



# St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you to those Y5 parents who were able to attend a meeting about a possible change to the Y6 residential trip next year. We talked about St. Mark's Christian College in Saffron Walden, Essex, as a possible venue. This combines a lot of fun team building activities with an over-arching Christian theme aimed at building spiritual resilience as the children get ready to move to secondary school. You can check the college out at [www.stmarkscollege.co.uk](http://www.stmarkscollege.co.uk). Some parents of children who had been to Debden previously talked about the benefits of that trip; you can check their website out at [www.debdenhouse.com](http://www.debdenhouse.com). I will call another meeting in early June for the Y5 parents to come back together and we will make a decision.

**Unfortunately the school has once again been selected as a polling station for the upcoming General Election on June the 8<sup>th</sup> and so the school will be closed to children on that day!**



A big thank you goes out to Mr. Jennings for arranging a delivery of eggs in an incubator and now we have a lot of chicks in school - the children are having great fun and learning lots about their growth and development. You can follow their egg-citing progress on the school's website at:

[www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](http://www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)

Also big thanks to you our families - we have launched our new behaviour system this week and are fully aware that this will grow and develop over the coming term - I will be looking for your feedback at the summer term parent meetings. If you get a text home it is to keep you informed of any issues - positive or negative - during the day and just gives you a chance to discuss those with your child. I know as a parent I always wanted to know about whether I needed to talk something through with my boys or if they had earned my praise and thanks.

I would like to remind parents to please use the official school telephone number (020 7476 3559) when calling. Sometimes, if the office is particularly busy, staff members

may have to use our fax-phone to call you. When that is the case, please try not to call back on that line.

At St Luke's we are now part of a plastic pen recycling programme. All the hundreds of plastic white-board pens and biro's we go through, we now recycle. At a recent meeting, our **Eco group** thought it a good idea to spread this good practice to the home. So parents, if you have any broken, dried up biro's, felt-tips, hi-lighters, propelling pencils or correction fluid bottles (eg; Tippex) then please gather them up, give them to your child, and we'll do the rest!

Finally, a reminder on girls' tights as part of our school uniform: sober plain colours please (navy blue, black or white).

And on that note...

May God bless you all and have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend

*Matt Hipperson*



This Friday's *Golden Assembly Star!*