



# St Luke's News

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



14th February 2020

Dear Parents

*At the end of another busy half-term in school it is so important for us to be led by the faith of our children – they have amazing spirit.*

Our Y2s led our collective worship on Wednesday using the story of *Noah's Ark* to lead us in an exploration of God's Promises to us and how we use that guidance to inform the way we treat each other.



## Bushfire babies!



This week saw our Nursery children have their first experience of bushcraft skills from Mr Scott (ably assisted by some of the KS2 children). They were shown how to be safe around a campfire and most importantly they were taught how to toast marshmallows properly!

***And on a similar fiery note....***

The Year 2 and 5 children had sessions this week

from the London Fire Brigade which helped them to understand how the fire brigade keep us safe from fire and also how to spot dangers around the home.





**This week's Golden Families**

### **Helping those to help themselves**

Three of our Y6s were thanked at today's *Golden Assembly* in recognition of their own time they have given up to help the children in Nursery enjoy their lunchtimes. Well done to these girls, they really do have the true St. Luke's spirit. In the words of the late, great Maya Angelou: *"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed."*

Please check-out the dates for next half-term – some new ones have been added and also at the end of the newsletter some advice about keeping yourself safe from Coronavirus.

**And finally:** thought for the week: *Do you use your imagination when you dream?*

I wish you all a restful and safe half-term



**Matt Hipperson**

Head Teacher

## **Spring Term Dates 2020**

**17<sup>th</sup>- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb. School Closed for Half-Term**

### **February 2020:**

**24<sup>th</sup> School re-opens normal time after Half-Term**

**24<sup>th</sup> Y5 & 6 working with Young Shakespeare Company on Mid-Summer Night's Dream**

**25<sup>th</sup> SEND sports team in London Youth Games qualifier**

**26<sup>th</sup> Class group photos for parents to buy & Boys football match vs St Joachim's PM**

**28<sup>th</sup> Book Fayre as 1<sup>st</sup> part of World Book Day celebrations**

### **March 2020:**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Y5 visit to the Brunel Museum Rotherhithe & Y2 visit to the Science Museum**



**4<sup>th</sup> Y1 Class Assembly – Parents welcome and Members of School Council & Eco Committee attending Mayor of London WE celebration @ Wembley Arena**  
**6<sup>th</sup> St. Luke's World Book Day – dress as a favourite character**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Coffee Morning for parents & 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Science Week**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Concert at The Barbican for Y4**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Mixed Handball Tournament Langdon School**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Y1 sports tournament @ Elmhurst School**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Y4 Debating team visit University of East Anglia, Chelmsford for competition**  
**19<sup>th</sup> 2.45pm meeting in hall for parents of children going on trip to France in June**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Y5 visit to Chelmsford Cathedral for Easter Story workshop**  
**24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Y3/4 Girls' sports tournament**  
**30<sup>th</sup> End of Term Awards Ceremony 9am**  
**31<sup>st</sup> 2pm Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome & Stand By Me film night**

#### **April 2020:**

**1<sup>st</sup> 9.30am Repeat performance of Y3/4 Easter production – Parents welcome & Stand By Me film night**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Y3/4 boys Sports tournament**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> West Ham United stadium tour as reward for selected children**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Great British Spring Clean**

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

### **Advice from Public Health England - Re: Coronavirus concerns**

You're likely aware of the outbreak of novel coronavirus in China and the subsequent confirmed cases in the UK. At St. Luke's, we take the health and safety of our pupils and staff very seriously, so we're sharing [guidance from Public Health England](#) on steps you should be taking.

There's currently no cause for concern at the school, but we'll keep you informed about any developments and ensure we're keeping the school clean to prevent the spread of any virus.

#### **Prevent the spread of infection**

Make sure you and your children follow these general principles to prevent spreading any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often – with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- If you feel unwell, stay at home and don't attend work or school
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in a bin
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces in the home
- If you're worried about your symptoms, please call NHS 111 – don't go directly to your GP or other healthcare environment

#### **If you or your children are well:**

- You don't need to avoid contact with other people
- Your other family members don't need to take any precautions or make any changes to their own activities

If you become unwell:

- Stay indoors and avoid contact with other people as you would with other flu viruses
- Follow the [home isolation advice sheet](#)
- Call NHS 111 immediately in order for you to be assessed by an appropriate specialist in hospital, as quickly as possible

**Symptoms to look out for**

If you've returned from the specified countries or Hubei, look out for the following symptoms:

- Cough
- Difficulty in breathing
- Fever (a temperature of 38 degrees C or higher)

If you have any of these symptoms:

- If it's an emergency, call 999 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days
- If you're unwell, but it's not an emergency, call NHS 111 and tell them which country you have returned from in the past 14 days

**While you wait for further advice:**

- Avoid contact with others
- Stay at home – don't go to work or school
- Don't travel while sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing, throwing tissues in the bin
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (or an alcohol-based sanitiser if soap and water aren't available)

**If you or your child have any further concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.**

**Yours sincerely**

**Matt Hipperson  
Head Teacher**