

St. Luke's Newsletter No. 33, Friday 9th June 2017

Message from Dr Catterson

Thank you to Ms Din for entering us into the Better Energy School Awards. The project received a huge number of excellent projects from over 23,000 children and the judging process proved to be very intense, with many great entries unable to receive an Award. However, I am delighted to inform you that St Luke's Primary School's entry, 'Our Green School Challenge', has been named as a Special Award Winner for the South/Central region. As a Special Award winner, the school will receive a certificate together with £100 for school funds. Congratulations to everyone who participated in the many environmental projects that Ms Din organised in recent months, and thank you again to Ms Din for leading the school to such success!

Once again Mrs Tait organised a magnificent Big Write on Monday. The hall was full of bubbles as we explored the world of sensory poetry. The variety of vocabulary the children used was phenomenal and the extent of their imagination and creativity, as always, leaves me speechless. Well done everyone!

The good news just keeps coming this week. Congratulations to the Year 5 Maths Challenge team who have been invited to the finals later this month! Thank you to Mrs Corlito for leading the team and hopefully later this month we will have even more to celebrate!

Just to close this week, I wanted to give everyone advanced notice that I will unfortunately miss the end of the summer term due to surgery on Thursday 6th July. A long standing, but increasingly problematic, issue with my foot requires surgery which I have been waiting for since March. Before then, the team and I will ensure that everything is planned and organised. I hope that lots of you will take photos of the events in the last two weeks so I can share in all those special end of term moments – I will be with you in spirit if not in person!

PTA Summer Celebration, Friday 30th June, 17:00-19:00

It's just 5 weeks until the Summer Celebration on Friday 30th June! In the past, this has really celebrated the international nature of St Luke's whilst also being a great fundraiser and a fun evening. As part of the evening we hold a silent auction to raise money, funding school trips for all our children. Last year, we raised money for items requested by the teachers to help improve their classrooms (as they have limited budgets and resources). Here's how you can help:

- Donate items or services for the silent auction, or ask friends if they can help. In the past, prizes have included beauty treatment vouchers, a week's stay in a holiday cottage, a voucher for a meal for 2, and lessons in sushi-making.
- Help to run a simple stall on the day. This is not a whole evening thing! We will be running stalls from 5-6pm so please don't feel that by helping out, you'll be missing out!
- Come along and enjoy the evening – lots of national costumes would really add to the fun – and bring generous amounts of food from the country of your choice.

Tickets cost £5 per family. For more information please contact anyone from the PTA in the playground or email stlukesschoolpta@gmail.com

Book Amnesty!

We would be grateful if you could check to see if you have any school books at home and return these to your child's class teacher. Thank you.

School Meals – price increase

Please note that the price of a paid school meal will increase by 5p to £2.30 from 1st September. All children in Reception and KS1 will still be entitled to a free meal. Our popular school lunches remain excellent value for money and help improve children's concentration in the afternoon. This modest increase is the first for two years and helps the school to operate a viable, safe and well managed catering service, whilst maintaining good quality ingredients and healthy menus.

If your child has a medical condition and has special dietary needs, our caterer service, CCS, is able to help. Please visit their website www.cambridgeshireccs.co.uk

Changes to school menu

Monday 12th June – dessert=American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce

Tuesday 13th June – BBQ chicken with rice, or bean bake with herby potatoes, or ham baguette; dessert=chocolate brownie

Wednesday 14th June – Beef Bolognese with penne pasta, or cauliflower and broccoli bake with garlic bread, or tuna and cucumber roll; dessert=fruit

Attendance

Attendance has risen slightly this week and stands at 94.93% (our target for the academic year is 96%).

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

- Tuesday 13th June, Father's Day Lunch
- **Wednesday morning 14th June, Class Photos**
- 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
- **Friday 16th June, from 3:15 year 5 Fiver Challenge Craft and Wares Fayre (junior playground outside Maple class)**
- 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
- **Thursday 29th June, Willow class trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum for Arts Award presentation**
- Friday 30th June, 2:45 Gold Book/Class Sharing Assembly (years 5/6) + Eid and International Day of Friendship
- **Friday 30th June, from 3:15 year 5 Fiver Challenge Craft and Wares Fayre (junior playground outside Maple class)**
- Friday 30th June, PTA Summer Celebration
- **Monday 3rd July, Craft Day for years R/2/3/6**
- Monday 3rd July, KS2 Girls' Football/Tennis/French Clubs finish
- **Monday 3rd July, Sports Festival for year 6s transferring to Chesterton Community College at Chesterton**
- Tuesday morning 4th July, National Measurement Programme – years R and 6
- 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
- **Wednesday 5th July, Craft Day for years 1/4/5**
- Thursday 6th July, Sports Day
- 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, Maple class trip to the Fitzwilliam Museum for Arts Award presentation**
- 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