



St Lukian Newsletter

Learning, Laughing, Loving at Family St Luke's

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I cannot believe that the first month of 2019 is nearly over and our Christmas holidays seem rather a distant memory! I do hope that 2019 has started well for you and your families. In school, we have definitely started well, with a really positive atmosphere in school and a real 'buzz' for learning, which is great to see.

In our worship and assembly times, for the first part of this term we have been focusing on the value of courage: courage to follow our own dreams; courage when times are tough; courage to help our friends and even courage to help those we wouldn't call our friends. We started this week by drawing inspiration from amazingly courageous people such as Nelson Mandela and Corrie Ten Boom, who both showed enormous courage in standing up against the enemy to help others who were being persecuted. We listened to a song called 'Impossible', which talks about drawing on God's strength to achieve amazing things: 'And nothing is unreachable when we trust the God of Miracles.... We can rise above the typical and be anything but usual'. Whatever our faith or belief, they are powerful sentiments to motivate us and our children to be a force for good in our world.

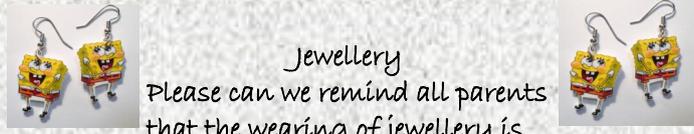


You may already have had a quick peek at our brand new website <https://hanleystlukes.com/> The observant amongst you will have noticed that initially there were a few glitches, but hopefully now these have been addressed. There was a period of time between the snapshot taken by the developers of our old website and transfer of all the information to the new one. As a result, some of our letters and newsletters since September have not yet been uploaded but once relevant staff have been trained, then we will be bang up to date so please just bear with us. You'll also notice that there are Facebook and Twitter links so that we can communicate with our parents this way too and of course, celebrate our school to a wider audience. Again, these are not yet live but, we'll let you know as soon as we're good to go here and will be sending out to parents the policies and protocols for use very shortly.



Jewellery

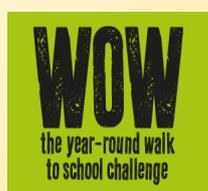
Please can we remind all parents that the wearing of jewellery is not allowed in school, with the exception of wrist watches and stud type earrings. Children must be able to remove their own earrings for P.E. and will only be able to take a very limited side line role in any P.E. lessons if they are unable to do so. For this reason, we strongly advise against children having their ears pierced at any point during the year, other than the summer holidays. The school does not allow the covering of earrings with plasters for P.E. lessons.



LIVING STREETS **LET'S WALK TO SCHOOL**

We've had great success with our walk to school initiative in conjunction with Living Streets and were top of the leader board at the last reckoning, which is just great. Thank you for your ongoing support with making the streets around school less congested and our children less sedentary!

A competition is currently underway across the city to design new badges on the theme of 'Inventions that Changed the World' so we will see if any of our entries are chosen.



Mobile Phone Use

Children in Y5 and Y6 who are allowed to walk to or from school independently may bring a mobile phone to school if their parents feel this is necessary. However, the phone must be out of sight at all times, and handed in to the class teacher. On no account should children use the phone for any activity including photography or filming whilst on school premises, or indeed for taking images of children, staff or parents who are on the premises, whilst they themselves are outside of school property. Misuse of a mobile device is an instant Red Card.



YOUNG VOICES
The largest school concerts in the world!

The choir had a great time down at the NEC last Wednesday for the annual Young Voices concert, featuring school choirs from far and wide. We were all a little anxious as the snow started to fall but everyone arrived back on time after an exhausting but thoroughly enjoyable time. Huge thanks to the staff for making this possible and to all the parents who also went along to support the children.



Year Group	Overall Attendance to date
Reception S	94.3
Reception L	93.7
1S	95.9
1L	96.1
2S	94.8
2L	97.6
3S	95.9
3L	95.2
4S	94.4
4L	95.5
5S	93.8
5L	95.3
6S	95.6
6L	95.4

Awesome Attendance!

As a school we aim to have attendance at 96% or above overall so that we are at least in line with national figures. I am delighted to announce that as at 21/01/19, two classes had hit that target so well done to 1L and 2L. For your information, please see the table here for the attendance for each class from Reception to Y6. Well done to all our children who have individual attendance figures of 96% or above!

Y4 trip to Lichfield

It was great to be able to accompany Y4 on their trip to Lichfield Cathedral this week as they joined lots of other schools for a big celebration service of 50 years of Christingle services being held at the cathedral to raise money for the Children's Society. Our Year 4 children raised £170 from their small change candle collection boxes and our recent cake sale. It was great to see the children enjoying the size and spectacle of the cathedral and being part of something that directly supports children in times of need. Well done to Year 4!



Corner Chaos?

We have received notification of a near miss as a result of cars parked right on the corner of Wellington Road and Bucknall New Road. This causes an obstruction for cars trying to drive in off the main road and therefore makes it difficult to see pedestrians crossing or cars approaching in the opposite direction. Please park away from the junction. Permits for parking on St Anne's Street carpark are still available.

