



# St Luke's News

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



**22nd November 2019**

*Dear Parents*

*Next week St. Luke's will show the politicians of this country how to behave as we formally debate the motion: 'Britain should have another referendum on Brexit'.*

Our staff received some training in October around how to teach effective stating and evidencing of an opinion and our children have been building up to this for a couple of weeks. There will be an excellent exchange of views, conducted in a respectful attitude and a secret ballot vote at the end to establish the school's position on this contentious subject. All parents of KS2 children are welcome to witness democracy in action from 1.30-3pm next Friday – don't miss it!

## **Parent/Teacher Meetings**

Thanks to all staff and parents for your meetings this week – it was lovely to catch up with so many of you and also see partnership in action aimed at giving our children the best opportunities possible.

## **Shooting Star!**

Congratulations to DS in Y6 who has been selected to play for the Newham Boys under 11 football team, which is a major achievement when you consider the rich history of football in this borough. On speaking with his proud parents it was quickly apparent that sporting success leads to increased confidence which in turn leads to academic success and is one of the reasons we promote sports and music as key pillars of our strategy to get the best outcomes we can for our children.



## **Parent-School Partnership Events**

We have two parent engagement events this week. Firstly there is a repeat of the *Early Reading Session* for YR & YN parents in the hall from 9-9.40 on Tues. 26<sup>th</sup> November and also a repeat of the *Reciprocal Reading Session* (how we teach your children to read and pass SATs and 11 plus tests) in the hall at 5-6pm on Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Sun Newspaper Offer**

If you read *The Sun* could you cut out the book vouchers/school tokens in *The Sun* and *The Sun on Sunday* from Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2020. This will help us to claim up to £600 of free books for our library. You can hand them into the office – Thanks.

## **Mathletics and Reading Eggs**

During the parent meetings this week you should have discussed with the teachers the use of *Mathletics* and *Reading Eggs/Express* as ways of helping your child gain confidence in their core skills. All our own internal data shows that if you want your child to achieve the best results then regular engagement (just 15 minutes a day) with these digital platforms is the best way of ensuring this. We pay for the licenses so please try to make best use of them – if you have forgotten or lost your login please contact your class teacher.

**And finally...** Golden Assembly pupils and families. Well done everybody!!



Have a fantastic week.

*Matt Hipperson*

Head Teacher

## **Autumn Term Dates 2019**

### **November**

**26<sup>th</sup> EYFS Early Reading morning 9-9.40 am in main hall – parents welcome**

**27<sup>th</sup> Y1 class assembly 29<sup>th</sup>- parents welcome**

**27<sup>th</sup> Reciprocal Reading for Y5/6 parents 5pm in hall**

**28<sup>th</sup> YR theatre to visit – The Gruffalo Stratford Circus**

**29<sup>th</sup> Y1 theatre to visit – The Gruffalo Stratford Circus**

**29<sup>th</sup> KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome**

**December**

**9<sup>th</sup> Nursery Christmas craft stay and play**

**9<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing at Waitrose in Canary Wharf raising money for the homeless**

**11<sup>th</sup> EYFS Christmas production 9.30am**

**12<sup>th</sup> School Closed for General Election**

**13<sup>th</sup> Christmas Jumper day**

**13<sup>th</sup> Jack and the Beanstalk Panto for whole school**

**16<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing 55 Ruscoe Rd**

**17<sup>th</sup> Christmas dinner for children**

**18<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas production**

**19<sup>th</sup> Christingle service 9am parents welcome**

**19<sup>th</sup> PM Children's Christmas parties**

**20<sup>th</sup> St Luke's closing date for applications to start YR Sept. 2020**

**20<sup>th</sup> School closes @ 1pm for Christmas holidays- Dinner for the Homeless @ 2pm – school re-opens for children Tues 7<sup>th</sup> January**



**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 4-7PM**  
**RATHBONE MARKET SQUARE E16 1EH**



**REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED**