



St Luke's News

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



Friday 3rd May, 2019

Dear Parents,

As the head of a school I am constantly talking with children and parents and so I am confident in knowing what is going well and what we can focus on to improve. However it is really nice for me when I talk with a parent and they confirm my instincts.

This week a Y3 parent, who had helped on a sports trip, told me how proud we should be about the behaviour of our children when they are out in the community. I am aware of the high standards our children set when they are 'out and about' and this parent was very impressed with the way our children conducted themselves, especially when compared to other schools.

SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)

Yes, it's that time of year again! May is the season of SATs for our Y2 and Y6 children and I want to personally thank them and the staff for working so hard in preparation for these tests – Y6 during the week of the 13th May and Y2 during the week of the 20th May. As a thank-you to our Y6's we took them this afternoon to have some pressure free time in Kier Hardie Park and it was lovely to see the seriousness lift off them as for once they weren't thinking about the tests but ran and played with beautiful spirit.

It's all go at St. Luke's! (Events to look forward to)

On Thursday **20th June** we will be holding our 'Moving to Reception' meeting for parents of children from our own Nursery and those coming from different nurseries. Then, on the **27th June** we will be hosting our annual 'St. Luke's Got Talent' event – so get your acts going! I spoke with one set of parents this week and their daughter has already planned a magic performance and is looking to use theatrical smoke! Finally during the **first week of July** we are holding an Innovation (problem solving) week and within the week we want to run a Careers Fair so our children can be exposed to a range of jobs for the future – if you work for a company that you think would like to get involved in this project, then please grab me in the playground and let me know what you think.



Today we had an employee from the PDSA (the UK's leading vet charity which provides free and low-cost treatment to pets in need) working with EY, Y1 and Y4 around

animal care and discussing appropriate behaviour with a range of animals to keep both the animal and the person safe.



Absences

We are noticing an increase of absences before and after holidays – we will follow up any queries we have and will also follow LBN advice on any unauthorised absences. Newham may take legal action in the form of a fine for parents taking their children out of school without agreeing the leave with the school. To see our guideline, please visit our 'Attendance & Absences' page under the 'About Us' section of our website. See also Newham's [advisory on attendance here](#).

No Golden Assembly photos this time but we'll make up for it next week.

Have a great Bank Holiday weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Summer Term Dates

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

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**