

ST LUKE'S NEWSLETTER JULY 2016

Hello everyone - please find below our final newsletter of the school year. Previous newsletters can be viewed on our website www.bsl.leeds.sch.uk

Parent Questionnaires

Hopefully, all parents/guardians will have received a letter from our Chair of Governors, Laura Hodgkinson, regarding the parent questionnaires. May I take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated and for all your lovely, positive comments. I had the pleasure of sharing your comments with the staff and we are all feeling very supported and very appreciated. If you did not receive the letter, please speak to a member of the office staff.

I intend to re-read all the questionnaires carefully over the summer, as there were several excellent suggestions as to how to improve our provision further.

Staffing



Kate Davey and Laura Cuthbert will be leaving us shortly to begin their maternity leave. Fortunately, both ladies are returning next year so it is only 'au revoir' and not 'good bye'! We send them our love and very best wishes for two happy and safe deliveries. Watch this space!

Mrs Sam Shires leaves us at the end of term to pursue her teaching qualifications. Sam has been an excellent Special Needs Assistant and she will be very much missed. Sam will be completing her placement in school next year so will still be around for a while yet. Thank you Mrs Shires for your dedication, hard work and expertise.

RNLI Fundraising



The Year 2 children have been studying the Titanic this half term and learning about those who keep people safe on the seas now. In order to support the lifeboat charity, the RNLI, we decided to have an ice lolly sale to raise funds. The whole school enjoyed eating the ice lollies and we raised a whopping £140!!

Mrs Cook, Mrs Kerry and Mr Jones



Phonic Screening Check

The children have made excellent progress again. In Year 1, 87% of our pupils passed the Phonic Screening Check showing that the majority of our pupils have a secure knowledge of letter sounds as they move into Year 2.

Key Stage 2 results – SATs

We were delighted that over 90% of our pupils met the required standard in Reading, compared to 63% nationally; 88% in Maths compared to 70% nationally and 78% in Writing compared to 74% nationally. We will receive our progress results in September which will complete the data information for the current Year 6 pupils. Thank you to our staff, pupils and parents for working so hard and doing so well.





Awards

The following children have received Mrs Robinson's excellent behaviour awards this half term:

Alfie Mckee	Abdul Arshad
Riley Daniels	Amani Kumari
Ella Van-de Kastele	Favour Ukhurebor
Darryl Ombang	Caitlyn Whitfield
Hisham Qureshi	Azim Suleman
Kendra Allotey	Erica McCabe-Vazquez
Talitha Hodgkinson	Ellie-Mae Webber
Isla Lupton	Elouise Turner
Bremner Breen	Tehya Linfoot

The Whitehouse cup, presented for excellent manners, has been awarded to:

Ellis Richardson	Lois Cullen
Jacob Exelby	Ryan Wilkinson
Anthony Bowes	Macey Render

Attendance

Another great year for attendance; we have ended the school year with 96.6%, the highest of all schools in Beeston! We didn't quite reach our target of 97% but hopefully we will get there next year.

Last week, we awarded 42 children with attendance medals for achieving an amazing 100% attendance! A new group of attendance champions were all chosen - these children are our school's best attenders. They help me to improve attendance by sharing their ideas and motivating the other children. Next year, I want to improve punctuality and have all children attending school on time everyday. Over 200 children arrived to school late at least once last year. Next year I hope to see this figure below 50!

Well done! Miss Lane

Dates for the future

Back to school

Year 5 residential trip Marrick Priory
Half Term
Parents' Evening

Christmas Services:
Rec, Years 1 and 2
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Monday 5th September (Nursery closed for home visiting and will re-open Monday 12th September)
 Friday 9th September – Sunday 11th September
 School closes on Friday 21st October re-opens Monday 31st October
 Wednesday 16th November
 There will be a further meeting in March.
Both services will be held at St Luke's Church
 Thursday 15th at 9.30am
 Friday 16th at 9.30am



Collective Worship

In our collective worship this half term we were thinking and learning about prayer. As part of this the school hosted its first ever Prayer Space in the family room in Nursery. This was a creative, interactive prayer space with a variety of different activities designed to enable the children to spend time being quiet, reflecting and, if they wanted to, to spend time talking and listening to God. All the children from Year 1 to Year 6 spent 30 minutes in the prayer space and all thoroughly enjoyed it and requested that we repeat the prayer space week next year. If you want to see more of what happened in the prayer space and some of the prayers written by the children, we have uploaded a video.

<http://tinyurl.com/htozt2s>



Mr Mark Hodgkinson

Thank you to staff, parents and, of course, our amazing pupils for an excellent year. I am very proud of our lovely school and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 5th September for another 'outstanding' year at St Luke's!

Warm regards
 Mrs Louise Booth

