



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 9th November 2018



Dear Parents,



Today we had the most important assembly of our school year and in many ways the most important assembly for many years.

Mr. Durrant led our school family through a history of the 100 years of Remembrance and did so in an informative and moving way. We were blessed to have some of our parents and governors present and at 11am the Y6s went to the memorial at St. Luke's community centre where their engagement and behaviour was exemplary (as ever). We talked about how it's always the older generation that sends youngsters to war and that now, more than ever, it is the job of our children to bring peace to our troubled world. They are our future and I'm confident that the future will be safe in *our* children's hands. We finished with a quote that some people attribute to the philosopher Edmund Burke

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."

A special thanks to Mr. Durrant who produced an assembly that would be fit for a much wider audience than our small school.



Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thanks to all our families who came to meet with staff last week - we hope you liked having the meeting in the classroom and next time we will try and put some refreshments on for you.

Y5/6 Football

Next Wednesday our Y5&6 football teams travel to Star Primary - the head of Star may be a friend of mine - but the children know what is expected of them!!!

Governor Vacancy

In the next couple of weeks there will be an election for a new governor to help us run the school - we have two nominees and more information will follow soon.

Children in Need

Next Friday, the 16th November, is *Children in Need* day and the children are having a non-uniform spotty day. Any donations, however small, will be forwarded to the charity.

Spiders

Just over five weeks ago I asked for the borough pest control officers to inspect our premises in the light of the False Widow spider infestation in Newham. They finally turned up this week and told us we have significant numbers of spiders in certain outdoor areas - there are none inside the school. The spiders are hiding out of sight but if disturbed they can give a bite that causes a reaction like a bee sting. This Sunday myself and Mr. Bonner our site supervisor will be in attendance as all outdoor areas are fumigated. On Monday morning at 6.45am we will inspect premises for any presence of spiders in the open and we will close the Nursery and Reception gardens for a few days next week. It is not anticipated that the school will have any problem staying open but if you have any concerns for your child please see SLT staff in the playground on Monday morning.

Medical Appointments

Usual reminders again from the Office about GP and other medical appointments: unless an emergency, please make all medical, dental, optician appointments for after school. Absences, no matter how small, do impact on your child's learning.

Uniforms

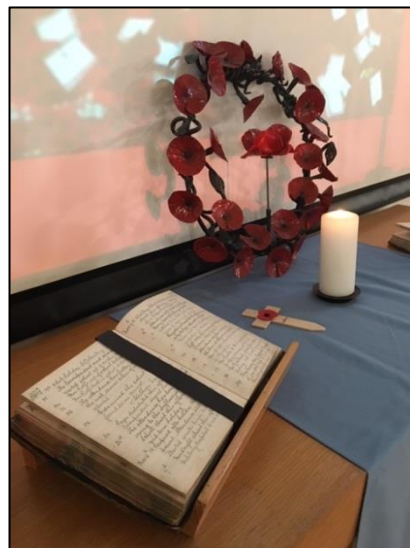
For school uniforms please follow this link for Tesco's online shop. For all purchases through this system, the school receives a small donation from Tesco's. <https://tinyurl.com/y7acnarm>

Changes to Pupil Premium Grant:

Please note changes to our pupil premium grant (the money we can get to help support certain children). Please follow the link on our website for further information.

Many thanks and have a joyful weekend

Matt Hipperson



(See Diary dates and advert on next page)

Dates for your diary

- Mon 12th Nov.....Meeting for parents wishing their child to join Reception in Sept. 2019
(9.00 am in hall)
- Wed 14th Nov.....Session for Rec parents who missed the reading evening
- Fri 16th Nov..... Pudsey Bear Spotty Day – 50p donation goes to BBC fund
- Fri 23rd Nov..... NO GOLDEN ASSEMBLY– phonics for YR parents in hall
- Wed 28th Nov..... Y1 trip to see Gruffalo at Stratford Theatre
- Thurs 29th Nov..... Rec trip to see Gruffalo at Stratford theatre
- Tues Dec 4th London Fire Brigade visiting Y2&5
- Mon 10th Dec..... Bigfoot Panto – Pinocchio -9.30-11 AM
- Tues 11th Dec..... School choir to sing carols in Waitrose (lunchtime)
- Wed. 12th Dec..... EYFS Christmas Fayre AM & Y3/4 Girls footie PM
- Fri 14th Dec..... Y1 Christmas Journey (AM) River Church
- Mon. 17th Dec..... KS1 Dress Rehearsal (AM)
- Tues 18th Dec..... EYFS dress rehearsal (AM) KS1 show for parents (PM)
- Wed 19th Dec..... EYFS show for parents (AM) Y5/6 Boys basketball tourno (PM)
- Thurs. 20th Dec..... Christingle Assembly (AM) &
Christmas parties (KS1: 1.15-2pm, KS2: 2.15-3pm)
- Fri. 21st Dec..... Attendance assembly and awards for Growth Mindset (AM)

School closes at 1pm – Christmas dinner for homeless 2-5pm

It's **penguin-ing** to look
a lot **like Christmas!**

12-6pm

**Saturday 1st
December**

Free Event

Pedal Powered
Screening of
Happy Feet
4.30pm - 6pm

Christmas Markets
Penguin Decoration Workshop
12pm - 4pm

Hot street food stalls
12pm - 6pm

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