

# St Luke's CE Primary School

## November Newsletter

### **British Heart Foundation Cycle Ride**

Many thanks for your support for our recent fund raising events in aid of the British Heart Foundation which has included my cycle ride to Blackpool and the children's sponsored exercise event. The cycle ride which I did with Mr Fletcher, our Site Manager, and 1500 others involved cycling from Old Trafford Cricket ground in Manchester to Blackpool Tower setting off at midnight on Saturday night a couple of weeks ago. We eventually arrived in Blackpool at 4am the following morning cycling along the seafront under the illuminations that were kept on especially for us. It was a really enjoyable but challenging ride although, unfortunately, it proved to be one of the coldest nights of the year which did prove to make it slightly uncomfortable!

This week the children were put through their paces by a Paralympic and World Champion athlete. Craig McCann, despite having a brain operation at the age of 18 which left him partially paralysed, is now a champion fencer and cyclist and preparing for the next Paralympics in 2020. He did a short training session with all the children followed by a talk about facing up to challenges and always trying your best.

Overall this half term we managed to raise £142.78 for the British Heart Foundation and also taught the children about the importance of a healthy diet and regular exercise.

### **Parents Meetings**

You will shortly be receiving a letter outlining details of Parents Meetings to be arranged for the beginning of November.

### **School Photographs**

Please return your school photograph orders by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. You may also order on-line using your child's unique reference number which can be found on your order form.

### **Year 3**

On Thursday 18th October Year 3 visited Oldham Central Mosque as part of their learning on Islam. We were shown around all the different areas, including the prayer room. At the end of the visit we were able to ask questions and learn more about the religion.

### **Year 4**

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October Year 4 had a very busy and exciting afternoon, as they took part in a *Chocolate Workshop*. Throughout this term, we have been looking at the history of chocolate, where it originated and how it has become the chocolate we know and love today.

The afternoon began with us tasting a bitter chilli chocolate drink, first created by the Mayans. We then looked at how chocolate is used today, particularly in the culinary industry. We even got the chance to create some of our own chocolate works of art. The afternoon was topped off with indulging in a chocolate fountain and tasting a variety of chocolates, from dark mint to zesty orange. We had a great afternoon, and learnt even more about chocolate.



### **Year 6**

We were lucky enough to be visited by the **Fire Service** who gave us a valuable safety talk about Halloween and Bonfire Night and found out what to do in an emergency. We were also given the opportunity to see the fire engine and learn all about the equipment they carry. It was a very interesting afternoon and we all learnt a great deal.



## **Cross Country**

The second meeting of the Cross Country league took place at Chadderton Hall Park on Saturday 13th October. Despite the torrential weather, it was great to see the children still turn up! A huge well done to all of the runners on the day.

A Year 5 and 6 team also took part in a competition at Bare Trees on Wednesday 24th October. Thank you to all the children who came along and took part in the race, they all performed exceptionally well.

**Cross Country Club won't be continuing after Half Term.**

## **Football**

The Year 5/6 football teams have gotten off to a very good start over the past half term, improving every time they play. We have taken part in our first meeting for the Oldham Primary Schools Mini League Tournament at The Radclyffe School where we played two matches against neighbouring schools and even received a mini coaching session from their sports leaders. We played well and came away with lots of ideas about what to practice during our club time on a Monday and Thursday night.

We also played in a friendly tournament at The Radclyffe School with 5 other schools in the area. We played 5 matches and continually improved as the tournament went on. The sportsmanship was fantastic to see! Football will be continuing after half term with more matches and tournaments planned - dates to be confirmed. Can I remind all children involved in football to bring **at least** a pair of trainers into school for both coaching sessions and matches.

## **Christmas Fair**

We are having a *Christmas Fair* on *Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December* from *3.30pm*. There will be lots of stalls and activities, including face painting, tombola, games, refreshments, gift wrap, cards and sweets and a Santa's Grotto. If you would like a stall or know someone that would like a stall, please call into the school office as soon as possible.



## Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
<i>November</i>		
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 – 5.30pm	Year 1 & 4 Parents Consultations
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 – 5.30pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Reception Parents Consultations Chess Club – Year 3 & 4 Badminton Club – Year 6
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 – 5.30pm 3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Year 2 Parents Consultations Dough Disco – Year R & 1 / Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly - Everyone welcome
<i>November</i>		
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	8.45 – 5.30pm	Year 3 Parents Consultations
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club – Year 3 & 4 Badminton Club – Year 6
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Dough Disco – Year R & 1 / Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	Non uniform – Chocolate Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome
<i>November</i>		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club – Year 3 & 4 Badminton Club – Year 6
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Dough Disco – Year R & 1 / Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome
<i>November</i>		
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club – Year 3 & 4 Badminton Club – Year 6
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Non uniform - Bottle Dough Disco – Year R & 1 / Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	Choir – Chadderton Christmas Markets Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly - Everyone welcome