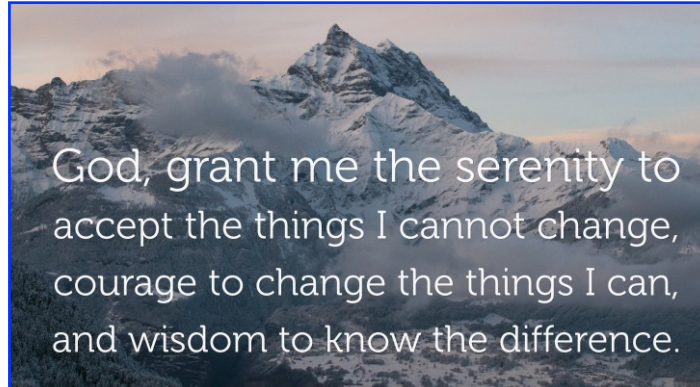




# St Luke's News

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



**8th January 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers

*A warm hello and a Happy New Year to all our families after the Christmas break. I hope all of you were able to get some rest and time to yourselves during this difficult situation we now face. I know we are all under enormous stress at this time.*

I was talking to an NHS counsellor the other day and I told her that I like to read – something I normally do to relax – but during the holiday I couldn't concentrate on reading and she told me that was probably because my brain was 'full' of information and it didn't want any more. We are all overloaded with information and bad news at the moment and now we have to get used to another lockdown that will probably last until March. Once again this is the last thing we - or you - want, however it is needed. My wife has worked for the NHS for over 40 years and she is scared for the patients and her colleagues who are in so much danger. At this point in the pandemic protecting ourselves and our families is the most important thing we can do. I pray for you all and know by working together we can help all of us to get through this. The prayer above seems to encapsulate where we all are at the moment - the temptation is to whirl around like a dog chasing it's tail and with about as much success but there are times when we need to trust in our faith that we will come through this intact!

## **Remote Learning**

For those children accessing learning from home (remotely) there are a few bits of information I want to share with you:

- **The reason we have scheduled different times for interactive lessons in Y5&6, Y3&4 & Y1&2 is because we have many families who have children in more than one 'bubble/phase' and they might only have one laptop between them. So it is important that we create a timetable that allows all children to have access to the teacher.**
- **For Y3-6 and EY children there will be no interactions with the teacher from mid-day on Friday until Monday morning as this time will be for the teacher to be planning the lessons for the next week.**

- For Y1 & 2 children there will be no interactions with the teacher on Friday mornings until 1pm and then from 3pm until Monday morning as the teachers will be planning the lessons for the next week.
- We aim to start afternoon assemblies for all from 2.45-3pm on Mondays to Thursdays from the week of Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> – look out for the links in your Google Classroom

For full timetable see below – thanks to Mr. Scott and the staff:

Class	Remote learning arrangements	Live lesson times
Year N Year R	Work will be uploaded onto the school website <a href="#">here</a>	We plan to start uploading Youtube lessons from week of 18/1/21
Year 1	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on <b>Google Meet</b> from 1.00-2.00 every day - the link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> .
Year 2	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet 10.00-10.30 GPS 1.00-1.30 Maths 2.00-2.30 Reading The link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a>
Year 3	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on <b>Google Meet</b> 9.45-10.30 Maths 11.10-11.45 Reading The link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> .
Year 4	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on <b>Google Meet</b> 9.45-10.30 Maths 11.10-11.50 Reading The link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a>
Year 5	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on <b>Google Meet</b> 9.00-9.50 Maths 10.30-11.10 Reading The link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> .
Year 6	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on <b>Google Meet</b> 9.00-9.50 Maths 10.30-11.10 Reading The link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> .

**\*Your child may also be part of smaller live lessons throughout the day please ensure you read text messages sent to inform you of this and check the class stream.**

On a positive note, our monitoring shows that this week we had an average of 82% engagement with remote learning in Years 3-6, which is an outstanding effort from families – keep it up!

### **Eat for Free consultation – reminder message from LBN**

The consultation on *Eat for Free* was launched on 16th December and closes on Sunday 17th February. Currently all YR-Y2 children in the country get a paid-for hot meal at lunch but in Newham Y3-6 children get a free lunch as well (1 of only 3 boroughs in the entire country that does this!). The proposal is to end the free meals for Y3-6 except for those who qualify under income limits and use this money for other targeted provision in the borough due to central government cutbacks.

It is important that parents have the opportunity to give their views both through completing the consultation and registering interest in focus groups expected to take place next week. See link: <https://www.newham.gov.uk/council/eat-free-consultation>

Parents and other interested stakeholders can send any questions or comments to [EatForFree>Returns@newham.gov.uk](mailto:EatForFree>Returns@newham.gov.uk)



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