



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 23rd June, 2017

Dear Parents,

After nearly 20 years working in education I have come to realise that there are no quiet weeks - and so it has proved the case once again! This week we have had two separate year groups, Reception and Y2 'moderated' - this means that the teachers' judgements on their pupils' work are questioned by staff from the borough and each teacher has to justify those judgements. This comes after us working with one of the highest attaining schools in the borough and a leading school from a neighbouring borough. Our staff and their judgements were praised and I'd like to thank all the staff involved but especially Miss Rowe and Miss Dunne. Added to that, on Monday we also held a well attended meeting to update parents on the developments regarding our new curriculum for next academic year.

On Thursday evening we held a meeting for the families of those children joining our Reception next academic year. It was a useful meeting for the school and hopefully for our parents as well. **This coming Tuesday** I'd like to invite all **Y5** parents to a short meeting after school at **3.30pm** in the main hall. This is for us to finalise our plans for the residential trip next year for your children.

As we continue to build our relationship with St. Luke's Church we would like to know if any parents are interested in taking part in a prayer group to run in the Chapel on a Thursday or Friday morning from 9-9.30am. Please let me know in the playground or let the office know - Thanks.

Our Annual International Event: It's that time of year again when we urgently need your help to make our International Day (**Friday 7th July**) a fun event for everyone. This year we are asking parents to please donate cultural food (savoury not sweet). We desperately need this help from you to make this event extra special. Please donate generously! Contact Mrs Simpson in the office as soon as possible if you can help. Thank you.

Please note: today, Friday 23rd June, was the last school bank this year. Next week, children will receive a slip confirming how much they have in their school bank account. If you would like them to make a withdrawal these must be signed and returned before Monday 3rd July. All money will then be counted and given out to children on **Friday 7th July** (Y6 will automatically be given their full balance).

I also need to remind parents once again about making non-urgent appointments at GPs and dentists during school hours. We understand it can be difficult to get appointments but if they are non-urgent and made well in advance, please use holidays or after-school hours so as to minimise any disruption to your child's education.

Can I end with a big 'Thank-you' to all of our wonderful parents who accompanied Reception last Thursday on a trip to City Farm. Without your involvement we wouldn't be able to give your children all of the extra-curricular trips that make such an impact on them. We received an email from one of the helpers, please see below.

"Hi.

I joined Reception on a visit to Newham City Farm last Thursday and I just wanted to say that it was an absolute pleasure to be out with the kids - they behaved really well, and interacted politely and confidently with the Farm staff. They were a credit to the school and Ms Rowe.

Regards

Alison Hazelton

Have a fantastic weekend

Matt Hipperson



Making the most of the hot weather – Y5 take their parachute experiment outdoors.



Golden Assembly Awards Friday 23rd June