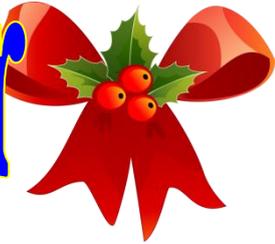




# St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 21st December 2018



Dear Parents,

Today the children have begun their Christmas break and it is so deserved. Since September they have embraced a new way of learning mathematical concepts and this will be a tremendous benefit to them throughout the rest of their schooling. They have also taken their application of our Christian values to new levels in the way they are thinking about and caring for the more vulnerable members of our community and we are immensely proud of them. However, amongst all the celebrating, normal school life has continued including progress meetings.

As you will know, I gave you a letter in response to an appalling article that appeared in the Newham Recorder and have spent a lot of time this week working on responses when this is usually the time of year I can invest myself in chatting to the children about their bonuses and challenges. The school is no different this week from last – our efforts to improve are ceaseless and I thank all of you for the gifts you have given the staff who are crestfallen and angry by the way they have been portrayed – your warmth and generosity of spirit has never been more appreciated.

### **Christmas Celebrations**

Thanks to the huge amount of parents who turned up for our two nativity plays on Tuesday and Wednesday this week, as well as our Christingle assembly on Thursday – your support for these events is such a bonus for the children and the school in general and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Spring parent workshops to be announced soon and our Easter celebrations.

### **Homeless meal and gifts for the elderly**

This morning some children took presents to the our senior citizen neighbours at the sheltered accommodation at 55 Ruscoe Rd. A big thank-you for all the donations of gifts and the £100 raised at the Christmas shows this week which was used to top these up.

In the next newsletter I will give you an account of our meal for the homeless that took place after school closed today at 1pm. Once again, a heartfelt thanks for all your donations and also to our fantastic staff who are giving up their own time to make this difference for people.

### **Year 5/6 are Basketball Champions!**

Another sporting triumph for our children came on Wednesday when our Y5&6 boys travelled to the University of East London to take part in a tournament in which they won all their group games and in the final played St. Edwards, a school that prides itself on sporting achievement as

we do, and Jonathon from Y6 sank the winning basket (4-2) with seconds remaining – congratulations to the children and massive thanks to Mr Brown and Mr Scott for their coaching.

### Music News

Well done to all of our students who took part in the Newham Music End-of-Term Concert held at St Luke's and West Ham Church earlier this month. Also, a big 'thumbs-up' to all our music students who worked really hard this term on improving their music skills and getting ready for exams. At St Luke's we have students studying violin, trumpet, ukulele, saxophone and piano and one Y6 pupil is already studying for their GCSE piano!! Keep up the good work and please remind your children to practice during the holidays – they have exams after Christmas!

### PE Kits

Now that winter is well and truly here, students are advised to wear plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms or leggings/thermals under PE kits. Trainers or Astros (any colour) are also allowed for PE (only!). Any queries, please check with Ms Adams.

**And finally...**

**School opens again normal time 7<sup>th</sup> January including breakfast club**

**Clubs begin again on Mon. 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**



*Wishing you the most  
fabulous celebrations  
with your families this  
Christmas*

*Matt Hipperson*

