



# St Luke's News

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



6th December 2019

Dear Parents

*[Our Ofsted report has been put up on the website under the 'About Us' tab and in 'Ofsted & SIAMs Report' section. I want to say a huge thank-you to all of the staff who work so hard for your children and also to you our wonderful parents who work with us so well.](#)*

The most stunning thing about the school is our beautiful children who continually inspire and amaze us with their humour and zest for life. Thank God for them! Below is an extract from the letter I have posted on the website with the report:

*'The school was last inspected in July 2008. Since that inspection there have been three different inspection frameworks with the latest one being introduced in September 2019. Each framework has had different priorities and this latest one is concentrated less on data levels at Year 6 and more about the 'curriculum' throughout the entire school. Each change has led to an ever more rigorous approach and this inspection involved two inspectors with us for two full days.*

*We were extremely pleased to receive this report which agreed with our own self-evaluation that St. Luke's is a 'Good' school, on a journey of modernisation to help it give our children the best chance to thrive in these very challenging times. As the lead inspector said in his feedback to senior leaders, governors and borough advisors 'the school would have still been graded 'outstanding' if we were inspecting under the 2008 framework' and to remember that 'getting good under this new more rigorous framework is a significant achievement for schools'.*

*We were pleased they recognised the aspirations both the school and our parents have for all children and that children feel safe and enjoy their learning. They also noted the three year rise in Y6 test results (which put us in the top 4% in the country this year!) although they do not focus on this as much as they used to. They speak about the good behaviour in lessons and the impact the school's values have had on this and on their approach to their local environment and the homelessness issue that surrounds them...'*

## **Election next week**

A reminder to all that the school is closed to children **next Thursday** as it is a polling station and the Borough is expecting a large voter turnout. Please check out other dates over the next two weeks at the end of this newsletter. There are plenty of opportunities for you to come in over the next two weeks and see the children in shows – as ever, you are all most welcome.

## **Future Champions**

Our Y2 football team entered a competition at Vicarage primary School this week and showed great promise for the future. They played seven games and only let one goal in! That was a penalty in the shoot-out that meant they came runners-up but they played lots of swarming football and are already making us think they will be champs by the time they get to Y6!



Have a great weekend

*Matt Hipperson*

Head Teacher

## **Autumn Term Dates 2019**

### **December**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> Carol Singing to raise money for the homeless event**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 football tournament (Girls)**

**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 sheltered housing**

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

**17<sup>th</sup> Miss Robyn's Christmas show Pirates & Fairies for parents - 5pm**

**18<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas production 9.30am parents welcome**

**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**