

Friday 20th October 2017



Wow, where did that half-term go?

It seems that we only came back to school a few weeks ago but actually a lot has happened in the last seven weeks and it was lovely to meet with some of you during the parent and teacher meetings this week and talk about how your children are finding their new year groups.

The school is closed next week for half-term <u>and on Mon 30th</u> October for an inset day where the staff will be getting updates on how to keep our children safe, how to improve our mathematical learning and thinking about what we need to do this year to continue improving our school.

Thanks to all those parents who were able to join our first community meal today and although it is the end of the half-term, it seemed a fitting way to lead into next half-term when all year groups will be doing a themed topic around citizenship which will explore our place in the world. We will be holding a special assembly on Wednesday the first of November where we will be sharing the 150 year history of the school with original records and staff dressed as in the 'olden days'! The topic will culminate in some events around Christmas including a hot meal cooked by the school for local homeless people. Please watch our Newsletter for more information which will follow in November.

I mentioned about whether any parents would like to get involved with setting up a Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and have had someone express interest – if there is anyone else who would like to get involved with running community lunches or the International events please come and talk to me in the playground.

Administration:

The Y6 deadline for **Secondary school application** is fast approaching **(31st October)**. You <u>absolutely</u> 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 . <u>https://tinyurl.com/y7acnarm</u> The link takes parents straight to the <u>'St Luke's ordering page'</u> (Uniforms can also be ordered from: **Ian Howard** 409 Barking Road. Tel: 0208 472 1729).

We hope you have a fantastic break (there are lots of activities going on at our local libraries: see accompanying sheet with this newsletter) and we look forward to seeing everyone back safe and ready to go on **Tuesday the 31st October**.

