



# St Luke's News

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



27th September 2019

Dear Parents,

*On Thursday morning we held our Harvest Festival worship, the fourth in a series of assemblies this week that explored the origins and meaning of the festival and how we relate this to what the Bible tells us. We worked around this passage from 1 John 3:17-18:*

*“If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity for them, how can the love of God be in that person?...Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.”*

We related this passage to our action of collecting food for the homeless kitchen and also what we will do again this Christmas for those less fortunate than ourselves. Actions seem to be what our children are good at (see Eco news below) and this week saw the first School Council meeting of the year where our councillors agreed to investigate how they can raise money to develop the playgrounds. Updates will follow! And with the boundless energy of our children and families we managed to raise £167 from our Macmillan Coffee Morning which the school will top up to £200.



## **Eco Committee Success**

The Eco-Committee hosted an assessor from *Keep Britain Tidy* this week as the school pushed to be awarded our sixth flag (something very few schools in the country have). We are pleased to tell you that once again the school was successful and we have earned this new accolade – well done to everyone but especially to our wonderful committee and Mr. Scott.

## **Teacher Development**

Our staff walked over to Kier Hardie on Monday afternoon as we took part in the first joint training session with them centred on writing for pleasure. This is part of our *Creative Schools Partnership* that will see us share two training sessions each half-term with them – next one is here in mid-October.

## **Volunteers**

The school welcomes volunteers to help us support children's learning (if you are interested please see Mr. Hipperson), so when parents volunteer to come on trips it helps us take the children out into the wider community and of course, we thank you for your generosity. However, can I remind parents that when you volunteer to accompany a trip, one of your principal responsibilities is to keep the children safe and this requires total focus and concentration - using your personal phone is a distraction and can only be allowed in an emergency. If a volunteer keeps using their phone they will not be allowed to help again.

### Dental & GP visits

Wherever possible can we make non urgent doctor, dental & optician appointments before or after school, unless an emergency – thanks for your co-operation.

### Saturday Music School

Remember, Newham Music's *Saturday Music School* begins again at St. Luke's tomorrow, Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>, from 9am. All of our pupils are welcome and can attend for free under our special arrangement.



### Living (Medical) History

This week Y2 stepped back in time with a visit to the Florence Nightingale Museum in Westminster where they met the woman herself! The actress told the children about her time in the Crimean War, the awful conditions she found in the hospital in Turkey and how she changed it so soldiers were



able to recover from their wounds. This placed the children right in the middle of the historical event they are studying and meant that they could make strong connections in their learning.

**And finally...** Below are some photos from the Y6 African mask making workshop attended by Y6 this week. Have a great weekend.



Matt Hipperson  
Head Teacher

## Autumn Term Dates 2019

**October - 1<sup>st</sup> Y6 booster sessions begin in mornings**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Y6 class assembly parents welcome CHANGED from 2<sup>nd</sup> Apologies**

**4<sup>th</sup> School photos – individuals and siblings**

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Bikeability Y4**

**8<sup>th</sup> Black History workshops for Ys 3,4&5**

**9<sup>th</sup> Y5 class assembly parents welcome**

**9<sup>th</sup> Mary Seacole workshop in hall PM**

**15<sup>th</sup> Bishop Stephen visits the school – parents welcome**

**16<sup>th</sup> Y2 class assembly parents welcome**

**16<sup>th</sup> Big Soup community event**

**17<sup>th</sup> SATs workshops for Y6 parents 9am & 5pm – come to 1 only!**

**18<sup>th</sup> NSPCC 'Pants Day' fundraiser – non-uniform day**

**19<sup>th</sup> School closes normal time for Half-Term**

**28<sup>th</sup> Mon school closed for training**

**29<sup>th</sup> Tues school re-opens for children as normal**

**29<sup>th</sup> Young Shakespeare Co. working in school with Y5&6**

**30<sup>th</sup> AM Open Morning in Reception class for any prospective starters Sept. 2020**

**31<sup>st</sup> Closing date for secondary applications from Y6 children**

## November

**4<sup>th</sup> Y6 visit to the Foreign Office AM**

**5<sup>th</sup> Moving to Reception 2020 meeting for YN parents 9am – This is a change from original date**

**6<sup>th</sup> Y4 class assembly parents welcome**

**7<sup>th</sup> Y5 Rivers & Lakes day Hertfordshire**

**11<sup>th</sup> Y5 trip to Houses of Parliament**

**11<sup>th</sup> SEND coffee morning 8.45 am parents welcome**

**19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Parent meetings 3.30 -6pm**

**20<sup>th</sup> Y3 class assembly 29<sup>th</sup> KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome**

**27<sup>th</sup> Y1 class assembly 29<sup>th</sup> KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome**

**28<sup>th</sup> YR theatre to visit – The Gruffalo Stratford Circus**

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## **December**

**W/O 2<sup>nd</sup> Y6 Mock SATs**

**6<sup>th</sup> Nursery Christmas craft stay and play 29<sup>th</sup> KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome**

**9<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing off-site**

**11<sup>th</sup> EYFS Christmas production 2.30pm 29<sup>th</sup> KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome**

**12<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner for children**

**13<sup>th</sup> Jack n the Beanstalk Panto for whole school**

**16<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing off-site**

**18<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas production**

**19<sup>th</sup> Christingle service 9am parents welcome**

**19<sup>th</sup> PM Children's Christmas parties**

**20<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's closing date for applications to start YR Sept. 2020**

**20<sup>th</sup> School closes @ 1pm for Christmas holidays- Dinner for the Homeless @ 2pm – school re-opens for children Tues 7<sup>th</sup> January**