



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 13th January 2017

Dear Parents,

We are now fully into the flow of the 'Spring Term' even if the weather is distinctly wintery. As ever there are lots of things happening and hopefully this newsletter will give you a flavour of this.

Firstly we need to say a big thankyou for the efforts of our children and staff because the British Council have awarded us a further three year extension of our 'International School' status. This reflects the excellent knowledge of the world around us as well as our efforts to make links and raise money for people in different countries.

We hosted a visit from a 'Maths Hub' leader on Wednesday aimed at helping us adjust our maths provision regarding '*Mastery in Maths*'. This new approach is aimed at producing mathematicians who are more secure in their knowledge and skills and has a lot of influence from SE Asian maths curriculums such as Singapore.

To improve school security for your children we are installing a new front gate in the February half-term holiday. This gate will have a magnetic lock and an intercom buzzer which you will have to press to get the office to open the gate. This is not designed to keep the parents out but to help us be totally sure of who is getting access to the school and is in keeping with the vast majority of schools in London. If you have any queries please speak to me.



We have had another busy sporting week with teams competing in both indoor athletics and football. At the indoor athletics competition held at Sports Dock (UEL East London), we competed in four field and four track events finishing 8th out of the 16 attending. This qualified us for the finals to be held at the *Copper Box* (Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park) later in the month.

In football we had boy and girl teams attend the Newham Primary League Fixtures at Rokeby Secondary School. Our boys played two games and won both (beating St. Helen's and Star Primary!) and the girls played four; winning three

and drawing one (beating Star, St Helen's and Keir Hardie). Both teams are now top of their league table. A big well done to all who attended!

And finally...

We have now registered for free fruit for Early Years & KS1 children, so will no longer need to ask families of children in these parts of the school for fruit money. We will keep charging for KS2 children but are considering options on this as well.

Once again, a great big well done to all our staff and children who have once again proven what a great school we have!

Have a peaceful weekend,

Matt Hipperson

Forthcoming dates

- Y6 booster sessions begin for all Y6 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from the week of 23rd January - Y6 parents please see the letter your child brought home today and bring back reply slip on Monday
- Y2 SATs meeting for parents 7th Feb 9am & repeated at 5pm. This will explain what will be happening to get your child ready from their tests in May and also what the tests are like
- 23rd and 24th Feb. The school will be having a 2 day borough inspection
- 29th & 30th March parent meetings

