



# St Luke's News

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



**Friday 15th March, 2019**

Dear Parents,

*Today our children and staff had a special day to celebrate World Book Day with the opportunity of dressing up as a story-book character and a chance to buy a book with their school bank money. It also brought to a close our week-long sponsored reading challenge in aid of our linked charity Stand By Me.*

It is so important for us to foster that love of a story in our children for academic success but more importantly for the sheer enjoyment of 'losing' yourself in a book. On Monday after school there will also be a chance for you to come along and buy some books – they are heavily discounted (some by as much as 60%) to make them affordable for all so please come along.



## **Funding Cuts**

Whilst we talk of money, I have to let you know that the school has had a very large cut in funding this year (7.5% down on last year) and I am currently working on how we can keep providing all the extra learning opportunities for our children that are so important to their overall development such as trips out and specialist visitors in. We have worked so hard to keep any requests for money to an absolute minimum – an example being Breakfast Club and After School Club which are both subsidised by the school (in other words, the money we charge does not cover our costs). I will write to you in the summer with any changes that we have to make but please be conscious of the fact that they will be borne out of budget pressure and not because we are trying to make money.



## **New life in St. Luke's**

Our annual Easter incubation of a clutch of chicken eggs brought great excitement amongst children, staff and visitors this week as, one by one, the chicks hatched. We had a Full Governing Board meeting on Wednesday evening and I have to say that some Governors were clearly distracted by the chirping of chicks - or maybe they were just bored by my report!

### **Visitors this week**

We had visits from the head and deputy from George Carey CofE school in Barking on Tuesday helping us with a maths learning walk in the Key Stage 2 classes. They are a school that moved three years ago to the Singapore approach to maths that we have adopted and they helped us analyse what we are doing well and what could be improved. Then on Thursday the senior school advisor from the Diocese of Chelmsford and her deputy visited the school to pilot a new way for us to quality assure the delivery of our curriculum. It was a really useful morning session and we will be further building on this during our senior leadership meeting next week.

### **Parents' Meetings**

Letters will go out on Monday about the parent meetings at the end of March. Please look out for them.

### **School Uniform Website**

The school uniform website [www.myclothing.com](http://www.myclothing.com), has announced they have now added white polo shirts and later this spring will introduce a full zip fleece showerproof jacket. They are also phasing out some older patterns and apologise for any confusion this may cause.

### **Internet Safety Advice: Part 2**

Following on from last weeks instruction on how to keep your children safe from harmful material on the internet, please find a second set of instructions at the end of this newsletter, this time showing you how to place child restrictions on iPads. These instructions (as well as the YouTube settings discussed last week, are available as a pdf download on our website on the E-Safety page).

I hope you have a fantastic weekend

**Matt Hipperson**

Head Teacher

Staff and children  
enjoying our World  
Book Day assembly  
on Friday morning





Our golden assembly children and families for this week.

## Spring Term Dates

### March

18 <sup>th</sup>	Y1 to Mudchute Farm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Six Y4 children – Church of England debating competition in Chelmsford
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Great British Spring Clean – Canning Town area
25 <sup>th</sup>	Hamlet (Young Shakespeare Co.) with Y5&6 all day
26 <sup>th</sup> & 27 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Evenings 3.30-6pm
28 <sup>th</sup>	Community meal to say goodbye to Fr Dave Wade
28 <sup>th</sup> 2.45pm	Meeting about the French trip for Y4
29 <sup>th</sup>	'Wear a Hat' day for brain cancer research

### April

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y3/4 Easter production for parents – 2 PM
4 <sup>th</sup>	School closes for Easter, 1pm

# Making your iPad Kid-friendly

## Turning on restrictions on I pads

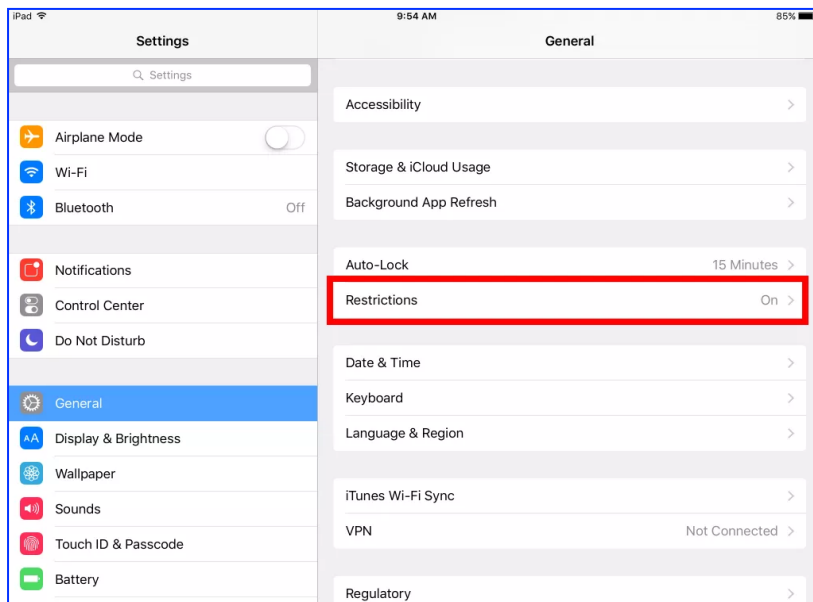
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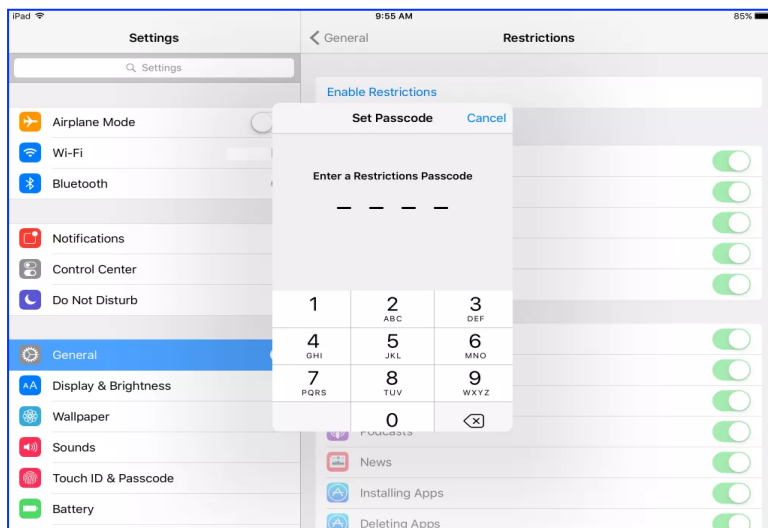
Go to **General**

Then **Restrictions**

Tap and add a password



**Note: do not share password with children if you want to have a bit more control with ipad usage. Once iPad turns off, this password will be needed to unlock it. Do not use a password that is memorable to whole family eg: 1111 or a birthday or 0000 etc.**



## Changing password

Go to [Settings](#)

Tap on [General](#)

Then [Password - enter password](#)

Pop-up - [enter new password](#) when prompted

Note: tap on required password at this point and change to immediately. This will require the iPad to seek password whenever iPad logs out.

## Disabling App Store - This will stop children downloading apps without adult permission

Go to [Settings](#)

Tap on [iTunes and Apple ID](#)

Tap on [Apple ID](#)

Then [Sign out](#) when prompted.

## Turning off in-app purchases

Go onto [Ipad settings](#)

Go to [General](#)

Then [Restrictions](#) enter password. Enable restrictions if you haven't.

[In-App Purchases](#) - click on the green button once to turn white.

