



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 2nd November 2018



Dear Parents,

I hope you were able to have some quality family time over the half term break but I am sure you, like me, think it is good to be back to the school routine!

Our Inset day (training) on Monday this week allowed teachers to do some in-depth work on our topic curriculum and how we are teaching maths using the 'Singapore' approach. In addition to that, this week the teachers broke in to two teams and each team took part in a lesson planned and evaluated by their team. One teacher delivered the lesson, whilst the others observed and concentrated on the children's learning responses. We believe this team approach will strengthen our teaching skills and result in better outcomes for the pupils.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Next week on **Tuesday and Wednesday (6th & 7th)** we have our first of the three Parent/Teacher meetings for this academic year - this time they will be held in the classroom - please come 10 minutes before your appointment to look at your child's books.

Sports Report

This Wednesday saw Ms Adams take our mixed Y1 & Y2 Athletics team to attend a tournament at Langdon. Though both the boys and the girls won some of their events, we only managed to come 7th - but that was out of 16 schools! Again, we are very proud of our pupils and know they did their best. Next Wednesday our older girls will take part in a netball tournament also at Langdon School and we wish them all the best.

Special Assembly

Next Friday the 9th November the school will hold our traditional **Remembrance Assembly** in the main hall at 9am. Parents are very welcome and if you have not been before I cannot recommend it enough - Mr. Durrant presents not only an informative assembly but also one that is incredibly moving, reminding us of the incredible sacrifices that have been made in the past and are still being made today. Afterwards we will take some children to lay a wreath at the memorial in the community centre.



Punctuality and Attendance

One of the main reasons our children do well in school is because of the strength of partnership between school and home. Integral to this is getting the children in every day

and on time! When a child comes into a class that has already started work, apart from sometimes disturbing others, that child is immediately behind on the task at hand. We understand that at times this can be difficult but we also know how important it is to maximise the learning opportunities for your children. Thanks for your co-operation,

Dropping off your Children by Car!

For those parents who are bringing their children in by car **PLEASE** do not stop (even for a moment) on the opposite side of the road to where John our Lollipop man helps children and parents cross. You are putting your own child(ren)'s life - and the lives of others - in danger.

Have a joyful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Dates for your diary

- Wed. 7th Nov..... Y5/6 girls netball tournament at Langdon school PM
- Tues. 6th & Wed 7th. Nov..... Parent meetings 3.30-6pm – TA's to do 1
- Fri. 9th Nov..... Remembrance assembly 9am in the main hall
- Mon 12th Nov..... Meeting for parents wishing their child to join Reception in Sept. 2019 (9.15 am in hall)
- Fri 16th Nov..... Pudsey Bear Spotty Day – 50p donation goes to BBC fund
- Fri 23rd Nov..... NO GOLDEN ASSEMBLY– phonics for YR parents in hall
- Wed 28th Nov..... Y1 trip to see Gruffalo at Stratford Theatre
- Thurs 29th Nov..... Rec trip to see Gruffalo at Stratford theatre
- Tues Dec 4th London Fire Brigade visiting Y2&5
- Mon 10th Dec..... Bigfoot Panto – Pinocchio -9.30-11 AM
- Tues 11th Dec..... School choir to sing carols in Waitrose (lunchtime)
- Wed. 12th Dec..... EYFS Christmas Fayre AM & Y3/4 Girls footie PM
- Fri 14th Dec..... Y1 Christmas Journey (AM) River Church
- Mon. 17th Dec..... KS1 Dress Rehearsal (AM)
- Tues 18th Dec..... EYFS dress rehearsal (AM) KS1 show for parents (PM)
- Wed 19th Dec..... EYFS show for parents (AM) Y5/6 Boys basketball tourno (PM)
- Thurs. 20th Dec..... Christingle Assembly (AM) & Christmas parties (KS1: 1.15-2pm, KS2: 2.15-3pm)
- Fri. 21st Dec..... Attendance assembly and awards for Growth Mindset (AM)

School closes at 1pm – Christmas dinner for homeless 2-5pm