

St Luke's CE Primary, ENDON

'Together, in faith, we will succeed'



10th March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy fortnight in and around school and lots to catch you up with. Well done Year 3 with your class assembly. You must be very proud of your learning.

Reading Week & World Book Day

Last week we enjoyed a fantastic reading week with a wide variety of whole school activities to encourage and reading and writing culture. The costumes for World Book Day were really creative and one the best days I have experienced throughout my career.

Piano Recitals

Children across the school enjoyed listening to their peers play the piano just before half term. The children had clearly practiced very hard and are benefitting from the instruction and guidance they receive.

Playground markings

Last week the playground was cleared and the courts were re-marked. This has been part of ring-fenced funding we receive for PE. This improvement will make PE lessons safer, give more opportunity for small-sided games and increase the range of activities we can offer.

****NO HOCKEY CLUB THIS WEEK – TUESDAY! MR WRIGHT & MR STOKES ON RESIDENTIAL****

Sports Crew training

Earlier this week, as part of our link with the High School, our Sports Crew who help organise our House competitions, benefitted from a two hour training session with Clare Montifroy.

Songbirds Workshop

On Tuesday, Year 1 & 2, travelled to Victoria Hall to join in with a city wide singing workshop. This was a great event for our children to be involved with and we hope it has inspired some of them to develop their talents further.

Y3 @ Chester Zoo

Year 3 went to Chester Zoo this week to link in with their topic related to rainforests. The children had a great time and represented us well. We look forward to seeing the impact of this in their learning.

Y1 @ Stockley Farm

Year 1 travelled to Stockley Farm on Thursday to support their classroom learning. We aim to make learning purposeful and related to the world around them to enable the children to make wider links to what they do in school.

School Council & Staffs University students

Our School Council have worked alongside Staffs University students, who are training to be primary teachers. They shared their experiences of Pupil Voice in our school and explained how this impacted on their learning and sense of ownership.

Charity Events Co-ordinators

Children from our Charity Events co-ordinator team have been out to visit children on the wards at North Staffs Hospital, to find out from those children suffering with cancer what we could do to support them whilst they are in hospital through our fundraising. This is an excellent opportunity for our children to genuinely engage with those in need and empathise with their situation.

Y5 Residential

Year 5 are travelling to London on Tuesday for a two night stay. They will visit the Houses of Parliament, Tower of London, London Eye, Science Museum, St Paul's Cathedral, as well as take in a West End show. We wish them well and look forward to welcoming them back with all of their stories late on Thursday.

Open Morning – 27th March 2017

We will be offering the chance to come into school and see your children at work and the approaches to learning that we take at St Luke's. More details will follow next week with a sign in form attached to help us gauge how to co-ordinate those who are interested so that they can take the most from the day.

In response to your requests to be able to have the opportunity to come in and work alongside your children, we will be organising a KS2 Design Technology Day, when we turn the school into a biscuit factory. There will also be a KS1 Playground games day and an additional KS2 event – Problem Solving Day. Keep an eye out for dates as they are advertised.

Lent Initiative

Every week Rev Betts comes into school to lead a worship session with the children. During the Lent period Rev Betts has come up with a new initiative which he has shared with the children. Please read his message below:

Dear Parent or Guardian

It is my privilege to conduct worship assemblies with all the classes at St Luke's Primary School. I have launched a special series during the 6 weeks of Lent beginning today up to the end of term.

The series includes a number of challenges that children may engage with at home. The challenges are designed to reinforce Christian values such as generosity, thoughtfulness, and kindness. They are not onerous nor need to be time consuming.

One or two of the challenges involve small donations of money. This week, for example, the children are challenged about living generously. They are invited to count the number of blankets and duvets in the home and to bring in 5p for every blanket etc they count. The money donated will be given to the Salvation Army to assist their work with the homeless.

Please note that all the challenges are optional and voluntary, there is no compulsion to engage with them! However I am grateful to those of you that feel able to support your child and myself in this series.

Many thanks in anticipation.

Rev Alan Betts