



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 17th November, 2017

Dear Parents,



We are now firmly into this term's Citizenship topic and some of the children have been on visits around the local area. Y2 paid a visit to Canning Town's new library to meet author and illustrator Marcia Williams and to discuss her new book on influential women (she was very impressed at just how many influential women our children knew!). On Tuesday our Y5 pupils went along to Tate and Lyle, along with Star Lane children, and met our emergency services who taught them a range of skills from basic first aid to how to get out of a burning building safely. The event was competitive and once again we came home with a nice cluster of medals.

Today our local MP Lynn Brown visited to talk to the children about democracy in Britain. This built on Anne-Marie's (our Governor head of the Curriculum subcommittee) visit in September to tell us about the United Nations. This afternoon KS2 debated the relevant merits of immigration for our country in our very own 'Parliament' - the school hall. The children have been working on their opinions/arguments all week and spoke with passion and clarity - I even put my hand up and had a go!

The staff work hard to serve our school community and help your children to develop but we don't always know when we have got it right or wrong. On our website there is a link to something called 'Parent View' - it is under the '*About us*' tab - if you click on the jigsaw icon on that page it takes you to an Ofsted page and you have to register by putting in your email address. Once registered you can answer some quick questions to say what you feel the school does well or what it could do better. When we are next inspected by Ofsted they will look at the parent opinions before they come. Please feel free to record your opinions if you have the time and when they do come to inspect us you will have an opportunity to speak to them in the playground. Your views help us to grow as a school!



A quick message from our '**Breakfast crew**' if your child is going to be using breakfast club, could you let us know how often you intend to come so we can plan it properly for our staff - it can be difficult when 20 show up one morning and 40 children the next day without warning.

Last week we asked for your plastic milk bottle contributions for a Christmas project Ms Koenig is working on. I've now been told it needs to be this design, **4pint** bottles, with the semi clear plastic (not the white plastic). Thank you.





We're also making another plea for contributions to our Homeless Christmas meal (21st December). We're desperate for any sleeping bags, adult jumpers and winter coats

As you know, St. Luke's supports six children in Burma and Ethiopia through *StandByMe*, a Christian charity, by raising funds through cake sales and sponsored events. This ensures these children have access to education, food and clothing throughout the year. However, the charity does amazing work in several other countries and desperately needs support so many more children. To that end they have produced a catalogue that gives the opportunity of donating towards anything from an underwear pack (£3) to a nurse's salary for a month (£50). We understand that Christmas is a tight time for many families, but if you can please see your way to donate what you can, every little bit helps. If you would like to make a donation or have a look at the catalogue please see Mr Jennings. Thank you.

A reminder about **buying uniforms**: We have now created an account with Tesco so parents can buy our school uniform online at; <https://tinyurl.com/y7acnarm>

The link takes parents straight to the '*St Luke's ordering page*'

(Uniforms can also be ordered from: **Ian Howard** 409 Barking Road. Tel: 0208 472 1729)

See below the many important dates for you to come in and celebrate with us over the

Diary Dates

Mon 20th Nov.....Switch-Off Fortnight
Fri 24th Nov.....Y6 at Maritime Museum
Tues 28th Nov.....Y4 Class assembly 9am
Mon 4th Dec.....Y6 Class Assembly 9am
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

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson