



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 13th October, 2017



Dear Parents,

We have been working hard since the beginning of the year to launch our '**Hi 5 Core Christian Values**' with the children. These are five values which we intend to excel at, both in the class, the wider school and out in our community. The children have been exploring what these values mean to us here at school and also how challenging they can be. We have discussed how easy it can be for someone to do something wrong and then to say 'Sorry!' but how difficult it can be to **forgive** that person who has upset us, how **Trust** and **Respect** are intertwined and are both given and received in equal measure. How we all have to **Persevere** to succeed at times and how empathising with someone else (getting into their shoes) aids **Compassion**. These are vital values in life but by no means the only values for life. But they are ours and we will try to make our community proud of us.

The last two weeks have seen the senior leaders paying monitoring visits to many year groups making sure that we have the best all round provision for your children's learning. It has been great to talk to the children about their learning and how we can improve. Next week it is your turn as we have the first of our three parent teacher meetings for the year. Please come and discuss your child's progress – it is so important that we work in partnership to enable our children to achieve their full potential. I, and the Governors, look forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Lastly, are there any parents who would like to get involved in running a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to work with the school to make a difference to learning through fundraising? If so, please come and talk to me about it. An example of what it might involve was seen at our fantastic *International Evenings* which have a long tradition of celebration in the school.

Community Meal: Next Friday, 20th October, you are invited to join your children for an African themed meal. This is a fun opportunity to bring families together around the lunch table. If you wish to attend, please put your name down and pay at the office (£2.60 per adult).

Winter Flu Vaccinations: it's that time of year when the Newham Immunisation team comes to schools to offer the children (from Reception to Year 4) the nasal flu vaccine. This helps to protect them from the flu virus in time for the winter, *and helps to protect other family members* because they are not spreading the influenza virus infection. (The flu is an illness caused by the **influenza virus** and is common during the winter months. The vaccination programme is designed to protect your child against flu which can be an unpleasant illness.)

The Immunisation Team will be visiting us on the **7th December**.

Administration:

The Y6 deadline for **Secondary school application** is fast approaching (**31st October**). You absolutely need to register soonest and then hand your online reference into the office so we know that everyone has applied for their school.

There are still a number of outstanding bills for **After-School clubs**. If you have not yet paid, please do so now through the *Parent Pay* site (www.parentpay.com) or via the school office.

Buying Uniforms:

We have now created an account with Tesco so parents can buy our school uniform online . <https://tinyurl.com/y7acnarm> The link takes parents straight to the *'St Luke's ordering page'* (Uniforms can also be ordered from: **Ian Howard** 409 Barking Road. Tel: 0208 472 1729)

Lost Property: If your child has any items of missing uniform, please make sure you take the opportunity to search through the lost property box before the end of next week (this will be accessible at Parent Evening) as we will dispose of anything still sitting there after the holidays.

Don't forget **Parent Evening** next Wednesday and Thursday (3:30 - 6pm). Appointment sheets are on your child's classroom door.

And finally...

Many thanks to those parents of Reception children who attended our **'How to Teach Reading to you child'** presentation given yesterday evening by Miss Rowe. I think you'll agree it was an excellent and informative talk and a benefit to us all.

Have a great weekend

Matt Hipperson



Golden Assembly Awards



Reception's 'How to Teach Reading' talk



Eco teams with our 5th Green Flag



Cycling Proficiency Achievers

