



# St Luke's News

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



10th January 2020

*Dear Parents*

*Welcome back to the Spring Term in school. This week in worship sessions we have been looking at the Roman God Janus (the reason for the name January) who looked both backwards - to what went well and not so well in the last year - and forwards to how we are going to improve in future. Ten children came up to share their New Year resolutions ranging from 'improving their literacy' to 'eating less meat and becoming vegetarian'. We will keep track of these brave souls as the year progresses.*

We hope you all had some quality family time over Christmas and I know the staff had some much needed rest and have come back in refreshed and reinvigorated for the new term, as have the children. It has truly been a lovely start to the term. As ever this will be a busy term and included at the end of this newsletter are a list of key dates for you to look at – be aware that this can build and change as the term progresses, so try to look each week!

## **Online Safety Days for Parents**

On Wednesday Sophia Elhamid from the Education Space led the latest of our online safety days. **She began with a session for parents that covered terminology that might be used with your children that you need to know about plus many other safety tips.** For those that missed this we have put the presentation on the website under the *Parents' Page* tab (then to '*Online Safety Advice for You and Your Children*') along with a link to a very informative site run by the National Online Safety Group. If you want to keep up to speed with what's what in the social media world, I highly recommend you look it up.



Head Teacher Matt Hipperson presents Online Safety talk with parents and specialist Sophia Elhamid

## Y4 debating competition

The Y4s began their preparation for the Diocese of Chelmsford debating competition they will take part in towards the end of March. The final presentation will take place at Anglian Ruskin University and will be judged by an independent panel. Details to follow.



Y4s work on body language skills in debating workshop

## Fundraising and trips

For the last few years the school has done the utmost to keep costs of trips and experiences down to an absolute minimum – we understand that for many people the increased costs of our time have outstripped wages. However for the school to offer all the experiences and trips that we do, with a view to motivating and educating your children, we are going to have to ask for more contributions so we can keep doing what we do. I am working with governors on this and will write a letter to you all soon.

## Parent-Teacher Association (PTA)

One of the ways to raise funds for the school is to have a PTA to raise money which will be guaranteed to only be spent on enrichment opportunities for our children. I have had a parent come and offer their services so if anyone is interested please let the office know and we will call a meeting.

## Fitness

Roll up roll up! We have our New Year's new fitness session beginning this Monday. So we can keep offering this, we are going to charge parents the small charge of £2 per session. The original Lottery money supporting these activities has run out now and we need to start covering our costs.

## Golden Assembly – First one of the new decade!



Oh, and congratulations to Ms Begum who has just had a healthy baby boy born 7lbs 12oz, and this alongside Miss Koenig's baby born just before Christmas!

Please check out the flyer below and don't forget to put dates in you diaries.

Have a fantastic weekend

Matt Hipperson

## EMPOWERING PARENTS – EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES (EPEC)

Would you like to gain confidence in areas such as play, listening, discipline strategies, children's behaviour and boundaries?

The EPEC course is a fantastic, parent-led group empowering parents to use up-to-date parenting strategies. The course will help you to build confidence in a group setting and encourage positive relationships with your child/children.

**Delivered for parents by parents, it's a FREE eight week course covering different topics each week.**

You will leave the course feeling better able to:

- ★ Help others by sharing your experience as a parent
- ★ Support your children as they move from primary to secondary school
- ★ Create a calm and peaceful family life

Where:

**Rokeby School, Barking Road E16 4DD**

When:

**Starting on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January, 9.30am-11.30am**  
(finishing on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March)

**For more information and to book a place contact Ms Henderson on 0207 540 5620 ext. 140 or email [sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk](mailto:sarah.henderson@rokeby.newham.sch.uk)**

Please note there are no crèche facilities at Rokeby. If you are interested in the course and require childcare, we can sign post you to another course in the borough.

## Spring Term Dates 2020

### January 2020:

- 14<sup>th</sup> Y2 visit to London Museum Plague Gallery
- 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline for parents to apply for Reception places in Sept. 2020
- 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday music school begins for Spring Term 9-1pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> Science 'Buzz' day for KS2
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y6 visit to Stratford Circus to see 'The Little Prince'
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Y5 class Assembly – Parents welcome
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Y5/6 Boys Basketball Tournament PM
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Holocaust workshop with KS2 PM
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Y1 trip to Science Museum
- 24<sup>th</sup> Y4 Opera project resumes PM
- 25<sup>th</sup> Chinese New Year – Year of the Rat
- 27<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Event East Ham Townhall
- 29<sup>th</sup> Y3 class assembly – Parents welcome
- 29<sup>th</sup> Y4 Public speaking training for competition in March
- 30<sup>th</sup> Y6 Trip to Science Museum
- 31<sup>st</sup> Y4 trip to Tate Modern to see their photo in Steve McQueen exhibition

### February 2020:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> New Vicar licensing service in hall 7pm – Parents welcome
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y4 class assembly – Parents welcome
- 5<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Langdon
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 Girls West Ham Football Tournament
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y2 class assembly
- 13<sup>th</sup> Y6 trip to Foreign & Commonwealth office
- 13<sup>th</sup> Girls Football Tourno Beckton
- 14<sup>th</sup> Schools ends normal time for Half-Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> School re-opens normal time after Half-Term
- 24<sup>th</sup> Y5 & 6 working with Young Shakespeare company on Mid-Summer Night's Dream
- 26<sup>th</sup> Class group photos for parents to buy

### March 2020:

- 4<sup>th</sup> Y1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome
- 6<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's World Book Day – dress as a favourite character
- 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Science Week
- 9<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning for parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> Concert at The Barbican for Y4
- 11<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Mixed Handball Tournament Langdon School
- 18<sup>th</sup> Y1 sports tournament @ Elmhurst School
- 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Girls' sports tournament
- 31<sup>st</sup> 2pm Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome

### April 2020:

- 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Repeat performance of Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome
- 1<sup>st</sup> Y3/4 boys Sports tournament
- 2<sup>nd</sup> West Ham United stadium tour as reward for selected children

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April School closes @ 3.15pm for Easter holidays-  
re-opens for children Tues 21<sup>st</sup> April @ normal time**