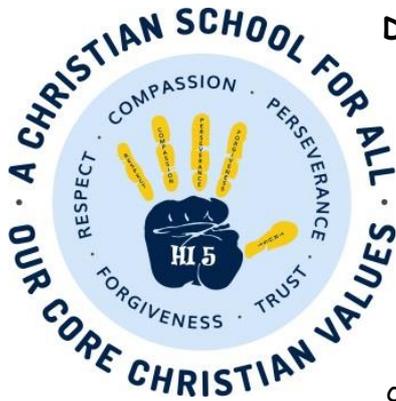




St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 4th May 2018



Dear Parents,

It would appear that the English weather is playing with us once again and after needing warm coats this week, we will probably need sun cream next week, so be prepared for the hot weather coming!

We have had another incredibly busy week in school as our Y2 children prepare to start their SATs tests next week and the Y6's the week after. Y2 children next Tues-Thurs should come in as normal but they will get some toast and juice about 9am then do a little practice and some outdoor exercises before taking their tests each morning. Parents: you can help by making sure they get lots of rest this weekend and early nights to bed next week so they can do their best - *but please do not put any pressure on them* - the Y2 tests merely back up the teacher judgements that have been on-going throughout the year.

The week of Mon 14th -Thurs 17th sees the Y6 SATs begin. For these we would like the children to come in for 7.45 for a revision session then at 8.30am they will get a cooked breakfast followed by some exercises outdoors taken by Ms Adams before sitting the tests. Again, as much rest as possible and plenty of sleep over the next two weeks would be an enormous help to the children. We are immensely proud of the children and their families and all the hard work they have put in, now all we need to do is pray for them to simply do their best as that is all that you can ask of anyone!

Do you want to join the governing body of the school?

We have a vacancy for a parent governor on the governing body, if you are interested in knowing more about the role you can talk to me in the playground or phone me and you can nominate yourself for election by picking up a form from the main school office. When we come back after the May

half term we will hold the election on **Thursday 7th June** (run by our Y6's) with opportunities to vote at the beginning and end of the school day. Anyone who wants to stand for election can produce a short statement about themselves and I will include it in this newsletter before the half-term.



Online Payments

From Monday June the 4th we would like all payments to the school to be made via our online system - this is to include breakfast clubs. This was a recommendation from our financial audit last year because it is seen as a financially safer way to deal with payments. If you are at all worried about this please do not hesitate to speak to the office staff or myself.

First Aid (texts for head 'bumps')

Your children's safety is paramount to us and so **any** bump/injury to the neck or head of a child no matter how slight it might appear, will mean you receive an incident report slip and a text to let you know (please make sure to check in their bag if you do not pick up in person). Should we have further concerns, then we will call you. This is a '**best practice**' approach designed not to worry you but to inform you so that, in the extremely rare chance that this causes a more protracted problem for the child, you have relevant information for medical services. In the eighteen months I have been in charge I can only think of one occasion that this has happened and that is why we do it - to ensure that every child is protected.

Trumpet Lessons

A big congratulations to Willow, Y5, on passing her grade 1 trumpet exam. Willow has been learning trumpet as part of our music programme for two years and her hard work and dedication has now paid off.

Have a great weekend and remember, **the school is closed on Monday the 7th May for the Mayday Bank Holiday** - see you back as normal **Tuesday 8th May**

Matt Hipperson

Forthcoming Dates

Mon 7th MaySchool closed Bank Holiday

W/O 7th & 21st May..... KS1 SATs

W/O 14th MayKS2 SATs

Wed. 23rd MayY1 class assembly

Thurs 24th MayY6 (except boy footballers) & some selected children to Aladdin

Wed 6th & Thurs 7th June..... Maths with parents in class KS1 8.45-9.30

Tues 12th June-Fri 15th JuneY6 Residential to St. Mark's – MH SM PD & other staff at times

Thurs. 21st June Sports DayYR-Y5 run by Y6s

29th June 'French' Day