



St Luke's News

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



11th October 2019

Dear Parents,

This week was a very special one for St. Luke's as Bishop Stephen visited our school and we enjoyed his humour, storytelling and most importantly his advice about how much Jesus loves us.

He had tea and cakes with our School Councillors and the Worship Team, and fielded some tricky questions from our fired up Y6s around the Five Marks of Mission - and was blown away when one of our children knew that his special purple ring featured an amethyst stone! He asked me to emphasise to our entire community what a lovely time he had on Tuesday, what a great school we have and that it was "A fantastic visit."



Christian leadership

Congratulations to Miss Norcross who found out this week that she has passed the Church of England's church leadership course with flying colours. This involved elements of school improvement, presentations to third parties, essays and many hours of study.

The 'Big Soup'

Well done to Mrs Aulakh and Mrs Harding for helping our Y1&2 children make a community 'Big Soup' this week. Some parents joined the children and staff in enjoying their wonderful creation! Expanding our frequency of cooking with the children is one of the things we are working towards this year.

Developing Reading Skills

A big thanks also to Mrs Tarbuck who led a session on how parents can help their children develop 'deeper' reading skills using our *Reciprocal Reading* approach. Parents from Y5&6 were able to work alongside their own child and now have a better understanding of this reading approach which develops a wide range of reading skills that helps the reader understand the different layers and meanings hidden in a story. These skills include

understand the meaning of new words and the way they are used, summarising a text and finding a theme, finding answers hidden in the text and to be reading detectives and put pieces of a puzzle together to understand those parts of the text that the author only gives subtle clues about. It's a fun and engaging approach to teaching reading in schools and with 20 minutes of reading every evening to develop stamina, our pupils are well prepared for their future. We aim to repeat this workshop again in an evening in November, so please watch the Newsletter for further details

Y2 Class Assembly

This week we were also treated to our Y2s re-telling the struggles of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale to save patients from needlessly dying due to infections in dirty hospitals during the Crimean war of 1853-6. They were in role and it did include some patients who looked near to death! But our wonderful nurses brought them back to life!



Hairbands

We have had an upsurge in *really* large bows being worn by some girls – any excessively large and distracting hairbands will be removed by staff and given back at the end of the day. Please use simple and practical hair devices – this is a place of work for the children.

Parking/Driving

Can all parents be aware of how poor parking/driving can make the area outside the front gate of our school a less safe place – please show the utmost care so we can all be safe.

Website: Parents' Page

Please check out the Parents Page heading on our website for details of some fun things to do this half-term as well as details of some of Newham Council run services.

And remember..!

School Closed

Next week is half-term holiday and the school will re-open for children on **Tuesday the 29th Oct.**

Please also check out the Diary dates below and be aware of any changes.

And finally...Golden Assembly

Here are this week's 'Golden' families – well done!



Have a peaceful weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Autumn Term Dates 2019

October -

28th Mon school closed for training

29th Tues school re-opens for children as normal

29th Young Shakespeare Co. working in school with Y5&6

30th AM Open Morning in Reception class for any prospective starters Sept. 2020

31st Closing date for secondary applications from Y6 children

November

4th Y6 visit to the Foreign Office AM

4th EYFS Teaching of Reading evening for parents

5th EYFS Moving to Reception 2020 meeting for YN parents 9am - This is a change from original date

6th Y4 class assembly parents welcome

7th Y5 Rivers & Lakes day Hertfordshire

11th Remembrance Assembly - parents welcome

11th Y5 trip to Houses of Parliament

11th SEND coffee morning 8.45 am parents welcome

19th & 20th Parent meetings 3.30 -6pm

20th Y3 class assembly 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

26th EYFS early maths morning 9-10 am in main hall - parents welcome

27th Y1 class assembly 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

28th YR theatre to visit - The Gruffalo Stratford Circus

29th Y1 theatre to visit - The Gruffalo Stratford Circus

29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

December

W/O 2nd Y6 Mock SATs

6th Nursery Christmas craft stay and play 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

9th Carol Singing off-site

11th EYFS Christmas production 2.30pm 29th KS2 debate PM in hall parents welcome

12th Christmas Jumper day and Christmas dinner for children

13th Jack n the Beanstalk Panto for whole school

16th Carol Singing off-site

18th KS1 Christmas production

19th Christingle service 9am parents welcome

19th PM Children's Christmas parties

20th St. Luke's closing date for applications to start YR Sept. 2020

**20th School closes @ 1pm for Christmas holidays- Dinner for the Homeless
@ 2pm - school re-opens for children Tues 7th January**