



St Luke's News

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



13th March 2020

Dear Parents

We are living through extraordinary times at the moment. The Prime Minister said this week that this is the biggest emergency we have faced in a generation – I think he might be under estimating what we are going through, I can think of no public health situation like this since the Second World War.

Tonight I have sent a letter out to all children which I urge you to read carefully. It is saying that we need to prepare for the worst (London-wide school closures) and pray and hope that it does not happen. In that spirit we have started to plan how we can give work for the children to do and, in some cases, interactive lessons for the older children using Google Classrooms and Cloud technology. We will be able to give you more information next week so you are prepared as best as you can be. As I say in the letter, I think it is really important to remember the healthcare workers - some of whom are parents in our school community - and keep them in our prayers alongside those who are ill and that we pray to God for a swift resolution to this crisis.

Is it magic or is it science?

Big thanks to Mr. Scott and Mrs Tarbuck for leading a series of assemblies/workshops around the theme of 'magic or science?' This involved plenty of messy reactions and 'apparent' magic that was explained as science which led on to pupils having a great week of hands-on opportunities exploring the science that shapes the wonderful world around us.



Mr Scott the Fire Starter!



Y3 Volcano/Forces workshop





Y3 – Do magnets work through liquids?



March in the Eco Garden

The Eco Committee got busy this week digging out the raised beds and planting seeds as part of both Science week and getting ready for the warmer



weather. The years are moving on very quickly and all too soon they will be selling the fruits of their labour in the playground.

YR Phonics into Writing for Parents



Nearly 60% of our Reception children had their parents come along to work and write with them on Friday morning. Once again our parents showed just how much they prioritise learning for their children. A big thank-you from me to Miss Rowe and the YR team for all their hard work organising this and life in Reception class in general.

GP & Dental Appointments

Unless an absolute emergency we remind parents that routine dental appointments for their children should be arranged first thing in the morning or at the end of the school day. Thank you.

Sadly, for obvious reasons, we have had to cancel the following events for this month:

19th Y4 debating team – competition at University of East Anglia, Chelmsford - CANCELLED

19th PM: meeting for parents of children going on the French trip in June – CANCELLED

and on that note...

Please stay safe this weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

The following links from the Gov. UK website relate to 'stay at home guidance':

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-or-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

Protecting self and others:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Travel guidance (educational visits abroad) / guidance for educational settings and coronavirus posters.

[COVID-19: guidance for educational settings](#)

Spring Term Dates 2020

March 2020:

18th Y1 Hot Potato sports tournament @ St. Luke's

19th Y4 debating team – competition at University of East Anglia, Chelmsford - CANCELLED

19th PM meeting for parents of children going on the French trip in June – parents welcome - CANCELLED

24th & 25th Parent-Teacher meetings 3.30-6pm – parents welcome

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 EY & KS1 Easter PTA Bonnet parade and fair – parents welcome

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

3rd KS2 Easter PTA Bonnet parade and fair – parents welcome

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