

23 January 2009

Dear Parents/Carers

A very brief newsletter from me this week as I've just returned and have been fighting a paperwork mountain for the past two days! Thank you so much for the kind messages and get well cards. I am delighted to be back! Thanks also to the team here who managed brilliantly in my absence. (I'm trying not to feel too redundant!)

I'll leave you with a few words from Barak Obama's inaugural speech to ponder on as we move into a new year and a new era:

"Our challenges may be new. The instruments with which we meet them maybe new. But those values upon which success depends – hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism – these things are old. These things are true."

Best wishes

Anna

Drugs and Alcohol – Community Awareness Evening

Do you store medicines at home?

Have you ever been desperate for a cup of tea?

Do you keep alcohol at home?

Most of us are drug users. Most of us use a variety of substances to make us well, to relax or, possibly, because we are dependent on them. Most of us are able to manage our drug use most of the time.

Can you be sure that your child will learn the skills to keep themselves safe?

You are invited to an awareness evening to discuss alcohol, drugs and drug use and misuse and how these issues impact on the lives of everyone in society at:

Milton Road Primary School on Tuesday 10 February 7.30pm.

Young children are aware of many different types of drugs. We have planned this awareness evening to enable us to work together to ensure that the knowledge children have is accurate and that they are able to practise the skills they will need to deal with drug-related issues and situations.

The meeting for parents on 10 February will be run by Jackie Harvey from the PSHE (Personal, Social, and Health Education) Service. The evening is intended to share information with you, respond to your questions about drug use and to discuss ways you can begin to prepare your children, however young they are, for the drug using society in which they will grow up. During the evening, explicit information about drug use will be discussed. For this reason, it would be inappropriate for your children to take part on this occasion.

There are few issues which could be more important to you and your child. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, we sincerely hope that someone from your family will be able to attend.

A voluntary contribution of about £2 would be appreciated to cover the cost of holding the event.

Drugs and Alcohol – Community Awareness Evening

Reply slip (Please delete as appropriate and return to St Luke's School office as soon as possible)

- I/We would like to attend the Drugs and Alcohol – Community Awareness Event
- I/We are unable to attend

Name _____

FOSSILS Events

- **Quiz Night** rearranged to Friday 30 January, 7:00-9:00pm. Entrance £2 per person (pay on the night), maximum 5 in a team, bring your own refreshments;
- **Disco**, Friday 27 March. Further details will follow later.

Reminders

- **Swimming Shortfall.** There is a considerable shortfall in the amount of money received to pay for the swimming coaches for the autumn term's lessons for Maple and Rowan (£572 for Maple and £350.50 for Rowan). If you are unsure whether you have paid, please check at the school office. (Cheques to be made payable to St Luke's Primary School.)
- **School Nurse.** Jane Leigh will be available on Wednesday 28 January from 1:30-3:00pm to discuss any issues or concerns about your child's health. If you would like an appointment to see Jane, please book at the office.
- **Class R Assembly**, Friday 30 January, 9:15am
- **Parent Consultations**, Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 February. Please see separate sheet.