



St Luke's News

A Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.



Friday 26th April, 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to school everyone and we hope you all were able to have some good family time.

Year 6 returned on Monday 15th April with some of the staff to get ready for their SATs tests in a couple of weeks. We thank our Y6 families for working with us and we promise to make it up to the children after half-term.

This week saw us get the inspection report from our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican & Methodist Schools) inspection that took place on the 3rd April. We were graded good and the school feels this matches our evaluation of where we are against the new, more stringent criteria which are designed - as with Ofsted's changes - to make it harder to reach 'Outstanding'.

Our strengths included:

- *A biblically rooted set of Christian values is understood and lived out across the school community which impacts very positively on behaviour and attitudes.*
- *There are effective strategies in place to support and nurture all pupils, especially the most vulnerable, regardless of the cost which this incurs. This reflects the belief that every individual is made in the image of God and that diversity must be celebrated.*
- *Pupils have a passion for positive choices which help others, including through social action.*
- *Relationships are characterised by forgiveness and reconciliation. Good support for mental health and wellbeing contributes well to positive relationships across the school.*
- *Religious education (RE) and collective worship provide important space for personal reflection on the person of Jesus and life's big questions about meaning and purpose.*

Our areas for development are to:

- *Ensure that the school's vision is clearly linked to theological principles in ways which can be articulated and lived out by all stakeholders and which enables a clear expression of the school's Christian foundation.*
- *Develop a shared approach to spiritual development, including to prayer, in order to deepen pupils' understanding of spiritual and ethical issues.*
- *Create systems for developmental marking in RE which extend pupils' progress and deepen their understanding.*

A link to the full report will go live on the website by Monday under OFSTED & SIAMS on the 'About Us' tab.

Sports

Our KS1 handball team travelled to Langdon school this week and finished third overall returning with yet more medals – well done team!

School Council Visit to Houses of Parliament



As part of the development of our new School Council, we visited the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday and learned about all the different aspects that make up our democracy. Reflecting on the example of the women's Suffragette movement (below) from a hundred years ago, we looked at how people who are barred from voting can change the view of others and gain their voting rights.



Data Sharing

Friday saw us host the first meeting of the Canning Town Data Family of Schools: an idea discussed between ourselves and the borough lead Huw Jones. It is based on a North Newham Group and is designed to allow us to share what we do well and where our 'gaps' might be and find out what other local schools are doing to improve.

And last - but never least... our Golden Assembly heroes of the week.



Have a great weekend and please make a note in your diaries of the dates below.

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Summer Term Dates

W/O 29th Mock SATs for Y6

May

3rd Y1 trip to Canning Town library AM

7th Y5 visit to Benjamin Franklin's House PM

13th Y6 EGPS & Spelling SAT test AM

14th Y6 Reading SAT test AM

15th Y6 Arithmetic & Reasoning paper 1 SATs tests AM

16th Y6 Reasoning paper 1 SAT test AM

16th Arch Deacon Elwyn Cocket Arch Deacon leading assembly of Thanks

20-24th KS1 SATs all week

23rd Nursery closed all day for European Elections

23rd Y5/6 Girls football finals

27th-31st School Closed for Half-Term

June

3rd School re-opens

4th KS2 Sports Day at the London Stadium (Track by the side of West Ham)

6th Y6 trip to see the School of Rock PM

7th Y6 Begin 6 weeks of Friday PM rowing on Victoria Dock

11th-14th Y6 residential trip to St. Mark's College

11th & 12th Phonics test and pilot Multiplication Tables test for Y4

17th Big Sing at Chelmsford Cathedral

18th Y6 trip to Tout Le Monde at the BFI

19th Summer Reading Challenge Assembly

20th EYFS (AM) & KS1(PM) Sports Day

21st Y4 trip to school in France

25th Y6 trip to Ben Kinsella workshop AM

26th Y5 trip to Unicorn Theatre – Aesop's Fables

July

- 1st Chief Nurse of England visiting to talk to KS2 PM
- 1st-5th Innovation week including a 'Careers Event' for Y6
- 2nd SEND Sportsday with 6 local schools.
- 5th St Luke's Music Assembly 9am parents invited
- 8th & 9th 'Peace At Last' opera performances for EY & KS1
- 11th Y5/6 Summer production 5pm parents invited
- 12th International Evening 4-6pm
- 16th Exhibition Evening (parents able to look at their child's work and where they are going next year) 3.30-6pm
- 18th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am
- 19th **School closes for the Summer at 1pm**