



# St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2017



## *Welcome back to school!*

Although we know it can be a difficult time for parents, we hope your children had some fun over the holiday. Judging by the response we got to our home-learning task (creating a superhero in comic strip form), many of you were deep in story-telling and colouring mode! A big well done to our prize winning pupils for their brilliant work.

It was still a busy week for the school last week with the hall being painted and the blinds and some lights re-furbished. Also, new signs for the school have been ordered and we had a productive meeting about the school becoming more involved with the borough's music service.



I think the highlight of this week has been Wednesday's special assembly and exhibition about the history of St. Luke's (dating back over 150 years). I'd like to say a particular thank-you to Mr Durrant, Mr Jennings and Mr Scott who worked tirelessly to present the old school records as well as giving the children a little taste of what a Victorian school was like. We are so fortunate that these school records survived the years (and the London Blitz!) as they are a marvellous

reflection of the ever changing face of Canning Town. It is amazing to think that this school was one of the first built in this part of London for the 'working classes' and we feel it is really important for us to remember these links.



Remembering will also fill a large part of next week as we take part in our Annual Service of Remembrance assembly. You are invited to the assembly next Thursday at 10.30. Poppies will be available in the playground from Monday morning.



There is also sadness but best wishes involved in our announcement that Mr Huntingford, one of our deputy heads, is leaving at Christmas to take up the role of an interim head at a school in a neighbouring borough. Mr Huntingford has been at the school for over six years and in that time has used his great talents to improve the school and help it to adjust to the many challenges all schools face in these changing times. More than that, he has brought great friendship, humour and care to those around him, especially the staff and children. We wish him the very best. Please make some time during the next couple of weeks to have a chat with him about the old days and what lies ahead!

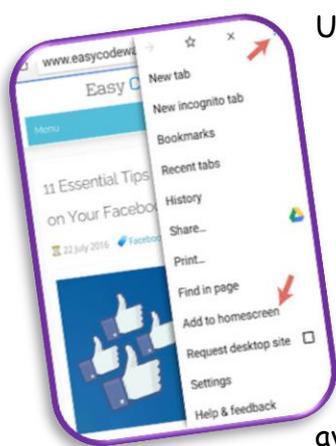
**'ROBLOX' - Online safety issue:** Schools in Newham are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children who are using the Roblox website. This site/app is an instant messaging platform which is unmanned and accessible to children of any age who lack the ability to comprehend when another player is making inappropriate requests of them. We are aware that this site is being targeted by those who wish to groom children online. Please ensure you continue to be aware of your child's online activities, including how they are using their/your mobile phone. If you wish to speak to member of staff for more information, please contact the office. - *Mr Huntingford, Deputy Headteacher.*

There will be an **IMPORTANT MEETING** for parents of Nursery children regarding the transition from Nursery to Reception in September 2018. This will be held in the nursery on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 @ 9.00am**. If your child or anyone you know has a child who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013 & 31<sup>st</sup> August 2014, please attend as we are giving vital information in regard to you applying for your Reception place.

Y6 parents should have received forms from us regarding the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). The school nurse will be coming in on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November and if you are happy for your child to be weighed & measured, **YOU DO NOT NEED TO DO ANYTHING!**

Nursery, Reception & Year 1 dental forms have been handed out. The **deadline** for the form is **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November**. Dental visit due Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**St. Luke's website:** This is a great way to keep in touch with what's going on at St Luke's. You can find newsletters (past and present), term dates, application forms, links to church activities and much, much more. If you mostly use a smart phone, we suggest you load our link as a short cut on your home screen. Here's how:



Using **Samsung (Android)**, load St Luke's website ([st-lukes.newham.sch.uk](http://st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)), tap in top right hand corner of screen and a drop down menu should appear. Choose 'Add to home-screen'.

With **IPhone**, load page as above, press on the 'upload' icon at bottom of screen, choose 'Add to Home Screen'

The website should then be available at the touch of a button (icon!)



We hope you have a peaceful weekend,

*Matt Hipperson*