



St Luke's News

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



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Dear Parents

In the run up to this December's General Election and constant debates on TV by our political leaders, St. Luke's once again showed the politicians how to do it right with a stunning debate on whether there should be a second referendum regarding Brexit.



Four children from each of Years 3,4,5 & 6 made statements either for or against the motion and then questions were taken from the floor of the 'House' which was set up the same as the real House of Commons, complete with speaker's chair and podiums. The children were magnificent both in the way they spoke and in the way they

listened to each other – a true lesson for the professionals. After taking some time to deliberate, the children voted in 'lobbies' on either side of the chamber (as in the real House) and the Speaker reported that the '*Ayes have it!*' by 70 votes in favour of a second referendum compared to 57 votes against.



Stratford Theatre Trip

Reception and Y1 both had separate trips to see a production of '*We're Going on a Bear Hunt*' at the Stratford Circus Arts Centre this week as a sort of unofficial start to our Christmas Season. Please make sure to check out the diary of events for the coming weeks to see the opportunities for you to come in and share a traditional mince pie with us!

Reciprocal Reading and Early Reading Workshop

A big thank-you must go out to Mrs Tarbuck and Miss Rowe for the excellent reading workshops they ran for parents this week in KS2 and Early Years respectively. They were both excellent examples of empowering parents to help their children and we hope to run some sessions on how to help with maths in the new year.

Golden Assembly for this week



Please find below a message from CAMHs (Children & Adolescent Mental health Service).

Dear Parents and Carers,

Newham's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service have just launched their latest venture: a Pop-Up CAMHS service to run on Saturdays. The team have joined the Open Play sessions at:

Ambition Aspire Achieve
The Terence Brown 'Arc in the Park'
Bethell Avenue
Canning Town
London E16 4JT

Dr Paula Corredor Lopez, Consultant Clinical Psychologist and Clinical Team Manager says *"Any Newham family can just pitch up to speak to any one of our clinicians and have a one-off 40 minute consultation about the wellbeing or development of their children. No need to be referred and no need to wait to be seen."*

She goes on to say, "We want to provide early support for all young people and families who have concerns or questions about their children's development or wellbeing. So any parent is warmly welcomed to pop along to any one of the sessions to speak with a CAMHS clinician face-to-face. They can also meet with or observe your child and answer your questions."

Families usually have to be referred to the team via their child's school, nursery, GP, social worker or other professional or call in for a self-referral. So this is another option to have an

informal chat between clinicians and young people or their parents about what they're worried about. Access to immediate support and advice about mental health issues is not always available unless a child is in crisis, so Newham CAMHS is trying to address this and offer something different to stop concerns or behaviours escalating.

Dr Corredor Lopez continues,

“Often families want to meet and talk face-to-face with an experienced clinician and discuss their concerns so this is an alternative to online advice. We welcome young people themselves, parents, grandparents, teachers, child minders ... anyone who wants to pick the brains of a child specialist on a Saturday afternoon.”



Have a fantastic weekend and please check out the dates below

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates 2019

December

2nd Y3 trip to the Emirates Cable Car AM

4th Dec. Y4 class assembly – parents invited

7th Dec. Last Saturday Music School until Jan. 18th

9th Nursery Christmas craft stay and play

9th Carol Singing to raise money for the homeless event

11th EYFS Christmas production 9.30am parents welcome

11th Y3/4 football tournament (Girls)

12th School Closed for General Election

13th Christmas Jumper day

13th Jack and the Beanstalk Panto for whole school

16th Carol Singing 55 Ruscoe Rd sheltered housing

17th Christmas dinner for children

17th Miss Robyn's Christmas show Pirates & Fairies for parents - 5pm

18th KS1 Christmas production 9.30am parents welcome

19th Christingle service 9am parents welcome

19th PM Children's Christmas parties

20th St. Luke's closing date for applications to start YR Sept. 2020

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