

# NEWSLETTER 16TH MARCH 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Thankfully, the snow has left us alone this week and – hopefully! – we will start to see some brighter evenings as the summer approaches. It is still quite chilly, with another cold spell predicted over the weekend – so please make sure the children continue to wear their warm coats to school.

This week, we welcomed visitors from our Governing Body, who came to St. Luke's to spend the day with our staff and children. The governors focussed on the quality of educational provision at St. Luke's with a special focus on our More Able and Talented pupils. The Focus Day involved observing teaching and learning in our classrooms; observing interventions in PE, Maths and English; meeting teaching staff and the leadership team; speaking with children; hearing children read; evaluating provision for our More Able and Talented pupils etc.

The Governors were treated to a special performance given by our wonderfully talented musicians, performance poets and prose reading competition winners.

I am pleased to report that our Governors "loved every minute" of their day at St. Luke's. Our Chair of Governors, Pauline Hudson-Evans, reported: "We saw your commitment to finding out what a child is good at and then how that talent and ability – both in academic and non-academic areas – is nurtured and developed. We also saw evidence of how pupils develop confidence and leadership skills."

The Governors were so impressed by the excellent behaviour of our learners and the excellent progress and standards evident across the school. We, of course, always want to continuously improve so have also discussed our plans to continuously improve at St. Luke's.



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In **Team 3** Maths, we have been learning about 3-dimensional shapes and their features. We have recently also just started learning about measurement.

In literacy, we have been learning about persuasive features that adverts use and are keen to start writing

**Team 4** This week in Maths, we have been learning how to recognise and write decimal equivalents of hundreds, tens, units, tenths and hundredths using different representations (images-words-fractions and decimals). In English, we focused on the book 'Sir Gawain and the Loathly Lady' and we wrote complex sentences exploring the feelings and emotions of the main characters. We also wrote a formal wedding invitation for Sir Gawain's wedding.



**Team 5** have been busy working on their Evolution projects ahead of our first visit from the Rolls Royce engineers next week.

The children have been busy making and evaluating their idea against their design briefs.

Watch this space for more pictures of their completed



**Team 1** have been having a great Spring Term. As well as learning phonics, we have been learning about question marks, exclamation marks and using the past and present tense in our writing. In maths, we have learnt how to add and subtract and have just started learning about mass and weight. We have also been learning about parts of the body, such as our skeleton and muscles!

**Team Reception** have been very busy during Mathematics. In groups, they have worked together to reason, problem solve and work mathematically to demonstrate their understanding of 'making equal groups'.



Well done Team Reception – your confidence and understanding of number continues to grow!

Last week, **Team 6** had a visitor from the Metropolitan Police. He came to speak to the children about how to keep safe on the streets and their transition into secondary schools.

The class really enjoyed the talk given by PC Khan. At the end of the talk, we were able to ask any pressing questions to the police officer.

**EoS** Following on from last Easter's success, we will once again be holding the Easter Egg Competition.

The eggs will be on sale from Monday 19th March at a cost of £1.00 and the judging will take place on Wednesday 28th March.



**Contact Numbers:** Following on from the school closure last week, a large number of parents have now updated their contact details. To enable the school to keep you informed please ensure we have your correct details on file.

**Collecting Late Pupils:** If you arrive late to collect your child after school, please inform the office, then walk down the outside pathway to collect your child from Team 1 classroom.

### Week Ending 02/03/18

Attendance		Punctuality	
Team Rec	96.4%	Team Rec	1
Team 1	98.3%	Team 1	1
Team 2	98.3%	Team 2	3
Team 3	93.1%	Team 3	3
Team 4	92.0%	Team 4	2
Team 5	97.6%	Team 5	0
Team 6	96.7%	Team 6	3

**Best Attendance**                      **Best Punctuality**  
**Team 1 & 2**                              **Team 5**

### Week Ending 09/03/18

Attendance		Punctuality	
Team Rec	96.8%	Team Rec	3
Team 1	95.2%	Team 1	2
Team 2	97.2%	Team 2	1
Team 3	96.6%	Team 3	3
Team 4	93.6%	Team 4	3
Team 5	95.5%	Team 5	1
Team 6	97.7%	Team 6	7

**Best Attendance**                      **Best Punctuality**  
**Team 6**                                      **Team 5**

### BIRTHDAYS



Best wishes to pupils with a birthday from 5th - 18th March 2018

- Team R -
- Team 1 - Keneda
- Team 2 -
- Team 3 -
- Team 4 - Anfal - Tevon
- Team 5 - Safwan - Kofi
- Team 6 - Makayah

Happy Birthday to everyone!

### Golden Book Awards

#### TR

**Julia** - Always enjoying her learning & trying her best.  
**Adam** - Inspiring others by showing curiosity towards his learning.

#### TI

**Adam J** - Always having a positive attitude towards his learning.  
**Joyce** - Always having a positive & enthusiastic attitude to learning.

#### T2

**Jazeel** - For being so enthusiastic about Internet Safety Week! Jazeel has chosen to do some fantastic home learning to further his knowledge of how to stay safe online. Well Done, Jazeel!

**Phillip** - For excellent speaking in class & for enjoying all his learning. Well Done Phillip.

#### T3

**Kehmar** - Being focused in all lessons.  
**Nyah** - Always having a positive attitude & making the right choices.

#### T4

**Troy** - For demonstrating a positive attitude towards his learning and for continually improving and showing curiosity in his learning

#### T5

**Alex** - For being a positive role model to all those around him. Always ready to learn and willing to help! Great Job!  
**Ima** - For always having a positive attitude towards her learning. Applying herself & thinking hard even when tasks seem improbable.

#### T6

**Mohamed I** - For showing a positive attitude to his learning. He is constantly going above and beyond for his learning.

**Brynell** - For turning his week around & having a positive end to the week. He has made the right choices recently.

### ESSENTIAL DATES!

Easter Performance - Tuesday 27th March 2.00pm St Luke's Church

Easter Egg Competition - Wednesday 28th March

Last Day of Term - **Thursday 29th March 1.00pm**

Half Term Break - 30th March - 13th April

Children Return to School - Monday 16th April

Finally: As usual, have a safe and enjoyable weekend

Barbara Dunn

Headteacher



*'Learning and growing through the love of Christ'*