

# Newsletter

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We work together, we play together, we laugh together, we pray together.

## Forthcoming dates

- 11 Nov** Y6 assembly
- 16 Nov** Friendship Week
- 25 & 26 Nov** Parent teacher 'meetings'
- 27 Nov** Flu Immunisations
- 4 Dec** \*Correction Year 5 Class Assembly
- 9 Dec** Reception nativity 2pm
- 10 Dec** Y1 nativity 2pm
- 11 Dec** Y2 nativity 2pm
- 14 Dec** Year 3 & 4 Carol Service (time TBC)
- 15 Dec** Year 5 & 6 Carol Service (time TBC)
- 17 Dec** Children's day
- 18 Dec** break up 1.30pm
- 4 Jan** INSET day, school closed to pupils
- 5 Jan** Back to school

*Please note that class trips are not added here, please check classlist for letters from the teacher.*

**Do you know anyone who is looking for a school place? Please encourage them to look at the admissions page of our school website for information on our virtual open days later this month.**

## Get thinking!

Can a baby commit a crime? What about a dog?

What do you think? Take a moment to discuss this at home, or with your friends. Don't worry about whether your answer is right or wrong. It is the process of thinking, and trying to explain your ideas that is important.

## Dear Parents,

As we enter our second lockdown, and the nights are getting darker, and it's easy for us to feel despondent. However today I read something which helped me: "Courage might not be about bravery or doing something worthy of valour. Courage, sometimes, might just be being present." Since we have little choice but to be present right now, we should try to focus on simple blessings- which is something we have been talking about in assembly this week.

Thank you all for your swift action in asking local government to keep our pitches open during lockdown. The children didn't miss a moment of their time at St Luke's and we are so grateful for your support.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

**Best wishes, Mrs Griffiths, Headteacher**

## Parents' evening

Teachers will be holding meetings with parents via zoom on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November. This is an opportunity to discuss your child's academic progress and how well they have settled into school life this year. Sign-up sheets will be created on 'doodle' at some point next week; teachers will let you know via-class list when the doodle link is available. A zoom link will then be sent out for you to join the meeting at your allotted time.

## Year 6 Assembly

Next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, Year 6 will be leading a special assembly for Remembrance Day. A link to watch the assembly live will be sent to parents in advance. Mrs Browns will be in touch with parents who have previously not given permission for their child to be filmed to see whether you would like them to be included on this occasion.



## How to be happy



This week in assembly, the children have been learning about different forms of happiness. After reading 'the jar of happiness', they collected ideas of simple things that made them happy, including: a lion's roar; all the colours of the rainbow; the smell of strawberries; a hug from their mum.

In the story of 'the giving tree', a tree gives her leaves, apples, branches, and finally her trunk to a boy. She felt very happy even though she had nothing left. This was because giving to someone she loved brought her joy. After listening to the story, the children thought of things they could give to others that didn't cost a lot of money: a smile, friendship during play and kindness when someone was sad were a few ideas.

## School Uniform

We have noticed that some of our uniform expectations are not being followed. Please attend to the following over the weekend:

- Trainers should be white
- Children should enter and leave the school wearing their caps and berets **not** beanie hats
- Jewellery is not to be worn. This is for reasons of safety. Children will be asked to remove jewellery worn to school.
- Boys and girls with hair longer than their collar should tie it up with a band
- Blazers are to be worn to school each day

The school uniform shop remains open online, and second hand uniform is available through the PA.

## Christmas Events

Christmas goes on at Oratory- nothing can stop us!

**Infant Nativity plays:** These will be performed separately on three consecutive days in the hall. Each class will act and sing. Links will be available for parents.

**Junior Carol Services (during the day):** These will be held by two classes, socially distanced in the hall. Children will read bible verses, say prayers, and sing carols. Links will be available for parents.

**Childrens Day:** a special lunch for each class, own clothes day, Christmas entertainers for each class, and if the children have been good, a visit from Father Christmas who has promised he will be able to fit a mask over his beard!

The children will prepare for the coming of Jesus as they usually do, by making advent promises, advent calenders and looking at the crib. This year we will decorate classrooms and well as the hall, with Christmas crafts that the children have made themselves.

## Communication

- Many parents have been asking other people to collect their children without letting the school know, which means we cannot let them go. If you know in advance that someone else will be collecting your child, please put a note in their bag for the teacher. You should only phone the office about this if it is an emergency, and you are running late.
- Please remember that staff receive a lot of emails which can detract for the time they need to spend planning for lessons. If you email your teacher with information that does not need a response, such as 'my child has forgotten their PE kit', then they may not respond to this. If you email your teacher with a question that requires a response, please allow 5 working days for a reply. If you do not hear within 5 working days, please send a reminder email, just in case your first one was missed accidentally.
- Thank you very much for your help with this. Communication is vital to the smooth running of any organisation, but during this time we are receiving far more emails than usual and are trying to find a way of managing them that doesn't detract from our core purpose of teaching and learning.

## Amazing art Week Work!

Superb work from all our children, inspired by Paul Klee, Elizabeth Catlett, Pablo Picasso, Edgar Degas, and Wassily Kandinsky:

