



ST LUKE'S NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2015



Hello everyone and welcome to our Christmas newsletter. Please find below a summary of our news from this half term along with information regarding future events. Previous newsletters can be viewed on our website www.bsl.leeds.sch.uk

Parking

Could I please remind everyone about parking around school and the safety issues it presents. As many of us are only too well aware, the streets around the school become very congested at the start and end of the day so sensible and considerate parking is essential to maintain safety for our children. Therefore, parking wardens and community police will be monitoring the situation and any unsafe or illegal parking will result in a parking ticket. Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

School and college performance tables

The performance tables for all the schools are now available to look at on line. You can compare our results by clicking on to; www.education.gov.uk/schools/performance this will take you to the main site and by clicking on 'primary schools' and entering in the post code, all the schools in this area are highlighted.

Our results show consistently high standards in all areas and underline the school's continued and sustained success. We are naturally very pleased and especially proud of the hard work of both staff and children in maintaining our outstanding position.

Well done St Luke's – again!

Goodbye to Miss Watts

We say a sad farewell to Jacquie Watts who leaves us today to take up a new missionary role. Jacquie has been with us at St Luke's for five years working in different roles across school. We will miss Jacquie's skills, especially in her work with children with additional needs. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jacquie for her years of service and I am sure everyone will want to wish her all the very best for the future. Keep in touch Miss Watts!



Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 96.7% which is only slightly below our target of 97%. We have had quite a lot of children absent from school due to illnesses which I am hoping will improve in the New Year. Punctuality is still very poor, with lots of children arriving to school late on a regular basis. Please ensure your child arrives to school before 9am, those arriving after 9am are missing out on valuable teaching. Thank you for your support.

Miss Lane



GSAL maths competition victory!

On Tuesday 10th November we were invited to the Grammar School at Leeds to compete in the maths challenge where we went through four difficult rounds such as teamwork Sudoku, maths speed darts, two player maths problems and individual mental arithmetic. We came back to School with a cheeky grin on our faces trying to hide the fact that we finished 3rd out of the 20 finalists. As a result of our emphatic win we will proceed to the National Junior Maths Competition. We also received 4 medals to keep and a shield to represent all of our hard work.

Kind regards from two of the winning students and two great Digital Leaders.

Ryan Coates and Hisham Qureshi





Awards

The following children have received Mrs Robinson's excellent behaviour awards this half term:

Roksana Burzynska	Usmaan Javed
William Bonney	Junior Allotey
Tyler Robinson	Lybah Hussain
Anna Luehrmann	Lolly Sawo
Shazad Ali	Charlie Render
Neve Longfellow	Safaa Maroof
James Conneely	Sameer Shernazar
Teya Tillotson	Aarushi Panda
Ella Davies	Leah Smith

The Whitehouse cup, presented for excellent manners, has been awarded to:

Zahra Mehmood	Aayan Shakir
Benedicta Kusi	Poppy Beckett-Lennon
Amelia Higgerson-Milne	Frances Dagher



Mr Jones' Baby

We are very pleased to announce the birth of Samuel Francis Jones, born on the 7th of November, weighing 9lbs 9oz. We send David and Chloé our congratulations and very best wishes.



Dates for the future

School closes on Friday 18th of December and will re-open Monday 4th January 2016

School Sunday Sunday 10th January

Flu immunisation Monday 11th January

(Years 1 and 2)

Half term break: Monday 15th February re-opens Monday 22nd February.

Easter Bonnet Parade Tuesday 22nd March

Parents' Evening Wednesday 23rd March

Easter Service Thursday 24th March

Easter break School closed Friday 25th March re-opens Tuesday 29th March

School closed Monday 4th April re-opens Monday 18th April

Please check Easter dates carefully as these are different to previous years.



Collective Worship

In our Collective Worship this half term we continued our theme of 'kindness'. We would like to say a big thank you to all our children who put what they learnt into practice by raising money for the Leeds2Iraq Appeal. As a school, we raised over £550 – which is an amazing effort! We finished the term by reflecting on the Christmas story and, in particular, how Jesus came to be a light in a dark world.

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Mr Mark Hodgkinson

Thank you for reading our festive newsletter. Please feel free to come and see me, Mr Whitehouse, Mr Cook or Miss Forth if you have any issues or concerns. I am always keen to hear feedback, good or bad, as we all strive to provide the very best for our pupils. Have a lovely Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone on the 4th of January.

Warm regards
Mrs Louise Booth
Headteacher

