



St Luke's News

January 2019

Dates

January

W/B 7th

Phonics workshops for Reception parents/carers—see separate info from teachers

Wednesday 9th

FOSLS meeting, Railway Pub, 7.30pm—all welcome!

Thur 10th/Mon 14th

5JH parents evenings postponed from last term

Fri 11th

Tuck shop starts again

Tuesday 15th

Author visit for whole school: Arlene Gormley

Wednesday 16th

Swimming gala trials; 10 Golden Ticket Reward Day

Wednesday 23rd

Y2 to Epiphany Service, Anglican Cathedral; 4W begin swimming

Saturday 26th

Peace Proms At Echo Arena Liverpool, school choir

Monday 28th

Y1 Trip to The Museum of Liverpool

Wednesday 30th

Winmarleigh Hall parents' Information Meeting (Y4)

February

Friday 8th

Author visit— Vivian French (KS2)

Wednesday 13th

Y1 Toy Museum in class; School Discos: 6.00-7.00 for Rec, Y1, Y2 and 7.15pm -8.15pm for Y3-Y6

Thursday 14th

Reception assembly to parents/carers

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our parents, carers and friends. A big thank you to everyone for your continued support of our school. The Christmas Fair, the Concert at Church, Breakfast with Santa and the Y2 nativity plays were all very well attended. Thanks, too, to the staff and FOSLS for their seemingly never-ending enthusiasm and creativity! A special thank you to Kate Tunnicliffe who took on the mammoth job of organising the Fair—a huge success!

Once again the staff at school have been taken aback by your generous Christmas gifts. Thank you very much – your kind thoughts really are appreciated. Our new Lollipop Man, John, has also asked us to pass on his thanks: he was overwhelmed by the gifts and kind words he received.

Our builders received many compliments on the new hall following the Nativity and we are now looking forward to the building work being completed. The hall looks magnificent and is just awaiting the dividing doors which will allow us to use it as two smaller spaces when needed. The new Y4 classroom is coming on and is scheduled to be completed by the end of half term. We can then look at the outdoor space behind the hall and work at re-introducing a school garden and/or wild meadow. Exciting times!

Children are already well into the swing of their new topics. Full curriculum information and home learning grids for this half term will be available on the relevant class page of the school website by the end of this week.

School places for primary school starters in September will be allocated early next term and parents have until **15th January** to apply for a place. If you know someone that would like to have a tour of school or find out more information, please ask them to contact the office on 872692.

This term we welcome back Mrs Caple, teaching assistant in Y1. Mrs Platt, teaching assistant in Y4 is having an operation this week and will need to be away from school for some time for recovery. In the meantime, Mrs Woodward will support 4W and Mrs Pearson will support 3IR. Other than that, we are all present and correct!

Dates Cont'd

February

Half Term Holiday
Monday 18th-Friday
22nd

March

Tuesday 5th
Reception visit to *Imagine That*

Thursday 7th

World Book Day: milk and cookies story time, 6pm

Wed 13th—Fri 15th

Y4 to Winmarleigh Hall

Wednesday 20th

Parent-teacher meetings

Monday 25th—

Thursday 28th

Book Fair after school

Thursday 28th

Parent-teacher meetings

Friday 29th

"Wear a Hat to School" day to raise awareness for Brain Tumour Research

April

Wednesday 3rd

Learning for Living presentation, FHS

Thursday 4th

School nurses for Reception screening

Friday 5th

Easter Services at Church, presented by Y4
9.30: RF, 1M, 2G, 3P, 5LH, 6G - led by 4C
10.45: RH, 10, 2A, 3IR, 5JH, 6WD - led by 4W
Friday 5th
Term ends, 1.45pm

Back to school, Tuesday 23rd April (Monday 22nd is a Bank Holiday)

Please keep checking the newsletter dates, as events will be added throughout the term.

ROOTS & SHOOTS AT ST LUKE'S



Our pre-school group, Roots and Shoots continues to be a huge success. This runs every Tuesday afternoon in the school hall and

is a great way for parents/carers/grandparents to meet other families with children not yet of school age. Once the new hall is fully completed (awaiting the sliding doors!) we are hoping to run an additional session on a Friday morning. Contact the office for more details or see our *Pre-School Press* letter under the newsletter tab on the school website www.stlukes-formby.co.uk



Discos will take place on Wednesday 13th February, 6-7 (Rec-Y2) and 7.15-8.15 (Y3-Y6).

Details to follow from FOSLS, who have donated funds for our fabulous hall stage lighting!

FOSLS
100 CLUB
JANUARY
WINNERS



1st prize £35: Mrs C Horrocks

2nd prize £20: Mr and Mrs Greer

3rd prize £15: K&J Sefton

Membership of the 100 Club costs just £2.00 per month, and supports activities such as Cathedral visit transport costs. Please contact Mrs Gilham in the office for a form.

NEXT FOSLS

MEETINGS:

JANUARY 9TH

MARCH 13TH

MAY 8TH

JUNE 12TH

JULY 10TH

ALL WEDNESDAYS

AT THE RAILWAY

PUB.

PLEASE JOIN US IF

YOU CAN:

7.30-9.00PM

FRUIT FOR KS2

Following on from our governors' "Listening Event" with parents, we are going to trial the sale of fruit to children at KS2 at morning break. Children up to Y2 are provided with fruit each day under the government's *Fruit for Schools* scheme, but KS2 children have to bring their own or go without! We are hoping that some Y5 children will be fruit sellers and also take responsibility for ordering the supplies!



We are just finding out from the children which fruit would be most popular and we will then run a two-week trial. It is likely that the selling price will be 20p.

HOLD THE DATE!

On the morning of Thursday 14th February, Reception will be presenting an assembly to parents and carers. Details to follow from teachers.

USED BATTERY COLLECTION

Following its success last year, Mrs Groom has again provided children with boxes for home and in class in order to collect used batteries which will then be recycled.

The class bringing in the most batteries will be rewarded with an exciting day of STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) activities.



P.E. KIT REMINDER

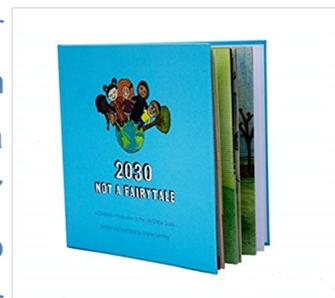


We have noticed an increasing number of children not having their kit in school and therefore unable to take part in lessons, mainly KS2 pupils. Whilst teachers can involve the children as timers, recorders, givers of feedback, etc, it is not the same as being physically active and participating fully in the lesson.

Mr Williams has sent out details of the days on which each class has PE. Please ensure your child has the necessary kit or a note explaining why they can't participate.

WE LOVE READING!

We have a couple of author visits lined up to further inspire our children's reading. The first is next **Tuesday, 15th January**, when Arlene Gormley will be sharing her wonderful book "2030 Not a Fairytale." This is a beautifully illustrated book describing the 17 Global Goals that world leaders have signed up to in order to make the world a better place by 2030. It was brought to our attention by Lottie in Reception, whose grandfather works alongside Arlene. Proceeds from this book are being donated to the charity *Feeding Dreams Cambodia* and there will be signed copies available to purchase next week for £10. Please send in the money in a named envelope if you would like a copy.



On 8th February Vivian French, a highly acclaimed children's author, who has written more than 250 books during the course of her career, will be presenting her latest book to children in Y3-Y6. In "The Steam Whistle Theatre Company", the Pringle family's theatre-troupe leaves Victorian London behind, travelling to the north of England by train. Again, books will be available to order in advance; details to follow.

On World Book Day, Thursday 7th March, children in Rec-Y3 will be invited back to school at 6pm in their pyjamas for a special story time with St Luke's staff (milk and cookies included!). Further details to follow from FOSLS. During the day itself we are re-instating our Book Character Potato competition, which we held a few years ago. Children and staff are invited to transform a humble potato (or potatoes) into a book character. This is entirely optional, but there will be prizes awarded and the activity will feature on home learning grids next half term. Throughout the day there will be lots of other book-related activities for the children to enjoy.



Finally, the scholastic book fair will be in school from **Monday 25th March**. Classes will visit the Fair to see a wonderful range of books to suit all ages and tastes and school will receive some commission for any purchases made, which will enable us to re-stock our class libraries. The Fair will be open for the second of our parents' evenings only (28th March) as it arrives after the first evening (20th March) but it will also be open after school Monday 25th March - Thursday 28th March.

NO FUSSY EATERS!

We are delighted at the numbers of Reception, Y1 and Y2 children now taking up the offer of a free school lunch. In order to encourage this further, Mrs Foster our wonderful school cook, is putting on a special lunch next Thursday, 17th January. She has chosen what has for a long time been one of the children's favourites: curry! There will be a chicken curry and a vegetarian alternative. She is catering for ALL pupils in Reception, Y1 and Y2; there is no need to pre-order. Please encourage your child to give it a try, even if they bring their packed lunch as a back-up!



NEW PARENT GOVERNOR

We are delighted to announce that our latest parent governor has been appointed: Mrs Sarah Walker, who has a son in Y1. Mrs Walker has already been an active member of FOSLS and will be a great addition to our team.



NEW GUITAR TEACHER

This term we welcome a new peripatetic guitar teacher, having said goodbye to Mr Lapin at Christmas. He is Mr Taylor and we are all looking forward to meeting him.

Winmarleigh Hall Y4 Residential Visit



Mr Williams will be holding a parents/carers information session regarding the upcoming residential visit to Winmarleigh Hall on Wednesday 30th January, 6pm in the hall.

Next school nurse drop-in sessions for any child healthcare queries:

6th February, 6th March

NEXT NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 8TH FEBRUARY