



St Luke's News

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



Final Newsletter of the Academic Year, July 2019

Dear Parents,

I can honestly say that all of the staff are more tired than they have ever been but also very proud of what they have helped our children to achieve!

A school is quite an unhealthy place to work in, actually! Yes, you get good holidays, but the staff work at such fever pitch for the children that if they didn't completely cut away from it they would break down emotionally. I say this as someone who did many other jobs before coming into teaching so on that note, I want to pay a public tribute to my staff who give so much of themselves to the school – thank-you so much.

For my families I wish you some quality time, lots of rest and a safe space for the next few weeks. I am very proud to work for you!

Staff Leavers

Friday saw the last day at St. Luke's for Mr Jennings who has been with the school since he was young and fresh faced, 9 years ago! Mr. Jennings and his wife are going travelling round SE Asia and we wish them a safe and memorable journey. I would like to thank him for all his hard work for the school and especially his stewardship of our links to the Stand By Me charity whereby we sponsor the education of a group of children in Ethiopia and Myanmar (Burma).

We also say goodbye to Ms Galal and Ms Howe who will both be returning to family in Australia over the next few months. They have both been magnificent members of staff and it has been our privilege to have them work with our children – we dearly hope to see them again if they ever return this way!

Finally one of our mid-days Ms Temi Kolawale has also left us after 12 years service – we wish her all the best and thank her for all her care.

Y6 Leavers Assembly

It was a superb and emotional Y6 Leavers Assembly on Friday morning. Our children are so multi-talented that I have never felt prouder of a class in twenty years of teaching! The least of their accomplishments were their stunning SATs results which were a record for the school since the new more stringent tests came in 2016. Their ability to show forgiveness and compassion is positively uplifting: to get in someone else's skin and walk around a bit, to actually giving



up their weekend to go into Stratford to help feed the homeless (as one of our boys does), to kicking me into action to organise our own annual event for the homeless and to supporting each other through worries and struggles around work or sports. They are magnificent and in these troubled times they give us great hope – what a gift from God they are!

Message from the staff – for you!

Please click on the link below to see a fun message on Youtube from the staff to all our families – massive thanks to Ms Galal for organising this, I am sure you will enjoy it!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dxwu8z72Yi4>

Y5/6 end of year show – Reach for the Top



On Thursday evening our Y5/6s served up a wonderful play, organised about a sports day that had everything from humour to stomping songs to emotional acting – it was pure joy!

More Sporting Glory

In the final week of the year St. Luke's still could not be stopped. Our Y6 Boys went out and brought home yet another trophy by winning the Boys Handball championship. This is yet another accolade to go with our football and basketball champions. Wow, what a year – what children!



Remember, school for Y1-6 re-opens Wed. 4th September!

EY have separate starting times and will be informed of these.

And finally... A thought for the holidays;

“Self-care means
giving yourself
permission to pause.”

— Cecilia Tran

I wish you a joyful and peaceful Summer

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Some free activities for the holidays

- **Ragged School Museum 46-50 Copperfield Rd London E3 4RR**
- **Olympic Park has a great rope park near the Velodrome**
- **Thames Barrier Park N Woolwich Rd, Royal Docks, London E16 2HP**