



# St Luke's News

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



**13th December 2019**

Dear Parents,

*Christmas has begun at St. Luke's and in our assemblies we have been thinking about the true meaning of Advent!*

## **Creative Kids**

This week saw the Early Years Christmas Craft Fair which was very well attended by children and their parents. Then on Wednesday Early Years performed their Nativity play in front of a packed hall. It was spectacularly good and reminded me just how skilled the staff have to be to coax a performance of quality like that out of 3, 4 and 5 year olds. The week was then capped off by Christmas jumper day and our pantomime *Jack & the Beanstalk*, performed by the Bigfoot theatre company.



## **The Final Week**

The final week, as ever, will be an exceptionally busy one, so here we go...

## **Gift Boxes for the Elderly**

We are making up 25 gift boxes for the elderly people who live at 55 Ruscoe Rd and need any donations of toiletries and food that you can spare to make them up.



## Christmas Parties

There will be the children's Christmas parties next week and we're asking for food and drink donations for the children to have - but no fizzy drinks please.

On **TUESDAY** we have a performance at 5pm in the hall of *Pirates and Mermaids* - a show for everyone to come to. Then a group of our delightful singers will also be carol singing at Morrisons between 12.30 and 1.30 to raise money for the homeless

Then on **WEDNESDAY** morning, 9.15am, we'll have the wonderful KS1 Christmas play.

On **Thursday**, in our usual Christmas tradition, we will hold our annual Christingle service led this year by a vicar from St. Mark's in Beckton. Afterwards our carol singers will visit the sheltered accommodation at 55 Ruscoe Rd for a singalong and mince pies with the folks there. Then in the evening some of our singers (if their voices can still hold!) will join children from Hallsville and Kier Hardie for a carol singing event being run by the Metropolitan Police – all parents are invited. Doors open at 5.00pm at the River Christian Centre, Vincent Street, Canning Town E16 1LZ and the Police will be holding a raffle and will provide free hot drinks and roasted marshmallows

**Friday** morning sees our special end-of-term celebration assembly with prizes given out for the best boy and girl in each class as well as awards in recognition of good attendance since September.

**And finally...**

**School will close from 1pm on Friday until 7.30 am on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of January 2020.**

**Have a lovely weekend**

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

## Autumn Term Dates 2019

### December

**17<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing at Morrisons 12.30-1.30pm**

**17<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner for children**

**17<sup>th</sup> Miss Robyn's Christmas show Pirates & Fairies for all parents and children - 5pm in the hall**

**18<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas production 9.30am parents welcome**

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

**19<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing 55 Ruscoe Rd sheltered housing**

**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 @ 1.30pm – school re-opens for children Tues 7<sup>th</sup> January at normal time**