



St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 23rd November 2018

Dear Parents,



This week saw another visit from Steve Kersys from the Diocese of Chelmsford. This is the second assembly Steve has delivered on the theme that it is not good enough just to be created special by God - we have to work at making the choices that will allow us to fulfil God's promises and wishes for us. In January, Steve is going to come back and lead us in some spiritual artwork based around a Christian project begun by St. Paul's Cathedral and if this goes well some of our children will visit other Church of England schools to guide them through the work.

Website (www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk)

Mr Durrant and myself have been updating lots of the information on the website this week including more detailed information regarding our curriculum and more about our moving to teaching *Maths Mastery* through a Singapore based approach. Please have a look at the website as it has lots of useful links on it.

Winter Clothing

We were acutely aware of how ill-prepared some of our children were this week when the cold snap hit us. Many pupils were coming into school absolutely freezing, still wearing thin summer jackets and without fleeces or jumpers. Please, *please* make sure your child has enough layers (t-shirts under school shirts under jumpers/fleece, etc), a good winter coat and preferably a woollen hat, scarf and gloves. Also, when the cold and wet really hits us, please make sure your child has adequate footwear (if wearing wellies, it's best to wear an extra pair of socks). Wellies can be changed at school into normal shoes.



GP, Dentist, and other Health Appointments

Aside from reminding parents to try to make GP, optician and dentist appointments outside of normal school hours, if within school time, please let the office know in advance of any appointments.

Uniforms

Just a reminder that you can buy the full range of our uniform through the Tesco's online shop (and they also make a small donation towards the school when you buy!). See the link on the Uniform page of our website

<http://www.st-lukes.newham.sch.uk/page/?title=Uniforms&pid=17>

Governor Election

Below are statements from the two candidates for the governor elections.
Voting will be held next Thursday, 29th November, in KS2 playground and by the front gate at 8.30-9am and 3-3.30pm

Statement from Alexander in YN's mum:

As parents and guardians there is nothing more important than the education and overall wellbeing of our children. Working as a secondary school teacher, I understand the hard work involved in the running of a school and I feel that this allows me to see things from two different perspectives. To be given the opportunity of becoming a governor would allow me to make a difference. I would be a governor who;

- is excited and passionate about finding out the day to day experience of the school - i.e. the achievements and difficulties faced by staff and pupils*
- will help the school achieve its aims*

Kind regards,

Ms Latoya Abatan

YN Parent & Mathematics Teacher

Statement from Dekari's dad in Y2

I have a good rapport with the majority of children and their parents at St Luke's primary school. I am approachable, professional and very understanding to people's needs.

I believe the parents of St Luke's already trust that their children are looked after when in my care. If elected, I would be able to help parents with any interests in the school they may have, whilst continuing to maintain a strategic approach to school governance. Raising educational standards and the children's welfare in St Luke's School would be my key priority.

Kind Regards

Mr Craig Knight

Y2 Parent & Mid-day Assistant

And finally, some food for thought...Do you choose your own personality?

Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Dates for your diary

- Wed 28th Nov..... Y1 trip to see Gruffalo at Stratford Theatre
- Thurs 29th Nov..... Rec trip to see Gruffalo at Stratford theatre
- Tues Dec 4th London Fire Brigade visiting Y2&5
- Mon 10th Dec..... Bigfoot Panto – Pinocchio -9.30-11 AM
- Tues 11th Dec..... School choir to sing carols in Waitrose (lunchtime)
- Wed. 12th Dec..... EYFS Christmas Fayre AM & Y3/4 Girls footie PM
- Fri 14th Dec..... Y1 Christmas Journey (AM) River Church
- Mon. 17th Dec..... KS1 Dress Rehearsal (AM)
- Tues 18th Dec..... EYFS dress rehearsal (AM) KS1 show for parents (PM)
- Wed 19th Dec..... EYFS show for parents (AM) Y5/6 Boys basketball tourno (PM)
- Thurs. 20th Dec..... Christingle Assembly (AM) &
Christmas parties (KS1: 1.15-2pm, KS2: 2.15-3pm)
- Fri. 21st Dec..... Attendance assembly and awards for Growth Mindset (AM)

School closes at 1pm – Christmas dinner for homeless 2-5pm