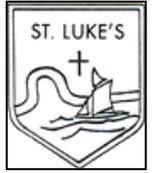




St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 22nd June 2018



Dear Parents,

Last week it was my privilege to take our Y6 class on their residential trip to St. Mark's College Saffron Walden. The children took part in a wide variety of activities from physical challenges to artwork to diary writing to team combat challenges. Aside from a few minor wobbles (that are part of growing up), they were excellent. They will make a presentation about the trip to explain to the other children what they did and will make a recommendation to us of whether we should or should not book again next year.

Young Gardener of the Year

This weekend Shreya from Y2 will receive her award as the Royal Horticultural Society's 'Young Gardener of the Year 2018', so look out for photos next week in our newsletter. Along with this the RHS has also given us an award for all the fantastic gardening that goes on in the school - so well done children!

Teaching & Learning Review

On Tuesday the school had a 'Teaching & Learning' inspection from a senior advisor from a neighbouring borough which was aimed at us being able to keep improving what we are doing as our core business. The inspector was thorough and gave us, as a management team, some areas to work on to ensure we are getting the best out of our children and staff. He was particularly impressed by the way reading is being taught through the school which was one of our main improvement areas for this year and most of all he was amazed about how well the children spoke about 'their' school.

SRE

During the week of Monday 2nd-6th July each year group from YR-Y6 will be teaching our 'Changing Me' unit which deals with various stages of a child's development (appropriate to their age) so if you get some questions from the children regarding puberty and physical changes be prepared.

'Fortnite'

I have had worrying reports of children in **ALL** year groups claiming they are playing or watching others play a very popular game 'Fortnite' which is for 12 year olds and above.

This is causing concern because the premise of the game is a 'last man standing' idea where you have to kill all the other characters - it is also free to download but then entices the player to buy new 'costumes' every day for a few pounds that can quickly mount up. However the most worrying aspect is that because it is a craze on a par with Minecraft it is also being targeted by people wishing to groom children online.

This is a game none of our children should be playing so please check to see if your child is



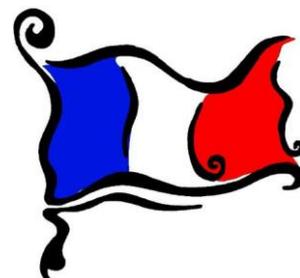
accessing this game and if so put a stop to it. It is worth remembering that the only safe computer use - whether it be Youtube or game playing - is when you are in the room with them.

Sports Day

Big thanks to Ms Adams, the Y6 pupils and Mr Scott for organising and running Sports Day so well - it was very enjoyable and allowed all levels of talent to compete. In assembly today, Yellow team leaders proudly raised the winning cup for the 'Respect' team. Also, on 5th of July both our Y5/6 Girls and Boys teams take part in the Borough football finals, so again, watch out for news of that.

French Day trip

Today a large group of mixed age pupils were taken by Ms Mbick, teachers and parents to the Europa Centre for Languages in Upminster Bridge where they were let loose in a made-up French street and could only speak - and be spoken to - in French. Apparently it was an excellent experience and the children came back highly enthused. Très bon Madam Mbick!



And on that French note; next **Friday (29th June)** is our French Day. Children are invited to come to school in red, white & blue colours. They will be visiting our French *Café* and parents are invited to join us for our French themed community meal (£2.60 per adult) starting 11.30 - and all are welcome to stay for our afternoon assembly.

(Please take note of diary dates and International Evening events' flyer on the next pages.)

Have a great weekend

Matt Hipperson



Golden assembly, French Town and Sports Day



Forthcoming Dates

25 th June	Phonics thresholds released
28 th Jun	Phonics & KS1& KS2 data returns to the Borough
29 th June	EYFS data returns to the borough
29 th June	'French' Day & Community meal
Mon 2 nd July	Y6 to London Stadium for Sports Journalism day
Tues 3 rd July	Y5 to London Stadium for Sports Journalism day
Thurs. 5 th July	Y5/6 Girls & Boys football finals @ Langdon School
Thurs. 5 th July	New to YR meeting for parents 5.30pm
Fri 6 th July	International Evening
Mon 9 th July	Brilliant Club graduation at Lady Margaret College Oxford
Mon 9 th & Mon 16 th July	Transition mornings 9.30-10.30
W/O 9 th July	YR home visits & EY Teddy Bears Picnic TBC
Tues 10 th July	KS2 SATs results released
Wed. 11 th July	Nursery closes followed by Home Visits for next 3 days
Thurs 12 th July	Y6 End of Year Performance
Fri 13 th July	Y6 Rowing Royal Albert Dock
Mon 16 th July	Tribal Quality mark inspection for English and Maths
Mon 16 th July	Parent meetings 3-6pm
Tues 17 th July	Parent meetings 3-6pm
Thurs 19 th July	Y6 Leavers party 1-3pm
Fri 20 th July	Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

Fri 20th July School closes for summer at 1pm

St Luke's Primary School

welcomes you to our annual

International Evening

Friday 6th July

4-6pm

Loads of fun for all the family

Bouncy Castles (& other inflatables)



Gladiator Pit (p)

Dance Workshop

Zumba taster class for all
(bring your workout gear!)



International cuisine from parents



Sponge the Teacher!

Coconut Shy (p), Face Painting & Tattoos



and much, much more!

**All activities are included in entry fee
except for (p)**

(p) Gladiator Pit and stalls selling popcorn, ice-cream, sweets, crepes and soft drinks carry an additional cost



Tickets on sale from Monday 25th June

(from the School Office)

First and second ticket: £2.50 each

All additional family members : £1 each