



St Luke's News

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



Friday 14th June 2019

Dear Parents,

This week saw our Y6s attend their residential trip to St. Mark's College, Saffron Walden. They travelled on Tuesday and returned on Friday afternoon full of fun, tired and not smelling too bad! The weather was not blessed this year but these children genuinely are – they are an extraordinary group and coped with the timetable changes with a calmness that is very rare.

At the end of the newsletter are some pictures that give a flavour of the experiences the children undertook - and I think it is worth highlighting that Sam, the youth worker running the daytimes, spoke from the heart on the last morning when he said that we have the best children to work with because they are talented, lively (oh yes!) but with a great sense of fun and hope for the future. They are a massive credit to you their families. I also want to say a massive thanks to Miss Norcross, Mr. Scott, Miss Martin and Miss Galal for not only giving up their time to look after the children, but also for the fun and energy they brought to the week.

Y1 Phonics check

Our Y1 children took their statutory national phonics test early this week and once again they performed well, continuing the tradition of very high pass rates over the years.

French Trip

Next week sees some of our children visiting our 'French connection' school, St Augustin's Boulogne sur Mer. Madame Mbick and the office staff have worked tirelessly to make this trip happen and I thank them for all their efforts, although this now means I have to meet the head of St. Augustin's and talk with her in French, something I have not done regularly since I finished my 'O' Levels in 1981! I have no doubt the children will put me to shame.

Welcome to Reception evening

Next Thursday evening at 5pm we will welcome the new YR families for September 2019. The meeting is designed to answer as many queries as possible and help the families begin a successful working partnership with our school as we look to give them the best start in life we can.

Receptions Cultural Dress Day

Our YR class had a cultural dress day this week where pupils were encouraged to dress and celebrate their family's heritage. As you can imagine, the classroom was awash with splendid and wonderful colourful clothing. A lovely day enjoyed by all.



Sex & Relationship Education: An Introduction

Next Wednesday there will be another opportunity for parents to look at our S&RE curriculum before we all teach our year group sessions during the week of the 24th June – all parents are welcome to this refreshing and enlightening evening.

Until next newsletter, have a great weekend with your children

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Year 6 at St. Mark's College, Saffron Walden



Oh look, it's raining!



Left or right in the maze?



Don't mess with the A-Team!





Quiz time!



A softer form of combat



Miss Galal's gang



Mr. Scott the fire starter and marshmallow time

And finally.... The ultimate 8 foot high challenge overcome by teamwork



Summer Term Dates

June

- 17th June Big Sing at Chelmsford Cathedral
- 18th Y6 trip to Tout Le Monde at the BFI
- 19th Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
- 20th EYFS (AM) & KS1(PM) Sports Day
- 21st Y4 trip to school in France
- 24th June Sex & Relationship Education Week
- 25th Y6 trip to Ben Kinsella workshop AM
- 26th Y5 trip to Unicorn Theatre – Aesop’s Fables
- 27th St. Luke’s Got Talent!

July

- 1st Chief Nurse of England visiting to talk to KS2 PM
- 1st-5th Innovation week including a ‘Careers Event’ for Y6
- 2nd July SEND Sportsday with 6 local schools.
- 5th July St Luke’s Music Assembly 9am parents invited
- 8th & 9th ‘Peace At Last’ opera performances for EY & KS1
- 11th Y5/6 Summer production 5pm parents invited
- 12th July International Evening 4-6pm
- 16th July Exhibition Evening (parents able to look at their child’s work and where they are going next year 3.30-6pm)
- 18th Y6 End of year performance 5pm
- 19th Y6 Leavers assembly 9am

19th School closes for the summer at 1pm