

St Luke's News



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

15 November 2019

Dear Parents,

Well, last week's Ofsted Inspection was certainly a whirlwind production!! The inspectors were incredibly rigorous and thorough and it was an experience (first time for many staff) that will help our efforts to be the best we can be for our children

Thanks so much for all your kind comments to our two inspectors – it is so important in such a 'pacey' inspection format that parental voices are heard and I am very grateful to those parents who took time out of their busy lives to feedback to them. The report is not likely to be published for another 4 weeks so more information will come when I am allowed to share it with you.

But life at St Luke's doesn't stop for Ofsted and in the last two weeks there have been trips to the source of a river in Hertfordshire, the Houses of Parliament, the Museum of Docklands and the Young Citizen training at the Tate & Lyle factory. Next week sees parent/teacher meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday and thanks to Mr. Scott for organising the appointments via the cloud.

Remembrance

Monday saw us commemorate Remembrance, one of our traditional highlights of the school year. The children immaculately observed a minutes silence at 11am and then Y2 & Y6 attended a short service at the War Memorial in Tarling Road. This was a culmination of 5 different acts of worship aimed at helping us to understand the horror of the conflicts, the sacrifices made and the need to remember so 'we' don't go back there.





Pudsey Bear's Big Read for Children in Need

What a week! The pupils of St Luke's looked fabulous in pyjamas, nighties and onesies! Thanks so much to parents for your fabulous support as always! We have had a great day, especially when each class were welcomed into our giant bedroom for a special bedtime read. We enjoyed stories in English, in French and stories from all around the world. We even made new friends...with a very friendly dinosaur!

And then, to top off the day, we opened the doors early to some great storytellers...YOU! Thank you so much for giving up your time to be our mystery readers. The pupils (and staff) loved hearing new stories and celebrating the love of language with you! It was a pleasure sharing our teacher chairs with you! There are some great photos below including some of our wonderful parent-storytellers.



Summer 2019 Reading Challenge

And on the subject of reading, last week we gave out certificates for those children who completed our reading challenge - 6 books in 6 weeks! Congratulations to our readers.



Until next week, have a great weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

November

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

27th Reciprocal Reading for Y5/6 parents 5pm in hall

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

6th Nursery Christmas craft stay and play 29th

9th Carol Singing at Witrose in Canary Wharf raising money for the homeless

11th EYFS Christmas production 9.30am

12th School Closed for General Election

13th Christmas Jumper day

13th Jack and the Beanstalk Panto for whole school

16th Carol Singing 55 Ruscoe Rd

17th Christmas dinner for children

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