

St. Luke's Newsletter No. 32, Friday 26th May 2017

Message from Dr Catterson

The big news this week is that our school choir (led by Ms Murray, Ms Termonia and Mrs Hoadley) went off to Ely Cathedral to participate in a God and Science project in connection with the Faraday Institute. The choir wrote their own lyrics connecting the ideas of God and science to the popular Irish traditional tune of 'The Star of County Down'. They were filmed performing and it was broadcast on Live Cambridge TV on Wednesday night and after half term the recording will be available on YouTube under heading Songs of God and Science.

More good news – I am delighted to share the news that we have appointed Mrs Daphne Babouris to join our staff team in Oak class from September. I am sure that you will make her feel welcome when she begins visiting in June.

The kitchen garden continues to develop beautifully. Here is an update from Ms Din:

The whole school is having a wonderful learning experience with the garden project. We are now growing and maintaining our own fruit, vegetables and flowers, with a view to expanding the project with additional beds.

We are very lucky to have two wonderful and enthusiastic volunteers, Ellie Spence and Emilie van der Aa, and their enthusiasm is rubbing off on the children and staff. However, this is a very big project, and it would be wonderful if there are any other parents able to give some time towards it. Gardening sessions take place on Monday and Thursday mornings. You don't need to be especially green fingered and you don't need to help at every session or every week! Please speak to Nicola in the office if you are able to help out. We are also still in need of OLD (we want to be as sustainable as possible) items such as:

- Plastic pots and trays of all sorts and sizes;
- Unused gardening tools – adult and child sizes welcome
- Canes and bamboo sticks, etc.

The donation box is situated in the school foyer. Thank you for your continued support in developing our creative learning.

Finally, I hope the weather remains glorious for the half term holiday and everyone enjoys much-needed rest and relaxation. See you all on Monday 5th June.

Father's Day Lunch, Tuesday 13th June

Menu: Beef Bolognaise with penne pasta	or
Cauliflower and broccoli bake with garlic bread	or
Tuna and cucumber filled roll with salad garnish	
American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce	or
Fruit yoghurt	

Please book at the school office, giving your choice of menu. Cost: £3.20 – please pay via ParentPay or PayPoint. On the day, please report to the office at 12:00 and sign-in.

Bag2School

We are pleased to announce that the school PTA has arranged a textile collection with **Bag2School** on Friday 9th June. By getting involved in our **Bag2School** collection, you have an opportunity to sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, bags, soft toys, curtains and bedding (not duvets or pillows). We will receive **£400 per tonne or £0.40/kg** which will be a great boost for our fund raising. In addition it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse. If you fill the donation bag and still have more then you can use any other bag to donate your items, and don't forget to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well! You can bring your donations to school at the school office (main entrance) as follows:

Thursday 8th June, before or after school;

Friday 9th June, before 9:00am.

Many thanks indeed for helping us to have a really good collection.

St Luke's PTA

Attendance

Attendance has risen slightly this week and stands at 94.89% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

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

- 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)
- **Wednesday 7th 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
- Tuesday 13th June, Father's Day Lunch, Cost £3.20
- **Thursday afternoon 15th June, year 6 trip to St George's Church, Chesterton, for Letting the Word Out exhibition**
- Friday 16th June, 9:15 Oak Class assembly
- **Friday morning 16th June, year 5 trip to St George's Church, Chesterton, for Letting the Word Out exhibition**
- 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)
- Saturday 24th June, 2:30 PTA Tidy-up session
- Monday afternoon 26th June, dental check project (for some Reception/year 1 pupils)
- Tuesday morning 27th June, Move-up Morning 1/2
- Tuesday morning 27th 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
- Tuesday morning 4th July, National Measurement Programme – years R and 6 (rearranged from 16th May)
- Tuesday morning 4th July, Move-up Morning 2/2
- Tuesday morning 4th 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, KS1 trip to Wandlebury
- 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