

# ST LUKE'S NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016

A very warm welcome to the first newsletter of the year. Please find below a summary of all our news this half term. Previous newsletters can be viewed on our website [www.bsl.leeds.sch.uk](http://www.bsl.leeds.sch.uk)

## New Reception Class



We are delighted to welcome our new reception children; they have settled quickly and smoothly into school life. Mrs Molloy, Mrs Sandy and the whole Reception Team are full of praise for our new children and report that they are already coping very well with their lessons and new routines. Well done!

## Marrick Priory

*"My favourite part of the residential trip to Marrick priory was the activities. My favourite activity was rock climbing since it was terrifying. My least favourite was back scrambling because me, Raheem and Hashim fell on Miss Lane."* Rehan 5W



The Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP visited the school on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September and spent the day visiting the classrooms and talking to the children. His visit was in response to a project arranged by Miss Holloway, 'send my friend to school', which involved our pupils writing to him regarding the number of children around the world who are not able to go to school. All the children behaved beautifully and asked Hilary lots of interesting and intelligent questions ranging from his opinion of the current refugee situation to how much he gets paid! Hilary enjoyed his visit and was very complimentary of the children and the school.

## Congratulations

We are delighted to announce the birth of two baby boys. Kate Davey, our Foundation Stage Coordinator, gave birth to Benjamin Rodney, weighing 7lbs 3 oz on the 18<sup>th</sup> September.



Laura Cuthbert, Reception Teacher, gave birth to Thomas James weighing 7lbs 4oz On the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We send our congratulations to both families.





## Awards

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

Blanka Syndoman  
Arthur Young  
Paige Robinson  
Zerina Suleman  
Ciaran Webster  
Aarushi Panda  
Leah Smith  
Charlotte Monaghan  
Summer King  
Luke Hintze

Sirrah Sawo  
Marlone Azane  
Lawrence Davies  
Blake Whitfield  
Kacper Syndoman  
Princess Dadzie  
Priya Kumari  
Husna Mir  
Nathaniel Ndlovu  
Jasmine Davis

Lolly Sawo

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

Joyce Ombang  
Tia Davis  
Zahara Hinga

Lincoln Bentley - Smith  
Kyla-Leigh Bulloch  
Leah Smith

Caitlin Chadwick

## Attendance

Unfortunately we have had a disappointing start to our school's attendance: the current attendance figure is 95.7% which is below our target of 97%. Please can I remind you to telephone the school office if your child is going to be absent. Punctuality has improved and most children are arriving to school on time every day, please keep this up.

Miss Lane

## Mrs Thackray's Retirement

Pat Thackray retired after 31 years of dedicated service at St Luke's. Pat will be very much missed by staff and children. Thank you Mrs Thackray.



## Breakfast Club

From Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October, our school will be providing a Breakfast Club, 8am – 8.50am. There will be a charge of £2 per day. If you would like your child to attend, please contact Miss Lane via the school office.

## High School Applications

The closing date to apply for high school is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure you have completed the online application form before this date. To apply, visit [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk)

Please see Miss Lane if you need any help.

## Bible Verse Matthew 5:13-16

You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour?... You are the light of the world – like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden.

## Dates for the future

School closes on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and will re-open on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October

**Parents' Evening** Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 3.30pm – 7.30pm (Letter to follow)  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 3.30pm – 7.30pm

**Christmas Services (Nativity)** Reception, Year 1 and 2 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am  
Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

**School Sunday** Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup> 10.30am



Thank you to everyone for your support – St Luke's continues to thrive and we are all so very proud of our children. I hope everyone enjoys the half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October. As always, please feel free to come and see me at any time.

Warm regards  
Mrs Louise Booth

