



# St Lukian Newsletter

Learning, Laughing, Loving at Family St Luke's

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## A Christmas Message

As we come to the end of term and are about to start the Christmas holiday period, I have been delighted to share with the children in so many of our celebrations including the fair, the nativities, Christmas meals, parties and various assemblies and services. The children have had lots of fun but have also had time to reflect on the messages that the Christmas story and season can bring to us all, no matter whatever our beliefs. We've learned about the joy of giving, the opportunity to share with others and that love is the best gift of all. Of course, the Christian celebration of Christmas focuses on the core Christian belief that at that first Christmas, God sent his own son, Jesus, into the world, to be the Saviour of all who put their trust in Him. Within our wonderfully diverse community, the significance of the Christmas story will be different for all, but however you choose to spend the Christmas period, my prayer is you will enjoy the blessings of the season and find precious time to spend with family and friends. Merry Christmas one and all!

Mrs Williamson



A long held tradition at Hanley St Luke's is the Grandparents' meal where we invite up to 80 grandparents and OAPs in the community to a Christmas meal with all the trimmings, free of charge. The staff and pupils wait on our guests and the choir provide the entertainment for the evening and this year it was once again a great success. Our very generous guests, showed their appreciation by leaving the customary 'tip' for excellent food and service amounting to £193.09 which this year has been donated to the Tafaoul Fadul Memorial fund. It was a wonderful evening (apart from the snow which came out of nowhere, leaving a few of us staff stranded!). Our grateful thanks to all who took part and made the event such a lovely occasion.



## New Year Theatre Production in school

We traditionally hold a pantomime or play on the childrens' return from their Christmas break. Once again, this year, I am happy to inform you that there will be no charge for this performance of 'Aladdin' which takes place on Thursday 4th January



## Athletics Report by our Roving Reporters

On Tuesday 28th of November a group of year 5 and 6 pupils from lots of different schools attended an indoor athletics competition at Fenton Manor leisure centre. "At first it was very scary and I had butterflies in my stomach" quoted Amina Adeel. We participated in events such as speed bounce, obstacle run, relay, vertical jump, horizontal jump, chest push, sprinting, up and over and finally javelin. Hanley St Luke's came first on Tuesday but Eaton Park Primary School got a couple more points so they will be representing Stoke-on-Trent in the final.

By Abby Jahollari and Ruby Pass in 6L

Many of you will know Mrs Clewes, our Deputy head, who has worked at the school since 2009 and returned from maternity leave in April this year. Mrs Clewes also teaches 1L on Thursdays and Fridays and supports children across KS1 to catch up with their learning as well as her deputy head duties. I am saddened to share with you, that after very careful consideration, Mrs Clewes has decided that she would like to spend more time with her young family and will be leaving us at the end of next term (April 2018). Mrs Clewes is a true professional and an excellent teacher, who has shown unstinting care and passion for the needs of the children and she will be sadly missed by all. Nearer the time we will of course say a full and proper farewell and show our appreciation for all her hard work at the school. Meanwhile, we are in the fortunate position of being able to have continuity for the children in 1L as Mrs Moreton has agreed to work fulltime until the end of the academic year which is great news for us all - thank you Mrs Moreton! We will of course go out to advert for a new deputy head shortly and I will keep you updated as soon as we have made an appointment.



## Updated attendance

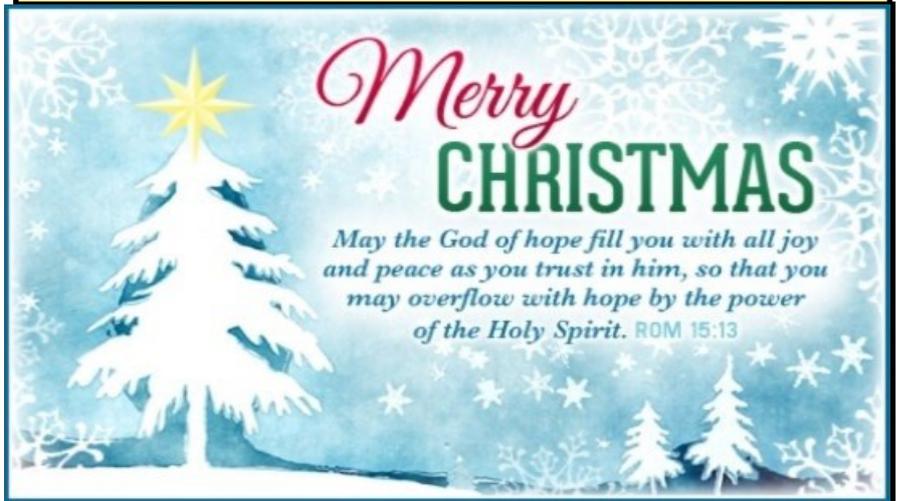
A special assembly to celebrate good attendance has been held in school today. In line with our updated attendance policy, the children have been awarded the following certificates and star badges:

Gold Certificate for 100% attendance.

Silver Certificate for no more than 1 session absent.

Bronze Certificate for no more than 2 sessions absent.

Tues .19 December	Christmas Service All Welcome	9.00 a.m.
Tues . 19th December	School closes	3.15 p.m.
Thurs. 4th January	School opens	8.45 a.m.
Thurs. 4th January	Aladdin Pantomime	Whole School
Wed. 17th January	Year 3 Class Assembly	9.00 a.m.



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*Christmas*