



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 10th November 2017



Yesterday our children took part in our annual Remembrance assembly to commemorate all those affected by the wars of the last 100 years. It was a very moving assembly organised by Mr. Durrant and we were honoured to have Mary Edwards, a school friend and neighbour attending, whose husband Albert had served his country in World War 2 before sadly passing away last year. The children learnt of the origins of the poppy we wear today to commemorate all those who have lost their lives in conflict. Afterwards, a small group of Y6 pupils laid a wreath at the memorial at St. Luke's community centre. The children's conduct was exemplary all the way through.

Talking of exemplary conduct, I was privileged to accompany the Year 4 trip to the Natural History Museum on Monday. The lead teacher from another school commented at the museum on how polite and respectful our children were and it made me think, even when 'we' have a bad day it shouldn't distract from the fact that our children are usually exceptionally well behaved and you, like us, can be very proud of them.

On the first day of the Christmas holidays, 21st December, some of the staff of the school, the Church and the homeless charity *Street Kitchen* are aiming to serve free Christmas dinners to 100 homeless people from the area. We want to give these people some practical help as well and are asking for any donations of old winter coats, sleeping bags, underwear and personal hygiene products (particularly ladies) that you may have spare. Mrs Simpson had the original idea for this act of charity and if you as a parent want to help, please let her know.

We have a request for empty plastic milk bottles for a Christmas project being organised by Ms Koenig (Y4) - *Washed and clean please!*

REMINDER: Nursery parents are reminded that they should be at the **nursery gates for 2.55pm** to collect their child. The gates are locked at 3.00pm, after this time it is then considered a 'late' collection. Many thanks

REMINDER: general dental & doctor appointments should be made either before school starts or after school as those made during school hours have a negative impact on the children's teaching & learning. The office needs to receive Hospital appointment documentation, before the appointment date.

INFORMATION: you will shortly receive a 'flu immunisation letter' as it is that time of year when the Newham Immunisation team are coming into school to offer the children (from Reception to Year 4) the nasal flu vaccine. The flu is an illness caused by the influenza virus and is common during the winter months. The vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu, which can be an unpleasant illness. The immunisation team will be at our school on 7th December 2017 helping to protect them from the flu virus in time for the winter and helping to protect other family members because they are not spreading the influenza virus.

Diary Dates

Mon 13th Nov.....Y5 Geography trip to Lea Valley
Mon 20th Nov.....Switch-Off Fortnight
Fri 24th Nov.....Y6 at Maritime Museum
Thurs 7th Dec.....Flu Immunisation (Rec, Yrs 1 & 2)
Wed 13th Dec.....Early Years Christmas Nativity 9.30
Thurs 14th Dec.....Archdeacon Elwyn Crockett visiting assembly
Thurs 14th Dec.....KS1 Christmas production 2pm
Fri 15th Dec.....Christmas Jumper day
Mon 18th Dec.....Silent Disco fundraiser for NSPCC 1pm
Tues 19th Dec.....Christingle service 9am & Christmas dinner

Wednesday 20st December: Term ends 1pm

We hope you have a wonderful weekend

Matt Hipperson

