



# St Luke's News

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



28th April 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

*In the next few weeks I will be able to share the finished version of our new vision and values which will guide the school through the next five years and more. Miss Norcross has been working tirelessly leading our children, staff, parents and governors in the process and is just putting the finishing touches to the wording and designs and has also had input from experienced staff from the Diocese of Chelmsford and the London Borough of Newham. We will be putting it in a newsletter by half-term so look out!*

## Stephen Lawrence Memorial Service

Last Saturday three of our team attended the memorial service marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence. Whilst there they 'ran into' Baroness Floella Benjamin the broadcaster and member of the House of Lords. They told her that our Y4's had recently been studying her life and works and her battles for equality and justice. It was a fitting end to a very moving day!



## Coffee Morning

On Friday morning ten parents of children with Autism attended a coffee morning to exchange tips and to hear from school staff what we do to help these children keep themselves regulated (calm) during the busy school day. Our Inclusion Governor Latoya



chaired them meeting and also introduced us all to a new experience – the Send Sock – look it up on Google – and Antionette from Newham's Early Help Team came along to talk about some courses that are run by the borough to support parents across a lot of different areas. It was another big success and special thanks go to Miss Norcross and Latoya for bringing everyone together to improve outcomes for their children.

## Sports Update

On Wednesday, six of our amazing Nursery PE Stars took part in Receptions PE lessons. It was their 1st time participating in another class' lessons and they were magnificent!

In the lessons, they had to; name their colours, remember their number, follow instructions, react to a command, use their looking, running and listening skills and compete against the other receptions teams in the final game. Out of 6 teams, they came third - that was



a brilliant achievement for the youngest team there. Well done to them and our talented Reception class - your teachers are proud of you.

For the rest of the term, Ms Adams will be inviting more Nursery PE Star to participate in other reception class PE lessons. Watch this space.

**Sports Day** is fast approaching so this means our littlest students from Nursery are now in full training for the big day. This week they practiced javelin skills and relay running. They worked very hard perfecting their skills and were VERY competitive during the races! Sports



Day will be on Tuesday 20th June. **Parents, put that date in your diary - you do not want to miss what promises to be an EPIC day!**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to both our Boys & Girls football teams for qualifying for the finals of the Newham 6-a-side Football League. Both teams had to play 5 other schools in the area and earned enough points to finish top of their groups. The finals will take place next month. Thank you to Mr Adams for all his hard work developing our boys team. Good luck & well done everyone.



St Luke's is very lucky to have dedicated music teachers from Newham Music who teach all our students (Nursery to Year 6) either singing or ukulele lessons. They make music fun and our children really embrace the lessons. One such lesson, is the Year 3&4 singing lesson that takes place every Friday afternoon. This week, our talented singers had their lesson outside in the outdoor classroom and they were amazing. Thank-you Mr wood for another brilliant lesson.

And finally on the music front, good luck to one of our Y6 musicians who took his *ABRSM Grade 1 Performance Exam* on Wednesday. This involved performing 4 different styles of music on the piano. He has been learning the piano at St Luke's for 15 months. He will get the results in a few weeks. Fingers crossed.



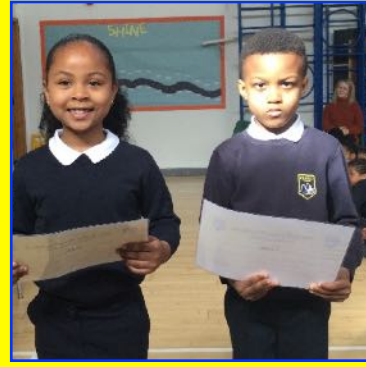
### **Coronation Party**

Next Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> May sees the school taken over by King Charles III fever as we hold a 'Cream Tea' in his honour. It is a non-uniform day and children are encouraged to wear any red, white and blue clothing they have. There will be bouncy castles and from 2.15pm the children will be singing some songs for parents so if you fancy a cuppa and some singing please join us in the main playground.

# Golden Assembly



Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6



Happy Birthday guys!

**Please note that there is further industrial action on 2nd May and only YN, Y1, Y2 & Y6 will be open.**

Have a peaceful weekend



**Matt Hipperson**  
**Head Teacher**

### **Summer Term Key Dates**

#### **May**

- 1<sup>st</sup> School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Strike Day only YN, Y1, Y2 & Y6 open
- 5<sup>th</sup> King's Coronation Party – parents invited from 2.15pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> School closed for the Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation
- 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs Tests
- 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Walk to School Week
- 16<sup>th</sup> Class Photos for parents
- 16<sup>th</sup> Y4 educational Visit to Benjamin Franklin Museum
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y3 Educational Visit to Field Centre Leyton E10
- 18<sup>th</sup> Non-Uniform day dress up in green for NSPCC Mental Health Day – donations welcome
- 18<sup>th</sup> 6 children representing school at Science competition at West Ham Church School
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y5 Construction Workshop in school
- 22<sup>nd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Y2 Tests all week

**29<sup>th</sup> May-2 June school closed for Half-Term**

#### **June**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Cricket tournament
- 9<sup>th</sup> NSPCC Happy Mile – donations welcome
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonic tests all week
- 19<sup>th</sup> Y4 Multiplication Tables Test
- 19<sup>th</sup> EYFS & KS1 Sports Day AM & KS2 Sports Day AM
- 20<sup>th</sup> KS2 Sports Day AM & KS2 Sports Day AM
- 21<sup>st</sup> Y6 Visit to the Ben Kinsella Exhibition @ Islington Library

#### **July**

- 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Y6 Residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre
- 3<sup>rd</sup>- 14<sup>th</sup> Y4 Swimming Lessons @ Olympic Pool
- 12<sup>th</sup> Y6 Summer Production
- 14<sup>th</sup> AM End of Year Music Concert
- 14<sup>th</sup> PM St. Luke's Carnival Parents Welcome
- 18<sup>th</sup> Y6 leavers service
- 20<sup>th</sup> End of Year Awards

**20<sup>th</sup> School closes for Summer Holidays at 1pm**

#### **Dates to be Confirmed:**

- Girls Football World Cup
- Boys Handball World Cup
- Street Tags Reward trip to O2