St Luke's Newsletter

A big 'Thank-You' to all!

My first week has really brought home to me how fortunate I am to be working at St Luke's. We have children to be proud of both in the way they work but also in the way they conduct themselves. It has also been lovely getting to know some of the parents and I look forward to meeting more of you over the next few weeks. I'd also like to say a huge thank-you to the staff who have made me feel very welcome and also shown fantastic professionalism. Have a great weekend with your families.

- Matt Hipperson

Winter Sickness Bug

We have had a high number of children off school with a nasty winter vomiting bug. The school has sought advice from the borough and we are putting getting in additional hygiene products for the toilet areas in particular, as bugs like these spread very quickly. All classes have had a talk about the importance of washing and drying their hands thoroughly. **Please can you talk to your children about how important this is.** If your child has vomited, the borough advice is that they should remain off for 48 hrs so as not to contaminate others.

Phone Safety

After a report by some Y6 children of an inappropriate contact on *Whatsapp*, the school has distributed a phone safety leaflet to all KS2 children and we will be looking into running a session for parents and children around online and phone safety in the near future

Story Tellers wanted!

Could you see yourself as an amazing story teller? We're looking for parents or friends who would be interested in reading to a class at 3pm each Friday. You could read from your own favourite childhood book (or we can lend you one), or a story from memory. It could be a traditional one from your own culture or even one in your own mother-tongue!

Children love stories and we would love it if you could share your favourite with the class.

If you are interested and could join us at 3pm one Friday, please sign your name against a date on the sheet at your child's classroom door.

PE Kit Wanted

We are after any St Luke's PE kit (that may have belonged to your older children who have since moved on to secondary) that you would be willing to donate to the school: black shorts, white t-shirts, black or blue joggers in all sizes. The PE kit will be kept as spare in case children forget to bring theirs in on their class PE days. This is to ensure all children take part in their PE lessons without any disruption to their learning. Any donations will be received with gratitude.

Next week's Special Events

Next week we have our annual *Citizenship Week.* Y4 will be visiting East Ham Town Hall on Wednesday, Reception and Nursery are going to do a 'Community Clean' at Keir Hardie Recreation ground, Y2 are having a talk about their community and Y1, Y3 & Y6 are going to meet a local councillor and an MP.

Friday the 11th is *Remembrance Day* and we are holding a special assembly at 10.45 so we can mark the 2 minute silence at 11am. This is a really important time for us to remember those who have sacrificed themselves for others in the wars since 1914. Parents are welcome to attend. Afterwards the school council will lay a wreath at the memorial in the St Luke's Community Centre (old church) churchyard.

Christmas Dates for Parents

Tues 13th Dec 09.15am: Reception & Nursery Nativity dress rehearsal for school
Wed 14th Dec 09.15am: Reception & Nursery Nativity performance **for Parents**
Wed. 14th Dec 2.15pm: Y1 & Y2 '*The Angry Innkeeper'* dress rehearsal for school
Thurs 15th Dec 2.15pm: Y1 & Y2 *'The Angry Innkeeper'* performance **for Parents**

(KS2 classes will be performing a theatrical production after the SATs in July)

Fri 16th Dec: PM: Visiting Pantomime for the children
Mon 19th Dec PM: Christingle celebration
Tues 20th AM: **Christmas Assembly with Fr Dave**
Mon 12th Dec 2.15pm: KS2 Christmas Carol concert. Parents welcome!

Please remember: school closes at 1PM on the 20th December!

And finally…

Beware the Mark of Zorro!

(En garde with Y6's new PE lessons!)