



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 5th October 2018



Dear Parents,

Next week is a fantastically busy one for our school. On Monday we have the Young Shakespeare Company delivering drama workshops themed on Macbeth - this always guarantees great writing and drama work from our pupils. Then on Tuesday we have a puzzle/problem solving day for Rec-Y6 as well as workshops around Black history for Y1-Y4. Alongside that, our Y5/6 boys' football team are taking part in a tournament run by West Ham and finally on Friday, we have the latest of our community meals. All of this is part of the many engaging, high-quality activities we aim to offer our children that leads them to higher level learning.

Puzzle Day

As mentioned above, The Puzzle Company is visiting us on Tuesday and all pupils will be invited to play some puzzles! These puzzles and games will help to develop maths skills, thinking skills, team-building skills, communication skills and logical reasoning. At St. Luke's, we are committed to enriching the National Curriculum through developing life skills that are invaluable in an ever changing world and here, all pupils will be able to develop these skills in a fun way through play! *Afterwards, The Puzzle Company will be selling their products in the meeting room from 3:15-4:00pm. They would make ideal birthday and Christmas gifts!*

Vacancy for a Parent Governor

If you would like to join St. Luke's Governing Body and help shape the future for the school over the next few years can you please express your interest to the main school office by Tuesday 30th October and you will be given a form to fill in. If there is more than one person wanting to fill the role then there will be elections during the week of 19th November

Punctuality and attendance

One of the main reasons our children do well in school is because of the strength of partnership between school and home. Integral to this is getting the children in every day and on time - thanks for your co-operation, we understand that at times this can be difficult but we also know how important it is to maximise the learning opportunities for your children.

Y5/6 Girl's football

This week our Y5/6 girls played a football tournament sponsored by West Ham (it is the boys' turn next week). Unfortunately our girls lost on penalties to the eventual winners - having outplayed them during normal time - but well done girls!

Secondary school DEADLINES!

Can we remind you that the deadline for 'Secondary school online applications' is 31st October 2018. Please ensure you provide the office staff with your online reference number once you have applied.



Chicken Shop Grooming

I have personally shared a very serious 4 minute video from Youtube called 'Chicken Shop Grooming' with the Y3,4,5 & 6's this week to make them aware of a technique that gangs in the area are using. **I strongly recommend** you watch this video (link below), especially if your child would ever access a take-away food shop on their own. These techniques are happening in our area - most recently in McDonald's on the Barking Rd. - and it is vital that we prepare our children in how to respond to such approaches. Please, please take time to view this.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OH895nZ1arE>

Accessories from the office

Just a reminder that Book bags (£5), Water Bottles (£2) and PE bags (1) are Available from the office. You can also find the link to our school uniform shop on our webpage under 'About Us/Uniforms' <http://www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniforms&pid=17> Remember, every item bought brings a small donation back to the school!

And finally...

Please remember that the school closes for **half-term next Friday 19th October** and opens for children on **Tuesday 30th October** at normal time.

Have a joyful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Dates for your diary

- Mon. 15th Oct..... Royal Shakespeare Company working with Y5 & Y6 on Macbeth
- Tues. 16th Oct..... Puzzle challenge day
- Tues. 16th Oct..... October Black History Month workshops with Wise Moves Theatre Co.
- Wed. 17th Oct..... Y2 class assembly 9am
- Fri. 19th Oct..... Community Meal – come and have lunch with your child!
- Fri 19th Oct..... School closes for half term and re-opens on Tues. 30th Oct
(Mon 29th is a teacher training day)
- Tues. 6th &
Wed 7th.Nov..... Parent meetings 3:30-6pm
- Fri. 9th Nov..... Remembrance assembly 9am in the main hall
- Mon 12th Nov..... Meeting for parents wishing their child to join Reception class in Sept. 2019 –
9.15 am in hall
- 28th Nov..... Y1 trip to see Gruffalo at Stratford Theatre