

St Luke's Newsletter



Friday 21st September 2018

Dear Parents,

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It was great to see so many parents come to our 'Meet the Teacher' mornings (see pictures below). The partnership we are building is one of the surest ways to get our children to fulfil their potential and over the last few weeks the staff, and now the children, have been working on another key ingredient regarding how we view ourselves as learners. This has been built upon an exploration of both fixed and growth mindsets. A fixed mindset can be when someone tells us - or we tell ourselves - that we can't do

something. Maths is a common example: "I'm no good with numbers!" is a phrase we sadly hear all too often. A growth mindset believes that we are always open to learning, that we will try and rise to the challenge of improvement and that it is in this process of mastering





something that we truly learn. This year we are going to be celebrating those children who are brave enough to make mistakes in their learning so they can progress rather than just stick with what they know. We are going to celebrate the process and effort of learning and not simply praise a child for telling us what they already knew - we aim to challenge them! If you want to know more about this, please talk with the staff.

Online Safety training for parents

On Tuesday the 25th September there is a session in the hall aimed at helping you support your child to stay safe when they are online. This is one of the biggest dangers our children face and can be challenging for parents when our children know more about technology than we do a lot of the time. Please come along to hear Amy from Colegrave give us some tips to build our confidence and help to keep our children safe.

Trip to Countryside Live

On Thursday this week our Y2&Y3s went on a trip to experience a little bit more of the features of rural wildlife. Although they only went to Walthamstow Marshes it was a very different environment to that of Canning Town. Thanks to Mr. Scott for organising this

trip and also for the way he supports all staff in our drive to give the children visits that will expand their view of the world. Next week our Y2s are out again, this time to the Florence Nightingale Museum and some of our Y1&2 footballers are playing a match at Avenue Primary. Please check the table below for upcoming dates of importance.



Pupil Premium Grant

Newham primary schools offer a free school lunch to children every day, which is of great benefit to many of our families. However, the government is also in a position to help many children whose families may find themselves in difficulties (with regards to unemployment and receiving benefits) by giving the school an additional £1300. This is called the Pupil Premium Grant. This money is given to the school to help towards that child's education. This could mean free after-school clubs, free trips, free breakfast clubs and free homework resources. However, we

cannot get this grant if you do not apply! If you think you may be eligible, it is easy to claim this grant by following a simple online process that can be accessed through the *Pupil Premium* link at the top of our home page on St Luke's website or see below. Please do not hesitate to talk to myself or a member of staff if you have any queries.

https://www.newham.gov.uk/Pages/Services/Free-school-meals.aspx

And finally, a reminder about medical appointments. Unless it is an emergency, all appointments for GPs or dentists must be made for <u>before or after school</u>.

Have a peaceful weekend



Dates for your diary	
Tues 25 th Sept	Online safety meeting for parents in the hall 3.30- 4.30pm
Fri 28 th Sept	Y2 trip to Florence Nightingale exhibition.
W/B Mon 1 st Oct	Bikeability course for Y5
Thurs 5 th Oct	Teaching of reading evening for YR 5.30-6.30 in main hall
Wed 10 th Oct	Y5 class assembly 9am
Mon. 15 th Oct	Royal Shakespeare Company working with Y5 & Y6 on Macbeth
Tues. 16 th Oct	Puzzle challenge day
Wed. 17 th Oct	Y2 class assembly 9am
Fri. 19 th Oct	Community Breakfast – come and have breakfast with your child!
Fri 19 th OctBlack History Month Assembly	
Fri 19 th Oct	School closes for half term and re-opens on Tues. 30 th Oct (Mon 29 th is a teacher training day)
Tues. 6 th & Wed 7 th .NovParent meetings	









Y2 & Y3 experience country life at the at Countryside Live show, Lea Valley

