



St Luke's News

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



26th June 2020

Dear Parents

Today sees one of our staff attending a funeral as they bury a close relative and it really brings home what a difficult time this has been for everyone. Mixed feelings of mourning (for some), frustration, anxiety and exhaustion have left our community in a difficult place. In recognition of this we have started to plan for September with an emphasis on acknowledging - and dealing with - the difficult emotions we have all experienced.

'Catch Up', as the government likes to call it does not work by just giving more of the same to children who may not be in the right place to receive it. The government need to think as children do if they truly want to help children catch up on lost time. I would say that in my experience (and that of many of my colleagues) we would expect the vast majority of children to accelerate through the gap with the right emotional handling and an engaging, well thought out provision. Those children requiring a little extra will flag up themselves and that is when schools will have to provide targeted support - education is a marathon not a sprint. Please do not get too anxious about your child's educational future being ruined by this – it will not be! With schools re-thinking their curriculum around what truly matters from our health to issues like Black Lives Matter, we actually stand on the threshold of an improved curriculum offer, with the priorities re-directed to where they should be and all of this achieved without clear government direction – maybe that is the most important lesson for all of us, children and adults!

Hotting up and cooling down

The hot weather returned this week and to help us cope there was only one thing for it - a water fight to cool us down! Mr Ahmed in particular was very hot under the collar and had to be sorted out!



Holiday Club

At the end of the newsletter there is a flyer attached about a proposed holiday camp for our children for the first three weeks of the holiday. Because so many of you have not been able to send your children into school, we wanted to give you some support during the holidays. This is a heavily subsidised offer at £7 a day but we need 15 children a day to make it possible. Next week we will send out a Google questionnaire to your phone to see if you are interested in this. **However you must reply if you think you might use this during the summer** – if I don't have enough responses I will have to cancel the offer.

Operation Nose Swab

Some NHS nurses came into school this morning to take nose swabs from those staff and children who have been in school throughout lockdown – this is part of a project running across 10 boroughs in England and the school is proud to play a small part in finding out more about this virus that has caused us all so much chaos.

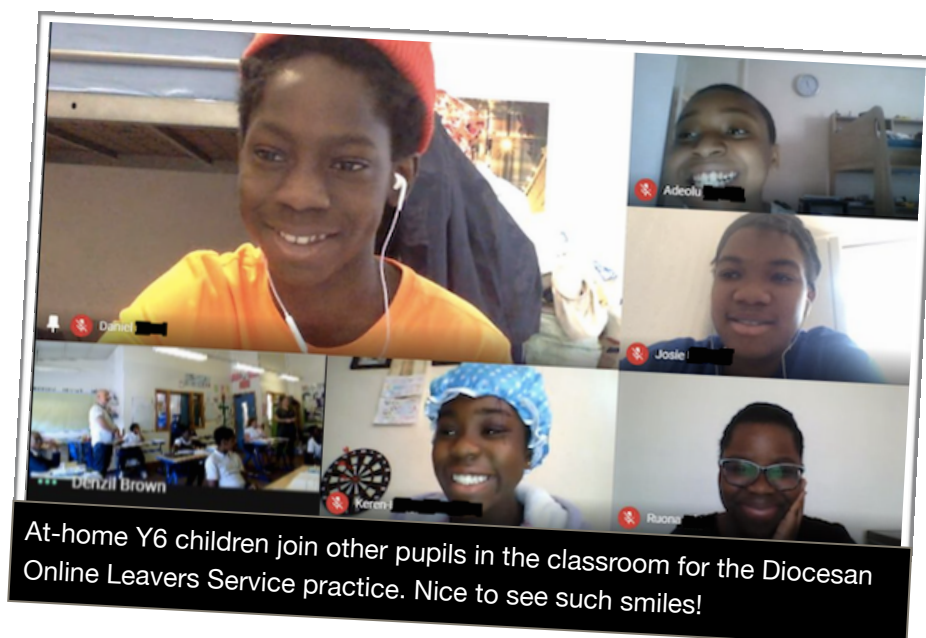
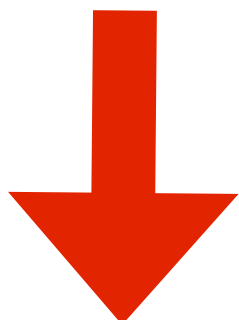
Reminder the official end of term is Friday the 17th July at 1pm and school is planned to re-open for Y1-Y6 on Thursday 3rd September – watch out for any updates!

As previously mentioned, please see below the information regarding the Summer Club and other flyers for some great summer activities.

Have a great weekend

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



Summer Holiday Support

During Easter and Whitsun Premier Education staff supported schools with their key worker provision. In some schools Premier delivered the childcare provision in its entirety, allowing school staff to be at home.

This Summer Premier will be delivering 3 weeks of holiday activities at your school!!

We are here to help!



"Since schools entered lockdown, we have worked closely with Premier providing childcare to our key worker children. To have coaches assisting with the childcare, and running it during school holiday time, has meant that our staff have had not had to be in school every week. The children have loved having the coaches around, and have benefitted from it greatly."

Booking information will be open soon

Where

St Luke's CEVA Primary
Ruscoe Road London
E16 1JB

When

W/C 20th July, W/C 27th July & W/C 4th August

Times

To match school provisions 9am - 3.30pm

Activities include...

- Outdoor Adventurous Activity
- Non-contact Sports
- Fitness
- Wellbeing Sessions
- Arts & Crafts, Life Skills, English, Maths & Science Activities
- Socially distanced activities from Premier Scheme of work (inc Gymnastics, Athletics, Multi-skills, Games)

Protective Measures and Considerations:

- Specific venue and activity risk assessments completed by Premier (templates available should you wish to review)
- Bespoke delivery manual and scheme of work in place for Premier staff to use
- School must provide their guidance and any risk assessments or rules to abide by
- Outdoor space and suitable indoor alternative required
- Access to appropriate cleaning equipment required if school caretaker not available to assist
- Smaller groups (reducing our ratio from 1:16 down to 1:15 to allow creation of smaller daily groups, or weekly bubbles)



Young Musicians' Summer Sessions 2020 20 - 31 July 2020

This July, our Young Musicians' Summer School is being reinvented as it moves online. There are four projects on offer designed to develop your skills in a specific area of music-making. Get creative this summer and pursue your musical passion as you connect with inspirational tutors from Trinity Laban and young musicians globally!

Virtual Orchestra

Lend your unique sound to create something big by joining our virtual orchestra, featuring guest artist Ayanna Witter-Johnson.

Writing Music for Film

Get your creative ideas flowing by creating your very own film soundtrack.

Songwriting

Get 1- to-1 professional advice, support and new ideas to help you turn your songs into something magnetic and keeps listeners coming back for more.

Music Technology & Sound Design

Go on a journey to find new ways to create, manipulate and combine sounds and make art using technology.

To find out more, including our fees, please [click here](#).

Apply to take part

The deadline for applications is **30th June**. Please note that all of these projects will only be offered subject to interest. Trinity Laban reserves the right to cancel any of the Summer Sessions due to low uptake.

If you have any questions please contact musicsummerschool@trinitylaban.ac.uk



Information from East London Dance On The Move - Online Offer (Funded by the Newham Enrichment Programme and HeadStart Newham)

Love to dance, aged 10-16yrs and live or go to school in Newham?

If so, East London Dance has an amazing programme of FREE online dance classes for you!

Learn routines, make friends and perfect your moves from home. Dance with us and feel like the best possible you! Sign-up to gain access to FREE weekly Zoom dance classes, activities, monthly group coaching sessions and the chance to win prizes.

Our programme aims to build resilience, confidence and dance skills. All you need is an internet connection and either a computer, tablet or smart-phone to take part from home.

Sign-up online here for activities in July and August: bit.ly/OnTheMoveOnline .

For more information go to eastlondondance.org/classes or email hello@eastlondondance.org or text 07732 492408

Mondays & Tuesdays 4-5pm (10-13yrs) All levels welcome