



ST LUKE'S NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016



Hello everyone and welcome to our festive newsletter. Please read on to hear all our latest news and important dates for the future. Previous newsletters and much more can be viewed on our website www.bsl.leeds.sch.uk

Children in Need Day



We had a fun-filled Friday raising money for Children in Need. Our School Ambassadors arranged the day and decided that a Talent Show was in order. After class auditions, one act from each class performed in The Final in assembly. El-Shaddai, from 5W, was our street dancing winner! Thank you for your generosity as, once again, we were able to raise over £300.



School Ambassadors



Our year 6 School Ambassadors: Summer King, Zahra Mehmood, Allainah Khan, Marlene Azane, Frankie Morrison and Ben Foley were voted for by their classmates. Their first responsibility was to arrange a fund-raising day for Children in Need and they did a brilliant job.

Mrs Cook

Organic Chicken

We have finally been able to source a British farm which can supply us with organic chicken. As many parents will already be aware, organic foods are produced without the use of artificial fertilisers, pesticides or the routine use of antibiotics and is therefore healthier for our children. We are now looking at increasing our range of organic foods in the future. Organic food is more expensive and, unfortunately, we can only provide what we can afford but I am convinced that food produced naturally is better for our children. Thank you to Mrs Robinson for all her research!

Congestion Outside School

Parking continues to be a problem and the issue is made much worse by the high number of cars parked by commuters working in Leeds. We continue to speak to our Councillors and I would urge parents to do the same.

Please may I also ask that parents do not block the paths so that people can still walk past the school. Several residents have raised concerns that they are unable to get through due to parents talking in groups and blocking the pavements. Please be considerate to our neighbours. Thank you.

Supervision before and after school

We are very happy for our families to make full use of our lovely site. However, I do need to remind parents that this is done at your own risk before 8.50am and after 3pm unless your children are being supervised at Breakfast Club, tutoring or clubs. The play equipment and the wooded areas require adult supervision. The Reception Playground is designed for 4-5 year olds and is not safe for older children. Thank you for your continued cooperation with this issue and please feel free to enjoy our grounds with your children.



Awards

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

James Conneely	Esme Mann
Talitha Hodgkinson	Juanita Bonney
Anya Peacock	Louix Charlesworth
Toby Brewer	Rosie Luehrmann
Safaa Maroof	Kendra Allotey
Fredy Ombang	Humaira Sadiq
Melissa Almeida	Amani Kumari
Lewis Watson	

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

Lexie Traill	Frances Davies
Mohammad Khayat	Alishba Adnan
Chisom Onwugbufor	Elouise Turner

Attendance

Unfortunately, this half term's attendance has been low. This is mainly due to the winter flu virus and I am hopeful that we will all return feeling fit and well in the New Year.

Punctuality is continuing to improve which is great to see. Please keep this up in January. Our current attendance figure is 96.3%.

Miss Lane

Collective Worship

In our Collective Worship this half term we continued to look at Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, learning all about the importance of not just knowing what he said, but living it out. 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 Hodgkinson

Dates for the future

School closes on Friday 16th December and will re-open Tuesday 3rd January 2017 (Monday 2nd is a Bank Holiday)
Nursery re-opens Wednesday 4th January 2017

School Sunday	Sunday 8 th January 2017 at St Luke's Church. All welcome.
Mid-year mini report	Wednesday 15 th March
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 21 st March
Easter Bonnet Parades	Thursday 30 th March
Easter Service	Friday 31 st March
Sports Day	Thursday 20 th July (weather permitting)

School closes on *Friday 10th February 2017 and re-opens Monday 20th February 2017*



'What are we learning?' Leaflets

The children will bring home a leaflet each half term which explains the topics they will be learning in the following half term. We are hoping the leaflets will keep parents more informed about school and encourage conversations about future work. Children will make more progress if they have had an opportunity to start discussing and researching the topics before covering them in class. Please let us know if you like the leaflets and find them useful. Thank you to Miss Lane for producing the information for each year group.

Year 3/4
What is my child learning next half term?

<p>Literacy</p> <p>The children will be reading 'Macbeth' by William Shakespeare. This will be an abridged version, which means it will be appropriate for the age and level of understanding of the children in this year group.</p> <p>All the children will continue to work on their grammar and vocabulary so that they can write with accuracy and control and not necessarily the first thing that comes into their heads!</p>	<p>Maths</p> <p>Number and fluency with times tables and the four operations is always the main focus in Years 3 and 4 (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).</p> <p>Miss East's group will be learning how to tell the time; it would be great if you could make a start with this over the holidays using both a 24 hour digital clock and a 12 hour clock face.</p> <p>Mrs Waayer's group will begin learning their 8x times table, they will also look at measurements and comparing length.</p> <p>Miss Chelder's Group will look at number bonds (for example, 80+60=100, 50+50=100, 90+10=100). They will also be working on understanding mathematical vocabulary such as 'more than', 'less than' and 'same as'.</p>
<p>School Trip</p> <p>The children will be visiting an Anglo Saxon village in York and become an Anglo Saxon for the day. Look out for the letter!</p>	<p>Science</p> <p>We will be learning about human's eating habits and the need for a healthy and balanced diet. We will also be studying how humans digest their food and how the body transports the goodness from it to where it is needed the most. Finally we will look at teeth, the different types we have and their functions within the mouth.</p>

Thank you for reading our newsletter, 2016 has been another successful year for St Luke's and I cannot praise the children enough for their attitude, behaviour and excellent progress. Please remember that you are very welcome to come and see me about any issues- appointments are not always necessary.

Have a very merry Christmas and I look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 3rd January.

Kind regards
Mrs Louise Booth
Headteacher

