



# St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2018



Dear Parents and friends,

A big welcome back (and a Happy New Year!) to all our families after the Christmas break. We pray that you had a restful holiday, even if it now seems such a long time ago!

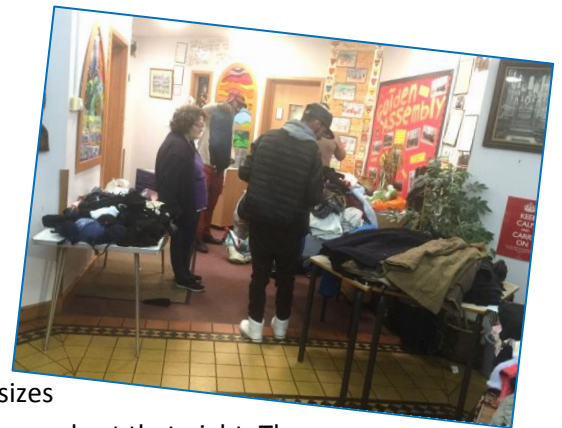
School tends to explode into life every new term and this week has been no different.

Our Year 5/6 indoor athletics team finished fourth out of 16 schools to qualify for the borough finals in fine style. They will now compete with the other 15 finalists at the *Copper Box Arena* in the Olympic Park on Wednesday the 31<sup>st</sup> January. This alone is a magnificent achievement for our small school, yet Mr Scott and Ms Adams are plotting a shock attempt to win the borough title – fingers crossed everyone.

On Tuesday, we had a visit from the acting head of Newham's Education Services and she complimented us not only on the feel of the school but in how eager the children were to talk about their learning.

On Wednesday, Y5&Y6 had the first of three sessions to help our children to be more 'online resilient': in other words, to question the sources of information on the internet and spot 'fake' news and misleading information! **There will be a session for parents in the hall at 3.30pm, Wed. 7<sup>th</sup> February.**

The homeless event we hosted on 21<sup>st</sup> December grew from an idea from Shera Collins our Office Manager who wanted to collect blankets for the homeless – this quickly morphed into a desire to host an event whereby we could feed some homeless people as well as give them some clothing and other essentials to take away. We had a massive amount of donations from friends and family of the school, the church, other Newham primary schools, Waitrose, Juniper Catering Services and others. We also had about 40 volunteers on the day from the school and various churches and night shelter providers. Leftover meals were boxed up into portion sizes and distributed to homeless people in the Tottenham area as they were short that night. The spare clothing was taken by Chris Garel from the Forest Gate Night Shelter and we are looking to give them further assistance with buying some extra beds to increase their capacity. The whole event really spoke to us of just how many people want to make a difference to the plight of vulnerable people in our midst and also how much needs to be done. We will now look to make this an annual event. Thank-you for all of your support.



Check out the latest *Familyfirst* online magazine at: [www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff\\_mag/](http://www.familyfirst.co.uk/ff_mag/) and also their Facebook page on: [www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk](https://www.facebook.com/familyfirstuk). There's great reading and tips on healthy lifestyle, activities for children, advice for new parents – especially mums - and lots, lots more.

On the subject of homelessness, the charity *Lola's Homeless* (who also helped with our homeless event) is hosting another at the Memorial Community Church on the Barking Road and have asked if there is **anyone who can style Afro hair** that would be willing to lend a hand at their '*Winter Warm-up*' on the 20th. If you are interested, please call Lorraine on: 07950 355241

**LOLA'S HOMELESS**

**SATURDAY 20 JANUARY**

8AM FOR BREAKFAST  
12PM FOR LOLA'S WINTER WARMUP

Sleeping Bags,  
NHS Nurse,  
Hairdressers,  
Foot Treatments,  
Nails

**HOT FOOD  
CAKES & SWEETS**

**FREE RAFFLE**

MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CHURCH  
395 BARKING ROAD, E13 8AL

BUSES THAT STOP NEARBY: 5, 276, 325

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED

### Upcoming dates

- 17/1/18.....Y3&4 Indoor Athletics at Langdon School (PM)
- 22/1/18.....**Maths for KS2 parents in the main hall 3.30-4.30pm – come along to see how to help your KS2 child improve their maths**
- 24/1/18.....2<sup>nd</sup> 'Online resilience' session for Y5&6 (PM)
- 25/1/18.....KS2 Indoor Athletics final @ the Copper Box Arena.
- 7/2/18.....2<sup>nd</sup> 'Online Resilience' session for Y5&6 PM. **Parent session 3.30-4.30**
- 8/2/18.....KS1 SATs meeting for Y2 parents 9 & 5 pm – please only come once!
- 9/2/18.....2nd Community Meal of the year.

**12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February: Half-Term SCHOOL CLOSED**



**Our championship qualifying Athletics squad!**



We hope you have a great weekend

*Matt Hipperson*