

Headteacher's Update – 23.2.24

Dear Parents,

I hope you all have a lovely half term.

Book Look

It was lovely to see so many of you come to look at your children's books and see what they have been learning this year. I hope you were suitably impressed – I heard several comments amount how much progress the children have made, and it really is evident from the Advent term to now. It is also a great opportunity for children to share what they have been doing in school with you and I could see they were very proud of themselves.

Please make sure you have booked a parent's evening slot for next week.

Lent – Chapel Visits

This week the children visited the school chapel for a special Lenten liturgy. As part of the liturgy the children were asked to think about this. Lent lasts 40 days, the same amount of time Jesus spent in the desert. During Lent we too are asked to spend some time away from distractions, to be silent and still, so we can draw close to God and feel God's peace. I wonder how and where you could do that this Lent?

Big Lent Walk

This lent we will again be supporting the CAFOD appeal 'The Big Lent Walk'. The idea behind the appeal is that the children walk as much as they can during Lent, whether in school or out. Family members and friends sponsor the children to help raise money for our Global neighbours and those less fortunate than ourselves. Today, your child will be bringing home a recording sheet that they can use throughout Lent to track how much walking they have done. They are allowed to include walks done in and out of school.



Please sign into your school gateway account if you would like to donate for all the walking your child is doing. They will also be bringing a CAFOD envelope home at some point during Lent, in case any family members would also like to donate or sponsor your child. The recording sheet would be great to share with family to show how hard your child is working to try and raise money for others.

I know how generous and supportive St Louis School is every year towards the CAFOD appeals, even when we continue to live in difficult financial times. Please remember to only donate if you are in a position to do so and remember that every penny counts, so no donation would ever be considered too small.

Sports News - Handball

We are continuing to introduce children to sports they may not usually have the chance to participate in. This week Year 4S, 6L and 6S have been honing their skills in handball. The instructor took them through their paces from partner work and ball skills to a full game. Everyone seemed to have a great time.

Netball

On Monday, our Netball team played against Halton School. It was a very close match resulting in 2-1 to Halton. The whole team played extremely well and Miss Perry is so proud of them all. Well done to Amyah 4S, Arian 4S, Salome 4S, Evangeline 6L, Savannah 6L and Elora 6S. We look forward to more matches against other schools in the future.

Football

Congratulations to the Year 5 boys who took part in a nail-biting football match against Thomas Hickman School. The Year 5's started brightly with an early goal from Christian. However, Thomas Hickman fought back strong and tied the game to make it 1-1 at Half time. The St Louis team had to work hard in the second half, they were rewarded for their great determination as Finley, and Max scored two late goals to help the team win 3-1. Well done to all that played and thank you to all the parents who supported them.

WOW badge competition

Don't forget about the competition for children to design a WOW badge as part of our commitment to promoting sustainable ways of travelling to school. Children can bring in entries until Thursday 29th Feb. Please see the previous letter from Mrs Hamshere for more details. The entry form can be found at

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/media/pgoequuh/5161-wow-badge-template-designers-2024-d2-aw-pf.pdf>

Year 4 Tudor Walk around Aylesbury

Year 4 became history detectives this week, as they went on a walk around Aylesbury town centre looking for signs that the Tudors lived here. When I spoke to them before they went they could tell me lots of the things they would be looking out for, from crooked buildings, small pieces of glass for windows, jutting out upper parts of buildings known as jetties, and wooden beams. I know they were successful in their hunt, so this is something you might like to do next time you are in town. Thank you to the volunteers who came along on the walk too.



World Book Day celebrations – Friday 8th March

I mentioned this before half term for those of you who like to plan ahead, but thought I'd add a reminder that this day is fast approaching. We are looking forward to doing lots of book related activities throughout the day, including the parade in the hall where there are prizes for super costumes. Please do not feel you need to spend a lot of money on costumes, some of the best we have seen have been brilliant or original homemade outfits. Have fun!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Machin



Learning at St Louis



Reception

We have been learning: how to add two numbers together by using our fingers, objects and our adding machine.

You can help at home by: asking your child to find the answer when adding two numbers up to 10.

Year 1

We have been learning: about special meals in RE.

You can help at home by: having a special meal and talking about other times when you have had a special meal and why they have been special.

Year 2

We have been learning: about rural and urban Kenya.

You can help at home by: discussing the difference between urban and rural places.

Year 3

We have been learning: about what the Ancient Egyptians believed happened in the afterlife.

You can help at home by: asking your child, what Canopic jars were used for and why?

Year 4

We have been learning: about houses in Tudor times in our history lessons.

You can help at home by: asking your children what features they noticed on our Tudor walk around Aylesbury.

Year 5

We have been learning: about the last supper in RE.

You can help at home by: asking your child what happened during the last supper and a scripture they can link it to.

Year 6

We have been learning: about when and where the Ancient Maya lived.

You can help at home by: asking your child which modern day countries did the Ancient Maya call home.