



St Luke's News

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



7th February 2020

Dear Parents

We had a lovely start to the week as Amy Stott became the new Curate in charge at St. Luke's Church during a ceremony on Monday night. Amy is known to lots of families from St. Luke's, past and present and we feel genuinely blessed to have her back at St. Luke's. On Thursday she led a worship session where she re-introduced herself to the school and it has given us all a nice boost as we head towards half-term and the fast approaching period of Lenten observance.



Our Y6 children undertook their latest mock SATs this week after several weeks of morning boosters. It is encouraging to see the improvements they have been making and there have been a few discussions with them about the need to keep focusing on their work but at the same time they all attended an indoor athletics competition this week and next week are visiting the Foreign & Commonwealth Office to see how a government looks after their citizens abroad.

Head Bumps & Blue Bands

Should your child get an injury/bump to their neck or head they will be given a blue band worn on their wrist so you as a parent (and other adults in school) will always know. This

is just to avoid the minimal times when communications break down. Of course, you will still receive a text or, if more serious, a phone-call - but this is not designed to scare you but merely to inform you that you need to keep an eye on them to make sure that they don't have a delayed reaction – this is very rare but it is better to be safe than sorry. Can you make sure you cut the band off before coming back into school please.



Parent Teacher Association

Thanks to the three Y2 parents and the Nursery parent who met with myself and Mrs Simpson about starting up a Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) on Thursday morning. This is a great

development for the school though there is still quite a bit for them to organise as there are many regulations for PTA's to meet. It is hoped that there will be a launch event just before the school closes for the Easter holidays – more information to follow.

Y4 class assembly

A big thank you to the Y4 class for their sensitive portrayal of the school management of St. Luke's. Miss Norcross, Mrs Tarbuck, Mr. Scott and myself were all impersonated and Joshua, who was 'me', even managed to have a hairstyle very similar to my own!



The 'Management' addresses the school

Early+Punctuality=Results

As part of our school improvement target regarding improving outcomes for all our mathematicians, we are holding pre-teach sessions from 8.40-8.55am just before the formal maths lesson begins. It is vital your child is in by 8.40 and ready to work as this session will help them to fully understand what is coming at 9am in the main lesson. We would urge all children to be onsite just before 8.40 and into their classroom promptly for a quick a start as possible – thanks for your co-operation.



Sporting Triumph

On Tuesday a group of our children represented the school at an Inclusion Games competition taking on many older children and playing some games such as Bocce – a type of ancient bowls from Roman times. As usual our children were tremendous and came third in one event - and won the Bocce!

This week's Golden Assembly - congratulations children!



And finally...a thought for the week: Can you get lost if you don't know where you are going?

Hope you don't get blown away by Storm Clara this weekend!

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

Spring Term Dates 2020

February 2020:

11th Y5/6 Girls West Ham Football Tournament

12th Y2 class assembly

13th Y6 trip to Foreign & Commonwealth office & PM Girls Football Tournament - Beckton

14th Schools ends normal time for Half-Term

17th- 21st Feb. School Closed for Half-Term

24th School re-opens normal time after Half-Term

24th Y5 & 6 working with Young Shakespeare Company on Mid-Summer Night's Dream

26th Class group photos for parents to buy

March 2020:

4th Y1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome and Members of School Council & Eco Committee attending Mayor of London WE celebration @ Wembley Arena

6th St. Luke's World Book Day – dress as a favourite character

9th Coffee Morning for parents & 9th-13th Science Week

10th Concert at The Barbican for Y4

11th Y3/4 Mixed Handball Tournament Langdon School

18th Y1 sports tournament @ Elmhurst School

24th & 25th Parent-Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm

25th Y3/4 Girls' sports tournament

31st 2pm Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome

April 2020:

1st 9.30am Repeat performance of Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome

1st Y3/4 boys Sports tournament

2nd West Ham United stadium tour as reward for selected children

Friday 3rd April School closes @ 1pm for Easter holidays-
re-opens for children Tues 21st April @ normal time