam, Derbyshire
- Friday 23rd June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (year 3 or 4 showcase)
- Monday afternoon 26th June, dental check project (for some Reception/year 1 pupils)
- Wednesday morning 28th June, Move-up Morning 1/2
- Wednesday morning 28th June, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 1/2
- Friday 30th June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Eid and International Day of Friendship
- Friday 30th June, PTA Summer Celebration
- Monday 3rd July, Craft Day
- Monday 3rd July, KS2 Girls’ Football/Tennis/French Clubs finish
- Wednesday morning 5th July, Move-up Morning 2/2
- Wednesday morning 5th July, 9:30-10:30 Visit for new Reception pupils 2/2
- Wednesday 5th July, Year 6 Induction Day at Chesterton Community College
- Thursday 6th July, Sports Day (back-up day tbc)
- Friday 7th July, 9:15 Music Assembly
- Monday 10th July, school closed for staff training
- Tuesday 11th July, KS2 Boys’ Football/KS1 Multi Sports Clubs finish
- Wednesday 12th July, 2:00 Year 5/6 Production Dress Rehearsal – parents welcome if unable to attend Performance
- Wednesday 12th July, KS1 Football/KS2 Badminton and Hockey Clubs finish
- Thursday 13th July, FUNdamentals, Code, Homework, KS2 Kwik Cricket Clubs finish
- Thursday 13th July, 6:30 Year 5/6 Production Performance
- Friday 14th July, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 1/2) – parents welcome
- Friday 14th July, Reports out to parents
- Monday 17th July, Athletics Club finishes
- Friday 21st July, Leavers’ Lunch
- Friday 21st July, 1:45 Leavers’ Service at St Luke’s Church – parents welcome
- Friday 21st July, 3:15 term ends
- Friday 21st July, 3:15 PTA Tea Party