



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 30th November 2018



Dear Parents,

Schools are always busy places but we are moving into one of the busiest and most special times of the year as the usual business of school is supplemented by end of term deadlines and the preparation for upcoming celebrations. However, our task is simple - to remain focused on the true message of Christmas: that at this time God chose to intervene in human history in the most profound way and that he didn't give us a King to be served but someone to serve everyone. As we prepare for the beginning of the Advent season next week, we pray that our children will always remember the example of Jesus and think of how we can give love and compassion for those around us at all times - the world desperately needs our children to set the example!

'Only people born in Britain are truly British!'

The above title is the question for our KS2 debate in the hall this coming Thursday at 1.30 - parents you are most welcome to attend and see how a debate/discussion should be carried out when discussing contentious subjects - such as Brexit! This debate follows on from the debate on Immigration last year and will allow all of KS2 to take part - I might even ask to speak as I was not born in this country!

Governor Election

A big thankyou to those Y5 & 6 children who ran a democratic election in the school playground yesterday morning for a new parent governor. The photo (right) is not of a Black Friday pop-up sale but of our parents placing their votes. The Governing body will announce your new representative soon.



Canning Town Christmas Lights

Last night saw the switch-on of the Christmas lights in Rathbone Market and our children were invited to sing some carols on stage. Once again our pupils showed that they have no understanding of the term stage fright and sang beautifully with exuberance and confidence. Advent begins this Sunday and this was a great way for us to kick off the Christmas season.

Football Victory

Our boys' football team triumphed 3-2 over Chobham School in a terrific game here at St Luke's, played on a sodden pitch and in a blanket of darkness due to the weather and time of the year. It wasn't the best game they have ever played but they showed enormous heart to win and playing through injuries as we had no substitutes. Special praise goes to Eli from Y6 who really dominated the centre of the pitch and kept turning defence into attack.

Fitness!

I announced a couple of weeks ago that we had won a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery to develop our community links. Well, below you can see some 'survivors' of our first aerobics session for parents and staff on Mondays from 4.30-5.30 - we are also offering Yoga on Thursday from 4.30-5.30 and intend to add a third session in January, possibly Boxercise. These sessions are free for parents to attend but can I ask you to leave a message for Miss Martin in Y6 so she can co-ordinate the sessions.



Uniform expectations - Skirts

We have noticed girls skirts seem to be becoming increasingly shorter. Please check your daughter's skirts to ensure they still fit and are of an appropriate length (just above the knee). Guidelines and uniform suppliers can be found on our website at;

www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniforms&pid=17

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Dates for your diary

Tues Dec 4 th	London Fire Brigade visiting Y2&5
Wed Dec 5 th	Y4 Assembly 9am
Mon 10 th Dec.....	Bigfoot Panto – Pinocchio -9.30-11 AM
Tues 11 th Dec.....	School choir to sing carols in Waitrose (lunchtime)
Wed. 12 th Dec.....	EYFS Christmas Fayre AM & Y3/4 Girls footie PM
Fri 14 th Dec.....	Y1 Christmas Journey (AM) River Church
Mon. 17 th Dec.....	KS1 Dress Rehearsal (AM)
Tues 18 th Dec.....	EYFS dress rehearsal (AM) KS1 show for parents (PM)
Wed 19 th Dec.....	EYFS show for parents (AM) Y5/6 Boys basketball tourno (PM)
Thurs. 20 th Dec.....	Christingle Assembly (AM) & Christmas parties (KS1: 1.15-2pm, KS2: 2.15-3pm)
Fri. 21 st Dec.....	Attendance assembly and awards for Growth Mindset (AM)

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