



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 27th January 2017

Dear Parents,

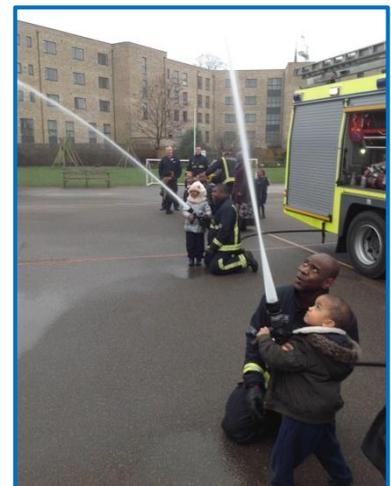
Wow! It's been cold this week and although that presents a challenge to us all, we have talked in one of our assemblies this week about the beauty of all the four seasons and their uniqueness and what an amazing gift from God it is - as long as you are well wrapped up!

Key Stage 2 children are working on the Christian theme of '*courage*' with me and discussing those times when it can be difficult to do the right thing and stand up for people who are being picked on and I have been really impressed by their honesty. On this day above others, Holocaust Memorial Day, we must remember the millions who died and remind ourselves the price we pay when discrimination, racism and hatred are not checked and prevented. There is still much to do to create a safer future for us all, and it is in our children that we must take the opportunity to teach them to stand strong in the face of those who hate.

Myself, Mr. Huntingford and Mr. Whittle visited the BETT technology show at Excel yesterday (investigating ways computing can be used in education) and it was really useful as we plan to improve our technology resources.

Great news about another two sporting success stories for St Luke's. On Wednesday a team of Y5 & 6 girls and boys played in a basketball competition at Langdon Academy. They played very well and reached the quarter finals, making Miss Eboh - and the school - very proud. Then on Thursday our mixed Year 5&6 indoor athletics team finished 5th overall in the borough of Newham, which is an outstanding achievement for a school as small as ours. A massive thank-you goes out to the children, Ms Eboh, Ms Adams and Mr Scott for all their hard work.

Reception also had a great day on Wednesday when they were visited by a team of firefighters from Plaistow Fire Station. The children were taught about fire safety, how and when to dial 999 and -very importantly - the need to know their own address! Afterwards they explored the fire tender and enjoyed spraying the rest of the school with water!



'Who you gonna call?'

After-school clubs start next Monday and thanks to you all for your patience as we launch this expanded service - there are bound to be initial problems but be assured we are working hard to make sure we give you the best after-school clubs that we can.

Year 2 parents - there is a slight change to the SATs meetings for you - we will hold a morning meeting straight after drop off on Tues. 7th Feb but the evening meeting for any parents who can't stay in the morning will be at 5pm on Monday 6th Feb.

Sainsbury vouchers: for those shopping at Sainsbury's, please remember to collect those school vouchers - "Every little helps!" (as Tesco's say!)

Appointments in school hours: Please avoid making routine medical appointments during school hours and equally important, please call the school office when your child is off sick.

And finally....please remember, you can check school term and holiday dates via our website at:

www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk

Have a safe and peaceful weekend,

Matt Hipperson

