



# St Luke's News

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



**Friday 7th June, 2019**

Dear Parents,

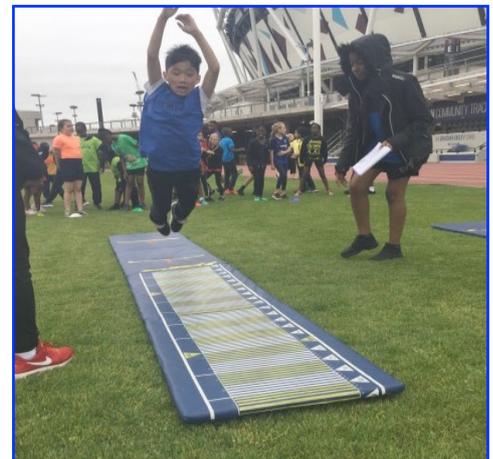
*Welcome back to the last half-term of the academic year. This is going to be a very busy time as the dates attached to the end of this newsletter will testify. Please check them out carefully as there have been a few changes and there are lots of opportunities for you to see your child at school and in a variety of activities over the next few weeks.*

This week saw two of our classes attend 'Rock' studies: Y6s attended the West End show *School of Rock* and our Y3s attended a Stone Age day at Lea Valley! Both classes had a great experience and Y3 loved it - let's face it, what's not to love about making fire from striking irons!

This week has also been a chance for us all to remember the sacrifice of all those men and woman who worked so hard to free the world from tyranny during the Second World War. We talked in Thursday's Worship Assembly about how important it is for us to always remember this sacrifice and for us all to stand up to evil in all its forms so future generations are protected. Those people who died 75 years ago on the beaches of Normandy and the liberation of Europe are both an inspiration to us and a warning about what happens when we turn a blind eye to evil.

## **KS2 Sports Day – In the Footsteps of Giants!**

St. Luke's once again became pioneers this week as we became one of the first schools to hold our sports day at the London Stadium (2012 Olympic venue). The event was run by our sports partners at the Langdon School Academy and was a great event, even though it drizzled for the second half! It was amazing to see our children competing on the track that Usain Bolt and Mo Farah used to warm up for their London 2012 races.



There were some spectacular performances - and that was just from the mums in their race that saw 3 contestants take a tumble! No wonder our children are so competitive at sports! We now look forward to the EY & KS1 Sports Day on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> June in our grounds. Big thanks to all those parents who helped us.





The KS2 Sports Day winning team – Team Trust

### Girls' Handball Tournament

Our Y3/4 Girls Handball team (right) came runners up in the Borough tournament on Thursday, although once again we seem to have been victims of a 'home' referee but never mind, the girls were fantastic as usual.



### Lesson Study

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, St. Luke's hosted ten teachers from our local area Maths Hub for a 'Lesson Study' activity led by a visiting consultant working with our Y3 children. The lesson was planned by the hub and then delivered by the consultant whilst the other staff focused on the learning of the children. Afterwards they evaluated the session and discussed the lessons for their own teaching practices – this is an approach that has come from Asia and is gaining a lot of credence in this country at the moment.

### Schools helping Schools

Today, Church school leaders from St Edwards Primary in Romford and George Carey form Barking met with us to start formalising links as we will be helping them with SIAMs and RE teaching and in turn, they will support our maths teaching.

### YouTube TikTok & Social Media

In recent weeks I have sent out advisory sheets about how to stay safe when using various social media sites and YouTube. This week I have had to deal with a child who had posted footage of themselves on YouTube. Just to remind everyone that for both YouTube and Whatsapp, children need to be at least 13 yrs old to have their own account and in reality it would be safest to be even older. There are reasons for these minimum age guidelines: they are principally around keeping safe and that is where we, as adults, have to take responsibilities for our children as they frequently underestimate the risks!

### St Luke's Got Talent is back

Over the next few weeks the children will be given time to audition for Mr Jennings to get on our very own St. Luke's Got Talent show on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> June in the main hall. Your children need to get practising if they want to take part as Mr. Jennings is a far tougher taskmaster than Simon Cowell.

## Safety

In recent weeks some families have been accessing the main playground from Ruscoe Road by entering via the school car park. Please be aware that this is not allowed and that you must enter from the main gate. The car park is for cars to come in and out of the school and you are putting yourself and your children at risk of serious injury.

## Bank of Helpers

We would love to have a bank of volunteer parents to help us on our many trips out of the school as we try to give the children experiences that go beyond the basic curriculum requirements. If you would like to be involved please speak to Mr. Scott our Educational Visits lead.

## Big Vegetables for a Big Soup!

We have now planted this years crop of vegetables in the Eco Garden, many of which will be harvested in the Autumn for our community soup programme called the Big Soup – details to follow in October.



## Absences

Some parents are getting upset because they are receiving fines from the Borough for unauthorised absences. Please be advised that we are legally bound to follow up any queries we have following absences and referring to LBN (London Borough of Newham) 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 that leave with the school. The school agrees absences in accordance with guidance from LBN. 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](#). All requests must be in the form of a letter prior to the absence.

And finally...our Golden Assembly champions

Have a Great Weekend

Matt Hipperson  
Head Teacher



# Summer Term Dates

## June

11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Y6 residential trip to St. Mark's College

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Phonics test FOR Y1 and pilot Multiplication Tables test for Y4

17<sup>th</sup> KS2 Singers Big Sing at Chelmsford Cathedral

18<sup>th</sup> Y6 trip to Tout Le Monde at the BFI

19<sup>th</sup> Summer Reading Challenge Assembly – Inset prep for SRE week

19<sup>th</sup> Second chance for parents to view Sex & Relationships Curriculum 8.45-9.30

19<sup>th</sup> PM Y6 Boys 9-a-side football semi-final

20<sup>th</sup> EYFS & KS1 Joint Sports Day 9.15 am – parents invited

20<sup>th</sup> New to Reception meeting 5pm in main hall

21<sup>st</sup> Y4 trip to school in France

24<sup>th</sup> June Sex & Relationship Education Week

25<sup>th</sup> Y6 trip to Ben Kinsella workshop AM

26<sup>th</sup> Y5 trip to Unicorn Theatre – Aesop's Fables

27<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's Got Talent!

28<sup>th</sup> Outdoor Community Meal

## Dates for July

1<sup>st</sup> Chief Nurse of England visiting to talk to KS2 PM – parents invited

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Innovation week

4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Bikeability course for Y4 on site

4<sup>th</sup> Y2 trip to Leigh on Sea

5<sup>th</sup> July St Luke's Music Assembly 9am parents invited

8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 'Peace At Last' opera performances for EY & KS1

12<sup>th</sup> July International Evening 4-6pm

16<sup>th</sup> July Exhibition Evening (parents able to look at their child's work and where they are going next year 3.30-6pm)

18<sup>th</sup> Y6 End of year performance 5pm

19<sup>th</sup> Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

**19<sup>th</sup> School closes for the summer at 1pm**