



# St Luke's News

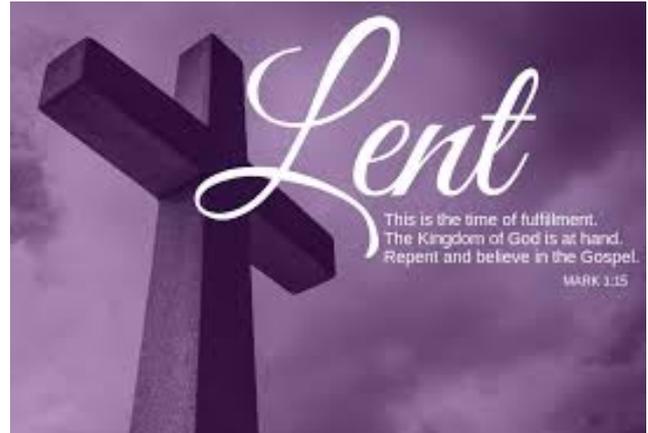
A Christian school that serves a diverse community and works in partnership with parents to develop the whole child.



**12th February 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers

*Next Tuesday Christians will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday and then beginning the Lenten season of preparation on Ash Wednesday. Last year we were able to celebrate Ash Wednesday before lockdowns begun so this year it will be very different – with families having to take part remotely.*



This is a time of renewal for Christians and I sent a Lenten calendar to you on Friday so as Christians you can take part, or as our valued families from other faiths you can gain an idea about what it means to us. The context for this period is that Jesus had lived most of his life at his home in Nazareth and at the age of 30 knew that he was about to start his public work teaching people about God and performing many amazing miracles. He knew that it would not be easy and that eventually it would lead to his death. He went to the desert to prepare himself and for 40 days and 40 nights didn't eat or drink anything. During this time, he was faced with the temptation to do several things that he knew were wrong. At the end of the 40 days, now renewed, he left the desert and began the work that he had come to Earth to do.

## **Lenten facts**

### **Lent is:**

- 40 days from Ash Wednesday until the end of Holy Saturday – that night the Easter Vigil is celebrated
- A time of reflection, repentance & preparation
- The 40 days represents the period Jesus spent in fasting in the wilderness before he began teaching.
- Purple is the colour of Lent – the colour of preparation!
- We celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday
- The entire Lenten season lasts for 50 days from the resurrection until Pentecost which this year is on May 23<sup>rd</sup>
- In recent years, there has been a move towards doing something good during Lent instead of giving something up. Examples would be tidying our room, saying something encouraging to someone every day, making our bed or doing our homework without complaining! – Why not have a go!

## **Chinese New Year in Nursery**

As mentioned above we have families from a lovely mix of ethnicities and religions and this



Thursday the Nursery children were ahead of the rest in celebrating 2021 as the 'Year of the Metal Ox' which hasn't happened for 60 years. The Ox represents the first year of the 12-year zodiacal cycle, People born in the Year of the Ox are strong, reliable, fair and conscientious,



inspiring confidence in others. They are also calm, **patient**, methodical and can be trusted. Although they say little they can be very opinionated. They believe strongly in themselves, but are also stubborn and hate to fail or be challenged. I think some of our lovely staff must have been born in a previous year of the OX!

### **Plans for Schools: Government Announcement 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021**

The government have said they will be making an announcement about their plans for school re-openings on the first day after half-term. It is expected that they will begin a phased re-opening of schools from Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> March almost certainly beginning with primary schools. In the build up to any re-opening the school will be working tirelessly to make sure it is as safe as possible for children and staff. As soon as I know more I will communicate with you to share our plans. I just want to say what a magnificent job you have done as parents and the staff have done to reduce the amount of lost learning. I am very proud of all of our school community and we shall face the next few changes with the same care we have shown all the way through this pandemic. **Please look out for a 'Kindness' Homework Pack Y1-Y6 for next week** – it will be a less pressured piece of work but one you might enjoy doing with your child.

See the updated remote learning schedule below ([or click here](#)).

Please take time to check out the flyers attached. Also, if you're struggling for meal inspiration with the kids at home at the moment, then check out the Change4Life's 'Lockdown Lunches' link below which gives you great ideas for lunches you can make with your children through the half term.

[Lockdown Lunches: Cheap Eats for Lockdown Weeks](#)

**School is closed next week and lessons, both live and remote will begin again on Monday the 22<sup>nd</sup> February.**

Have a peaceful and safe start to the Lenten season

Matt Hipperson  
Head Teacher

## Remote Learning Timetable

Class	Remote learning arrangements	Live lesson times
Year N Year R	Work will be uploaded onto the school website <a href="#">here</a> for YN and for YR onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Music for YN@10.30 on Thursdays Music for YR@10.00 on Thursdays Link sent via text system Live lessons will be on Google Meet from 2.00-.230 every day - the link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> .
Year 1	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet from 1.00-2.00 every day - the link to this will be posted in <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> . Music for Y1@09.30 on Thursdays.
Year 2	Work will be uploaded onto <a href="#">Google Classroom</a> every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet 9.00-9.15 - Registration & dail work 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 Google Meet 9.45-10.30 Maths 11.10-11.45 Reading 1.30-2.00 Topic (Mon/Wed/Thurs) 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 Google Meet 9.00-9.45 Extra sessions 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 Google Meet 9.00-9.50 Maths 10.30-11.10 Reading 1.30-2.00 Topic (Mon/Wed/Thurs) 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 Google Meet 9.00-9.50 Maths 10.30-11.10 Reading 1.30-2.00 Topic (Mon/Wed/Thurs) 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.**



# NEWHAM PARENTS, CARERS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Need some support for yourself or your family during lockdown? Not sure where to start?  
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**We look forward to seeing you there!**

**[Strengthening.Families@newham.gov.uk](mailto:Strengthening.Families@newham.gov.uk)**

## WORKSHOPS

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