Headteacher's Update 22.3.24

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of another term. We will break up for Easter on Thursday next week, so this is the last update before the summer term.

School closes for the Easter break on **Thursday 28th March at 12pm.** Please ensure you collect your child promptly at this time.

School reopens on **Monday 15th April** and children may return to school wearing their summer uniform.

Lent Reflection

In this week's chapel session the children heard how some unusual visitors asked to see Jesus, and of the unexpected lessons he then shared with them. Jesus said 'a grain of wheat remains no more than a single grain unless it is dropped into the ground and dies. If it does die, then it produces many grains.' Why did Jesus choose to talk about new life coming from a dying seed? It helps to know that just a few days after Jesus spoke about the wheat seed, he died on the cross and was buried in the tomb. Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead. It was after Jesus rose from the dead that his teaching about the dying seed made sense. Jesus had been speaking about himself. The seed was a metaphor. After the resurrection, the disciples – and maybe those visitors – travelled from Jerusalem and shared Jesus' love and his message of new life with everyone, everywhere. Today he asks us to do the same.

Staff News

I wanted to let you know that Mrs Roberts our SENDCO will be leaving us at Easter to take up a new post in another school. We will very sorry to see her go and wish her all the best for the future.

I am, however, delighted to let you know that Miss Perry has been appointed as our new SENDCO. For those of you who have children in her class, do not worry. The role will be slightly different from the one Mrs Roberts held, and Miss Perry will remain as a class teacher, but with some additional time for her new role.

Family Support Services- let us know if you are interested

Bucks family support services have shared information with us about a supportive parent nurturing group that they are running. The aim of the group is to help parents understand their child's behaviour and learn how to help the child manage their feelings in a positive and nurturing way. If this is something you think you are interested in, please contact the school office so someone can share more information with you and help you sign up to one of the courses.

Sports News

On Thursday, members of our Netball team played against Aston Clinton School. All of the children played very well and we are very proud of them. The score was 4-5 to Aston Clinton but it was such a close match! In addition, a massive thank you to Salome's mum for bringing cupcakes for the players that were enjoyed by the team after the match.

Congratulations to the children who took part in the Dodgeball festival on Monday. After practicing some skills with the GCSE students at Henry Floyd Grammar School, the children then took part in a mini tournament. The Year 5 team finished third overall and the Year 6

team finished joint first! The children that attended this festival were fantastically well behaved and represented our school in an exemplary manner.

Both the boy's and girl's teams took part in football fixtures this week. Despite both teams playing well it is clear that some shooting practice is in order after the girls drew 0-0 with Thomas Hickman and the boys lost 3-0 to Bierton. The Girls team also competed in a football tournament at St Michaels Secondary School. They finished the tournament in second place, but the most pleasing part was that they finished the tournament undefeated with 2 wins and 2 draws and only conceding 1 goal in the whole tournament. Their dedication and determination that they show in training is paying off, having started the season with a 10-2 loss, they really have improved greatly over the year, and we are so proud of every one of the players!

Well done to the Year 5/6 basketball team who competed in the county finals against some of the top schools in Buckinghamshire. After coming second in the Aylesbury district competition back in November, the children were invited to take part in the county finals this week. The Team won 4 out of 6 matches and finished third overall. A massive achievement for St Louis School, we are extremely proud of you all!

Aylesbury United Community Day

One of our parents has asked for the information below to be shared with you:

Aylesbury United FC will be hosting a Community Day on **Saturday 13th April 2024** when The Ducks play Ware FC in our penultimate Southern League Division One Central home game of the season (3pm kick off). There will be some **family fun and child friendly activities** within the ground before kick off and at half time.

It will be **FREE entry for all those who complete this registration form by clicking the link**:

https://forms.gle/Ph1Hg2MJd2g6rwgL8

It would be fantastic if you are able to publicise this to parents via any communication channels you have (e.g. Newsletter) please. I seem to recall you publicising a similar initiate the club did last year which was great. The Community Day is happening right at the end of the Easter Holiday so parents may be looking for fun things to do which don't cost a lot of money.

The venue is The Meadow, Amy Lane, Chesham, HP5 1NE which is where the club currently play their home games, as we have been homeless and playing out of town (Aylesbury) for the last 18 years.

Registration will close at midnight on 9th April 2024.

Have a lovely weekend and Easter break

Best wishes Mrs Machin





Learning at St Louis

Reception

We have been learning: what makes a good friend. We know Jesus is our role model and we want to follow Jesus' rules.

You can help at home by: talking to your child about the kind of things they can do to be a good friend.

Year 1

We have been learning: about time and how to sequence events using first, after, next, then and finally.

You can help at home by: asking your child to talk about their day using first, after, next, then and finally.

Year 2

We have been learning: about clockwise and anti-clockwise turns in maths. You can help at home by: doing turns together at home, including quarter, half and full turns.

Year 3

We have been learning: how to write a set of instructions. You can help at home by: asking your child what they wrote and how they did it.

Year 4

We have been learning: how to build Tudor houses in DT. You can help at home by: asking your child how they did it and what materials they used.

Year 5

We have been learning: to compare Peru to England. You can help at home by: asking your child for the advantages of living in either of these countries.

Year 6

We have been learning: how to write a set of instructions 'How to survive in the Amazon'.

You can help at home by: asking your child what features they included in their instructions and how did they make it amusing.