



# St Luke's News

November 2018

## DATES

### November

#### **Thurs 8th**

Y6 to Methodist Church to see Remembrance exhibition

#### **Thurs 8th and Wed 14th**

#### **Fri 9th**

Textiles bags collection  
Parent-teacher meetings

#### **Fri 9th**

Y6 football tournament at OLOC

#### **Mon 12th**

Remembrance Assembly, led by Y6

(9.00am for Y6 parents; 10.45 for school);

2pm 4 x Y6 pupils to Formby Library to read to pre-school children

#### **w/b Mon 12th**

Pudsey Toast for sale at break, 20p

#### **Tues 13th**

Flu immunisation Rec-Y5

#### **Wed 14th**

Y5/6 cinema visit;

#### **Thurs 15th**

Last of individual photos, Y2-Y6

#### **Fri 16th**

Children in Need—spotty

MUFTI, face paints;

FOSLS comedy bingo night;

Shoe Boxes collected

#### **Tues 20th**

Y6 heights/weights, school nurse team

#### **Wed 21st**

FOSLS meeting, Railway Pub, 7.30pm

#### **Sat 24th and Sun 25th**

Winter Wonderland family photo shoot

#### **Tues 27th**

Christine Gregory, author, to read to Roots and Shoots, Rec and Y1

#### **Wed 28th**

Y1 to Knowsley Safari Park; Stay and Play morning at St Luke's for pre-school children: winter wonderland theme.

#### **Wed 28th**

Y5 to Croxteth Hall, Victorian Christmas

#### **Thurs 29th**

Y3 to Cathedral, Advent Workshop

## **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE**



The building project remains on track, with the extended hall being ready just in time for the Christmas Fair, Breakfast with Santa, the Y2 Nativity, Christmas Lunch and parties!

We are really thankful for the way in which staff, pupils and parents have responded to some minor changes in routine this term and to the builders for ensuring minimum disruption.

Unfortunately, we will need to manage without the hall at all for a short period, whilst they remove the temporary dividing wall and replace the entire floor and ceiling. This means that worship will take place in classes rather than the hall. The Y2 Nativity will have limited rehearsal time, but we are confident they will rise to the challenge and it'll be MORE than all right on the night! The biggest challenge will be lunch arrangements, of course. However, our fabulous cook, Mrs Foster has been meeting with Sefton Catering along with Mr Coward and Mrs Cowey, to come up with a solution.

We will alter the menu slightly from week beginning 19th November in order that we can provide hot lunches that can be taken into classrooms. The restricted serving point means that for this period sandwiches will NOT be available as an option, but there will be a meal option and also jacket potatoes with various fillings. Mrs Foster is selecting the most popular options as the main meal.

This will be for a period of three weeks maximum and then we can unveil the new extended hall!

Work will then begin on the new 4C classroom, which will be completed by February.

## DATES (cont'd)

### December

#### **Tues 4th**

Y5 to Range High, Jazzy Jinks rehearsal and concert

#### **Wed 5th**

School nurse drop-in, 2.45pm

#### **Fri 7th**

Christmas Fair from 5.30pm

#### **Sat 8th**

Formby Village Nativity

#### **Tues 11th**

Y4 to RHS to see Christmas Show;

St Luke's Christmas Concert at Church

#### **Wed 12th**

Christmas Lunch

#### **Thurs 13th**

Rec to see Dear Santa, Atkinson Theatre

#### **Fri 14th**

Church members making Christingles with Y3;

Y1/2 party

Puss in Boots Pantomime for all children

#### **Sun 16th**

Christingle in Church, 4pm

Y3 children taking part—everyone welcome!

#### **Mon 17th**

Breakfast with Santa, Rec to Y2, 8.00am

#### **Tues 18th**

Y4 to World Museum,

Liverpool, "Meet the Mummy"

Y2 nativity for parents, 2.15pm

#### **Wed 19th**

Y5/6 party day;

Y2 nativity for parents, 6.15pm

#### **Thurs 20th**

Y3/4 party day;

Y2 nativity to school

#### **Fri 21st**

Christmas Services at Church, Y6 with readings and prayers

9.30 RF, 1M, 2G, 3P, 4C,

5LH, 6G

10.45: RH, 10, 2A, 3IR, 4W,

5JH, 6WD

#### **Fri 21st**

Term ends, 1.45pm

**NB Back to school, Friday 4th January— free Mufti Day!**

## HOME LEARNING

A big thank you to everyone who responded to the questionnaire regarding home learning. The new grid system for Y1-Y6 was designed as a result of concerns raised during the governors' playground "listening ear" session last term. Generally, homework is the one thing that schools across the country find they cannot please everyone with all the time! So far, the new system has proved very popular - 198 people responded, which is by far the biggest response to any survey we have ever carried out, and only 6.6% of people said they didn't like it. The comments were overwhelmingly positive, too, with some constructive criticism which we tried to address for the second half term grids, eg parents told us they would prefer a weekly structured maths activity in addition to the general practice activity at the top of the sheet, so this has been included this half term. A few people with more than one child in school suggested that one of the family activities could be the same for all year groups, so that all of the children in the family could do that one together if they wished, so again we have included that this time. A few parents commented about printing things out at home, but we have tried to ensure that printing is minimal and will provide hard copies in school for those children who don't have access to a printer. The positive comments were mainly around four areas:

- children enjoy the element of choice
- if there is a busy family weekend you can choose something less intensive or even none of the options that weekend
- The range of activities is varied and interesting
- people that want MORE homework can choose more of the options

The full survey responses can be read on the website under Parents/Supporting your child at home/Home Learning. The other Formby primary schools have been interested to see this and are considering following suit.

### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM...

The children have had many opportunities to consider the futility of war and to remember those that have fought and indeed are still fighting in some parts of the world, to make our lives safer and our world more harmonious. We have been selling poppies and other remembrance items, and many children chose to make a bottle top or bottle bottom poppy: some are on display outside 1M and others have been taken to the Formby memorial gardens. Y6 created clay poppies with friends from Formby Methodist Church and went to visit their exhibition on



Thursday, with a spontaneous recital of the remembrance poem, In Flanders Fields, by John McRae.

On Monday Y6 will lead a Remembrance Service in school at 10.45am, first sharing it with parents at 9.00am.

### SCHOOL NURSE DROP- INS

Our school nurse, Peter, will be in school from 2.45pm on the following Wednesdays to answer any queries you may have relating to children's health and wellbeing:

**7th November 2018**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**9th January 2019**

Just call into school on the day or phone ahead to make an appointment.

### FOSLS 100 CLUB NOVEMBER WINNERS



1st prize Mrs CA Garrity

2nd prize Mrs J Howell

3rd prize Mrs A Morris

Membership of the 100 Club costs just £2.00 per month. Proceeds support many school activities

# ST LUKE'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

## FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER FROM 5.30pm

## LIBRARY TIME



Our Y6 children have extended their buddy skills by reading to pre-school children at Formby Library on a Monday afternoon. In groups of four, they choose and practise some picture books the pre-schoolers will enjoy and then go along to the library. The little ones have proved to be really good listeners and have enjoyed the stories and rhymes so far.



### NEXT FOSLS MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY 21st NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 9th JANUARY

7.30PM THE RAILWAY PUB.

PLEASE JOIN US IF YOU CAN.

### Reminder: MUFTI (non-uniform) Days this term:

- **Friday 16th November:**  
Children in Need Spotty MUFTI £1 donation
- **Friday 30th November:**  
FOSLS donations  
(details to follow)

NB On Christmas Party days (Y1/2 Fri 14th; Y3/4 Y5/6 Wed 19th) children can wear their own choice of clothes, but there is no charge for this!

Also, since we return to school on a Friday after Christmas, **Friday 4th January will also be a free MUFTI day.**

### REMINDER

#### FUN IN THE SNOW PHOTO SHOOT

The weekend of 24th and 25th November in school.

Telephone 07540373052 to book your slot — just £25.

### SAFE AND COURTEOUS PARKING

Unfortunately, we have once again been contacted by neighbours regarding illegal and unsafe parking, this time on Cambridge Road. Please make sure you are not double parking, parking on corners, parking on double yellow lines or across neighbours' driveways.

## REMINDER—IMPORTANT—FUN CLUB MESSAGE

**FRIDAY 7th DECEMBER**

On the evening of the school Christmas Fair, in view of the fact that the building will be open to the general public, Fun Club will need to close at 5.15pm. If this is going to present a difficulty, please let Jan know in advance and she will make sure children are kept safe in the staff room until collection.

On that evening, if you are arriving after 4.30pm, please collect children from 1M's outside door via the main playground. Otherwise please use the front door as usual.

**Thank you for your support.**

## CORPORATE BOWS!

The bows have proved to be extremely popular and Eva, Oliva and Rosie from Y6 have done a great job selling them at the end of the school day. They will continue to be available whilst Mrs Ball is happy to make them!

Hair bow £2.50; Bobbles £1.50; Headband £3.00



## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our school councillors, supported by Mrs Dwan, are encouraging all children to support our drive to save energy and save the planet! Each class is appointing two eco-warriors who will be particularly vigilant for signs of wasted energy, but we would like all pupils to be involved. One suggestion was to have a Green mufti day. On that day everything gets turned off. No lights, no photocopier, no interactive whiteboards and no computers (obviously office ladies will need theirs on). School Council has suggested we could do this in the spring when the days are a little brighter.

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Following its success in helping to improve attendance last year, we are still rewarding attendance on a weekly, half-termly and annual basis with a prize raffle for all the children with 100% attendance. The latest weekly winners are:

1<sup>st</sup> October: Harleigh, 1M; Lottie, 2A and 8<sup>th</sup> October: Ava, 4W; George, 5LH

The first half term winners, with 100% attendance from 3/9-18/10/18 were Maisie, 6WD and Jack, 3P

2A have been the most frequent winners of our Hero Bear for best class attendance.



**SOUTHPORT & FORMBY  
Teacher Training Hub**

Have you thought about training to become a primary school teacher?

There will be a drop-in session at Freshfield Primary School on Tuesday 13th November 2018 between 2pm and 4 pm if you would like to find out more.

#### **GEOFF SAYS THANK YOU!**

Geoff, our former lollipop crossing patrol, was extremely touched by the gifts and cards he received on his last day. Many thanks for all your contributions. Our “temporary” lollipop



man is called John and he says he has been made to feel very welcome!

#### **FUN CLUB HOLIDAY CLUB**

Fun Club will be open during February half term (18th-22nd Feb). Children that don't usually use Fun Club are welcome to take advantage of this holiday child care. Jan always plans a variety of interesting activities, including trips out of school. Please contact the office for more details or to book a place.

#### **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL**

St Luke's has a long tradition of supporting this national charity event. Mrs Woodward has once again co-ordinated events, ensuring we have as much fun as possible whilst raising money for children's charities.

From 12th November, toast will be on sale each morning break, Monday-Thursday. There is also a KS1 colouring competition and face painting on Friday 16th November, when we are having our Spotty Mufti Day. Details have been sent out separately. Please note, we must receive written permission for the face painting.

