

30 January 2009

Dear Parents

As you are probably know we have been suffering from a spate of vandalism/theft in school which is disheartening after our fabulous playground re-launch. However, the CCTV cameras have all been updated and realigned this week, so we live in hope of catching the culprits, and the police are well aware of the situation. If any of you are neighbours to the school, and see anything untoward happening in our grounds, please pick up the phone and report it.

Whilst security is on the agenda, I want to let you all know that the entrance doors to KS1 and KS2 will be locked promptly after the morning bell has gone as the children have entered school with the teacher on duty. If you arrive after this point, you will have to walk around to the front entrance door to gain access to the school.

I went to an excellent Early Year's Foundation Stage Conference at Churchill College on Tuesday which left me brimming with ideas for development in our Foundation Stage. One area I'd like to work on is our induction progress, so reception parents I'm afraid another survey will be winging its way to you! If you could cast your minds back to starting school at St Luke's and think about the things that you appreciated or would like to change we'd really appreciate it. (I hope to have it ready to give to you at our parent consultations next week.)

I spent the morning with our School Improvement Partner yesterday, and I just wanted to share his feedback about the school. Our pupils were relaxed, enjoying their learning and able to talk clearly about the work they were doing. He could feel that special St Luke's magic! Thanks to all our pupils who are such a credit to you and the school.

Have a good weekend. I'm hoping to build a snowman on Sunday!

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.

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## **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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Year 3/4 Residential Trip, 4 – 6 March.** There will be an information meeting for parents about the trip to Overstrand on Wednesday 11 February at 2:45pm. (Information will be sent home to parents who are unable to attend the meeting.)

### **Reminders**

- **FOSSILS Quiz**, today, Friday 30 January, 7:00 – 9:00pm. Entrance £2 per person (pay on the door), maximum 5 in a team, refreshments available or bring your own;
- **Parent Consultations**, Wednesday 4 February 5:00 – 7:00pm and Thursday 5 February 3:30 – 5:30pm;
- **School closed** for staff training Friday 13 February;
- **School closed** for the half-term holiday Monday 16 to Friday 20 February.