27th November 2023

Dear Parents & Carers.

Parent/Teacher meetings

It was lovely to see so many parents in for their child's parent/teacher meetings last week. It is always a vital time in the school year when we get the chance to have an in-depth chat with one another and think what needs to be done to maximise learning. It is the partnership between school and family that gives the child the best opportunity for 'growth'. It also marked the beginning of a month of activities and opportunities for families to come into school, whether for Christmas concerts, to see Bishop Lynne for her visit or to help out with some of the visits that are planned. Whatever the reason it would be great to see you all in the school if you have the time.



Special Visitor

Monday the 11th December sees the Bishop of Barking Lynne Cullens visit St. Luke's to officially launch our new *Vision & Values*. She will be leading an Act of Worship at 9-9.30am followed by tea and coffee with her until 10am so if you would like to come please email me at:

ht@st-luke's.newham.sch.uk to reserve a place.
Bishop Lynne

Staying Safe

We recognise that mobile phones are part of everyday life for many children and that they can play an important role in helping pupils to feel safe and secure. However, when they are being used in the streets around the school they can also encourage muggers – we have had a spate of thefts in this area including from one of our parents. We also recognise that they are a distraction in school and a safeguarding risk as they can be used to access the internet unsupervised.

Therefore:

- Pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones into school if they are walking to or from school without parents (**Years 5/6 only**).
- The phone must be handed in to the office for Y5 children or the Headteacher's Office for Y6 children and must be switched off.
- The phone is left at the owner's own risk and the school is not responsible for loss or damage.
- Phones should not be taken on school trips/visits. Where mobile phones are used in or out of school to bully or intimidate others, then the head teacher does have the power to intervene 'to such an extent to keep children safe even when they are off the school site' and we have used this power in the past.

We have had a couple of instances where phones have not been handed in at the beginning of the day and this is totally unacceptable – if a phone is discovered then it will be confiscated by the HT and will only be given back to the parent/carer, even if the pupil needs it at home time – please tell your child this is the 'responsibility' that goes with the 'right' to bring a phone in.

It is that time of year! The Christmas Early Years and Foundation Stage pupils are now preparing for their Christmas extravaganza! Don't miss it!

Information from LBN (Newham)

Please share with your families that SENDIASS will be delivering a drop-in service at East Ham library every Thursday and Friday 9-12, starting from 23.11.23 **Address**: 328 Barking Rd, London E6 2RT

How do SENDIASS help? We offer knowledge, advice and support based on SEND statutory process and duties. That is advice and support around: SEN Support and all aspects of the education, health and care plan (EHCP); exclusions (where the pupil has SEN); and SEND Tribunal cases Meeting support.

For further information - Newham
Families Advice and Support I SENDIASS
Kind regards,

Rumaisa Patel I She/Her

EH Information and Referral Officer I Children & Young People's Services

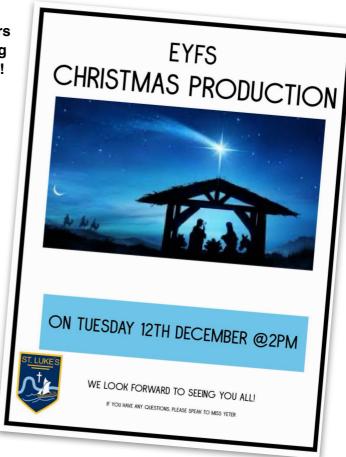
London Borough of Newham

Christmas Community Fair
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE (right)
to the 16th December

In the News

Y2 & Y5 had a visit from a Firefighter this week aimed at helping them understand how to stay safe in and outside of the home. For the Y5s this helps prepare them for their Young Citizenship visit in Y6 where they meet all of the emergency services.

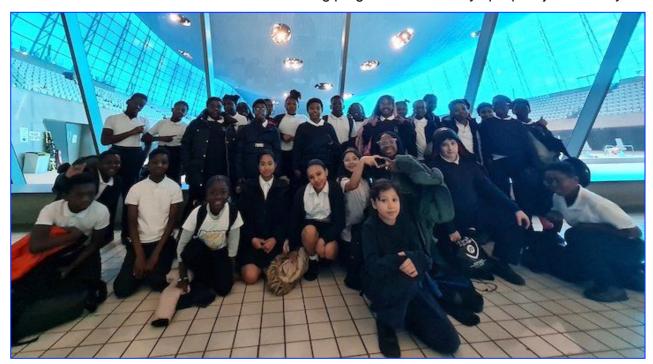






Y6 Swimming

Our Y6s have just completed their 10-day intensive swimming course and finished with a fun swim after their assessments. We moved our swimming programme to the Olympic pool just over a year



ago and it has been really successful. Unfortunately we were told this week that the company that runs the lessons has lost the bid to keep teaching the lessons and will have to stop on the 29th Feb. 2024. This means we have had to change our plans to make sure that our Y4s, 5s &6s all get the best possible teaching by the end of next Summer. Our Y4s will now go on the first two weeks after the February half-term and the Y5s have been brought forward from the Summer to the first two weeks back after Christmas. This is closer together than we planned but it is vital that the children get the best tuition possible to help them stay healthy and safe.





Upcoming Dates

Click on the link below for all the term dates this year:

Final academic-calendar-2023-2024 (st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)

November

28th Google online safety assembly – KS2

29th Architecture in Schools awards – Tower Hamlets 5-7pm Parents invited to attend with their Y4 child

December

1st Christmas pudding Assembly 9am

1st PM KS2 Debate - Parents invited

5th Y3 Build a New World visit

7th & 8th YN Home visits for new children

11th Bishop Lynne visits St. Luke's 9am Parents invited

12th PM EYFS Nativity - Parents invited

13th Choir singing Christmas Carols at Waitrose to raise money for River Foodbank

14th PM Little Red Riding Hood visiting Pantomime

15th AM Christmas Music assembly

15th PM KS1 Christmas show – Parents invited

18th Dec. 9am Christingle Service Parents Invited

18th Dec PM Class Christmas parties

19th Dec. End of Term Awards - Parents invited

19th Dec. School closes for Christmas Holiday at 1pm – school re-opens normal time

Thursday the 4th January 2024

Please check out the flyers below regarding support for Paren/Carers Have a good week

M. K

Matt Hipperson Head Teache

Parent/Carer Champion Network (PCCN)

BE A PARENT/CARER CHAMPION

Calling All Parents & Carers in Newham!

Do you feel that navigating the statutory sector systems is a challenging process?

Join the PCCN and become a **Parent/Carer Champion** to effectively navigate the statutory sector systems (such as the Education and Criminal Justice System) through **free training** and community engagement to better support your children and young people.

Benefits of Being a Parent/Carer Champion:

- Receive relevant training and support in navigating the statutory sector systems.
- Strengthen local relationships through peer support.
- · Opportunity for professional development.

REFRESHMENTS & REASONABLE TRAVEL EXPENSES REIMBURSED

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Are you seeking support with navigating the statutory sector systems as parent or carer?

PCCN is a network of **local parents/carers** who are trained and better informed to navigate the statutory sector systems such as the Education system and the Criminal Justice system.

Parent/Carer Champions provide support to their peers by sharing knowledge and raising awareness of how parents/carers can access information, advice and guidance.

Become a PCCN member and enjoy the following benefits:

- Obtain support and guidance from parent/carer champions.
- Develop effective advocacy skills.
- Be part of a non-judgmental community.

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