

ST LUKE'S NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2018

Hello everyone – welcome to our February half term newsletter where you can read all our latest news. Curriculum leaflets, explaining the planned learning for next half term, will also be coming home today so please check reading bags or ask at the office if you do not receive a copy. Further information can be found on our website www.bsl.leeds.sch.uk and via Miss Lane's twitter page (@bslprimary)

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome two new members of staff – Rachel Bulloch and Amie Belton. Rachel will be working in Year 1 and Amie will be working in Nursery. Both ladies have been employed to work with children who have additional needs and both will be working under the direction of our SENCO, Michelle Palmer. A very warm welcome to Rachel and Amie.



We are very pleased that, following her maternity leave, Hayley Chalders will be returning to school next half term. Hayley will be supporting our Reception team before taking on her full time class teacher role in September.



Inspection Report

Hopefully, parents will have received my letter regarding the school's SIAMS Inspection which took place several weeks ago. This inspection was to look specifically at how effective St Luke's is as a Christian School. I am delighted to share that the school was, once again, graded outstanding in all areas. I am attaching the full report for parents to read as the inspector has made so many positive comments. Thank you to everyone for contributing to this amazing achievement and we are always grateful for the encouragement and support given by our parents and guardians. Thanks also to our Foundation Governors; Alistair Kaye; Emily Holloway, who is our R.E Coordinator, and Mark Hodgkinson, who is responsible for Collective Worship. Happy reading!

Year 2 trip to visit a Victorian school room

The year 2 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed their history topic all about Queen Victoria which culminated in a trip to the Victorian school room.





Awards

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

Joyce Ombang	Rumaysa Bilaal
Amelia Higgerson-Milne	Wahab Khodayar
Aayan Shakir	Sagardeep Phull
Ellis Parker	Sirrah Sawo
Edward Conneely	Evie Harper
Naomi Birch	Elijah Luehrmann
Eliora Donkor	Yunus Ahsan
Mariya Maqbool Hussain	Princess Antwi Birago
Laila-Mai Benson	Usmaan Javed

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

Nancy Sefton	Jasmine Davies
Uzayr Soud	Ruby-Elise Staten
Rehan Khan	Aamilah Haque

Attendance

Our current attendance figure is 96.5%. This is very good but still below our target of 97%. I am hopeful that this will improve as spring and better weather arrives.

We have a new form that you will need to complete if you are requesting holiday leave for your child. Please ask Mrs Booth or Miss Lane for a copy of this form.

Chewing Gum



Please, please, please may we ask that everyone is careful when disposing of chewing gum. Our caretaker, Mrs Chalders, has the very difficult and time-consuming job of trying to remove discarded chewing gum from our playgrounds. Children are not allowed chewing gum in school so we would ask that parents and guardians support us with this before and after school, by not allowing children to eat gum on school premises. Many thanks.

Dates for the future

School closes Friday 9th February and will re-open Monday 19th February

World Book Day – Dressing up!

Thursday 1st March

Mid-year reports

Friday 16th March

Parents' Evening

Wednesday 21st March 3.30pm – 7.30pm

Easter Bonnet Parades

Wednesday 28th March Rec, yrs 1 & 2 9.15am
Yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6 2.00pm

**Easter Service (St Luke's Church
all welcome)**

Thursday 29th March 9.30am

Easter Break

Thursday 29th March, re-opens Monday 16th April

Sports Day

Thursday 20th July (weather permitting)



Collective Worship

In our Collective Worship this half term, we have been continuing our journey through the story of the Bible, looking at the coming of Jesus as God's promised king and rescuer. We have seen how Jesus came to bring good news into God's world, healing the sick, bringing life and forgiveness and restoring all that was broken.

Jesus said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favour has come." (Luke 4)

Mr Hodgkinson

Guided Tours

Our school ambassadors had the pleasure of showing groups of parents around school to look at the work on display. Many of the parents who attended said that they had enjoyed the tour and appreciated the chance to see everywhere. We will be organising another tour next year, but if you missed this opportunity and would still like to see around school, please speak to Mrs Cook who will plan a further tour in the near future. Well done to our School Ambassadors who provided excellent commentaries on the work displayed.

Thank you to all our families for your ongoing support. I continue to be so proud of St Luke's and I am delighted that the inspection recognised so many positive features. Please feel free to speak to me about any issue, you can reach me by email on nic.schorah@bsl.leeds.sch.uk or telephone (0113 2433375) or call in to see me via the office (appointments not always necessary). Have a lovely week off and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 19th February.

