



St Luke's News

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



17th January 2020

Dear Parents

Those schools in the borough of Newham, like our own, that are determined not to join Multi Academy Trusts (MATs) have finally reached a stage where they are going to combine to improve education for our children.

In a really exciting development 25 schools met together this week to plan the work of *Newham Learning*, our new organisation aimed at co-operation and sharing of resources. Next week will also see the heads of Newham Music and London Borough of Newham (LBN) finance teams visit our school to talk to the children about the difference our various music projects are making. It is something we are enormously proud of (including our links to the London Symphony Orchestra opera project). Newham Music's Saturday School began again this weekend so please remember, your child, as a pupil of St Luke's, doesn't have to pay any fees for attending.

Thank-you Carol!

After 14 years on the governing body, Carol Owen has stepped down. At our latest meeting this week the governors were able to give her a small token of our thanks which was outdone by Carol being Carol and cooking us all a meal! That's Carol - a shining example of caring for others and always smiling whilst doing so. No need to panic though, you will still see her around the school working hard on keeping it clean and fresh and of course, at celebration events.



Big smiles and a thank you to Carol



Y2 delve into London's deadly past

Firing Up the Past

Year 2 had a great time visiting the Museum of London last Tuesday when they explored the 'Plague Gallery' as part of their work investigating the [Great Fire of London](#) (ask them when it took place!) which started in a bakery. So next week they will be baking bread with Miss Aulakh – the Fire Brigade has been warned! 😊



Tom the visiting curate meets St Luke's

Church assemblies are back!

After nearly 6 months of not having a vicar to lead our usual Thursday Church/School worship, we had a Curate, Tom, visit us for a week long 'experience'. He had a great time visiting lessons and chatting with children and was amazed by the level children have to reach by the end of Y6, especially in maths. This leads us on to the arrival of our new vicar, Amy Strode, who the children know so well. Her licensing ceremony is on Mon. the 3rd February and she will reinstate the church worship for our children immediately.

St Luke's in the News

We were extremely pleased to see that our recent work in December, our Christmas meal for our local homeless, did not go unnoticed and an article featured in Newham's education newsletter '*The Education Space*'. You can read the full article [here](#).

And Finally...[This week's Golden Assembly heroes!](#)



Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Spring Term Dates 2020

January 2020:

18th Saturday music school begins for Spring Term 9-1pm

20th Science 'Buzz' day for KS2

21st Y6 visit to Stratford Circus to see 'The Little Prince'

22nd Y5 class Assembly – Parents welcome

22nd Holocaust workshop with KS2 PM

23rd Y1 trip to Science Museum

24th Y4 Opera project resumes PM

25th Chinese New Year – Year of the Rat

27th Holocaust Memorial Event East Ham Townhall

29th Y3 class assembly – Parents welcome

29th Y4 Public speaking training for competition in March

30th Y6 Trip to Science Museum

31st Y4 trip to Tate Modern to see their photo in Steve McQueen exhibition

February 2020:

3rd New Vicar licensing service in hall 7pm – Parents welcome

5th Y4 class assembly – Parents welcome

5th Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics Langdon

11th Y5/6 Girls West Ham Football Tournament

12th Y2 class assembly

13th Y6 trip to Foreign & Commonwealth office

13th Girls Football Tourno Beckton

14th Schools ends normal time for Half-Term

24th School re-opens normal time after Half-Term

24th Y5 & 6 working with Young Shakespeare company on Mid-Summer Night's Dream

26th Class group photos for parents to buy

March 2020:

4th Y1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome

6th St. Luke's World Book Day – dress as a favourite character

9th-13th Science Week

9th Coffee Morning for parents

10th Concert at The Barbican for Y4

11th Y3/4 Mixed Handball Tournament Langdon School

18th Y1 sports tournament @ Elmhurst School

24th & 25th Parent-Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm

25th Y3/4 Girls' sports tournament

31st 2pm Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome

April 2020:

1st 9.30am Repeat performance of Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome

1st Y3/4 boys Sports tournament

2nd West Ham United stadium tour as reward for selected children

Friday 3rd April School closes @ 1pm for Easter holidays-

re-opens for children Tues 21st April @ normal time