



St Luke's News

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



Friday 8th February 2019

Dear Parents,

This week has been about us making links with schools around us and using these opportunities to help us grow...

Some of our staff attended a moderation event at Star Primary on Wednesday aimed at helping staff compare where our children's writing is compared to other schools and national standards. Next week we will be welcoming staff from a school in Tower Hamlets who are looking to improve their children's writing and would like to see how we teach writing through a topic based curriculum. Next week also sees a team from 'Creative Schools' coming to help us plan a special innovation week for the Summer term where we intend to solve some of the world's big problems with help from real engineers! March will see us working closely with other Newham schools as well as a lengthy piece of collaboration with a Church of England school in Barking and Dagenham whereby they will help us with our Maths development and we will assist them with RE and Reading. These exchanges of ideas and best practice help us to develop as a school and increase the excitement for learning in our children.

Parent Workshop

Your support for the parent workshops we have been running this half term has been fantastic.

After a string of school-related workshops (phonics for EY and KS1, music for SEND,



reading training for Y5&6 parents), this morning saw us looking at health topics and **thirty** parents attended a fun quiz aimed at helping us all realise the dangers

of too much sugar and salt in our food as well as recognising what a healthy portion size might look like for our children. The session was run by Grainne Sheehy who works as a catering development officer for NPW. This was the first time she has hosted such a session and we intend to build on this by hosting another session specifically on healthy alternatives to sugar and salt laden food in the summer term.

Inspiration this week

The Y4's had a visit from 'Thorgill the Viking' this week to help them immerse themselves in Norse culture and the Viking Sagas in particular.



Inspiration next week

Next week we have Steve Kersys from the Diocese of Chelmsford coming to work with some of the children on supporting their spirituality and also supporting wellbeing and self image from a Christian perspective. The children will make their own triptych and we will include an example of this artwork in next week's newsletter.

Sports News

Our Y5/6 boys and girls football teams went to Chobham this week to play a game and do some joint training. Our boys won 3-1 despite not playing as well as they usually can and the girls took part in a joint training session to help them prepare for their West Ham tournament today which sees them trying to qualify for a regional final at a Premier league ground. Good luck girls – I will let you know next week how we got on.



On Tuesday, some of our SEND children took part in an adapted sports tournament and it has made us want to deliver a SEND sports day for 5 or 6 schools at St Luke's in the Summer, so these children can have the thrill of taking part in competitive sports.

School Uniform

As mentioned in last week's letter, as of 12th February Tesco will no longer run the school uniform supply site. A new company called 'My Clothing' will be taking it

over. It will run exactly the same and they offer the same incentives as Tesco did with the 5% donation to the school still being applicable. Here is the link for the company (which can also be found in the [‘Uniform’](#) section of our school’s website): www.myclothing.com

Parent Meetings

It’s that time of term again! Reminder that our next Parent/Teacher meetings are on **Tuesday the 26th March** and **Wednesday the 27th March** (3:30-6pm) – please keep these dates free. Signing up sheets will go up on classroom doors on the week of 18th March.

Have a peaceful weekend!

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Spring dates for your diary

February

- 11th - Boys Football match (at home) vs Star Primary straight after school
- 13th - Spiritual artwork for KS2 with Steve Kersys
- 13th - Y5 Citizens day Tate & Lyle
- 13th - **No clubs due to staff training**
- 14th Y3/4 girls football tournament
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18th-22nd SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HALF-TERM (WiFi being upgraded)

- 25th - Whole school Science Engagement Day
- 27th Y5/6 Table Tennis competition Langdon School

March

- 5th - Y4&5 visiting Chelmsford Cathedral - Eco Drama Day for EYFS & KS1
- 13th-15th - Book Fayre at school
- 15th - St. Luke’s World Book Day celebrations
- 25th - Hamlet (Young Shakespeare Co.) with Y5&6 all day
- **26th & 27th Parent Evenings 3.30-6pm**
- 29th - ‘Wear a Hat’ day for brain cancer research

April

- 3rd - Y3/4 Easter production for parents - 2 PM
- 4th - School closes for Easter