



St Luke's News

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



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Dear Parents & Carers

When you are lucky enough to be a parent there are so many stages in the journey that sometimes you can forget where you are trying to get to!

As a parent bringing up children, life is often tough and seems to go slowly as you guide them through life: their first time walking, their first words, their first day in school, etc, and then they get to 18 and you think 'my word, how did that happen so fast!' For myself and my wife, we have our youngest son starting university next Monday and it is amazing to think that this is happening already. My only advice is to try and love and enjoy them every day – give them wings to fly off for their own life and roots to always come back to you and share their joy.

Our New Normal

We had another glimpse of the new 'normal' this week as we had some health concerns for some children in the Year 3 & 4 Phase/Bubble. It took a few days but all of the tests have now come back negative which is great news - and to be clear, **we do not close a bubble because someone has gone for a test** (because over 98% of tests come back negative), we close a bubble as soon as we have a positive test reported. If we had to close, for example the EY Phase/Bubble, then we would also send home any brothers or sisters of those children in other Phases. So far 24 Bubbles in 17 schools have been sent home so I fully expect it will happen at some stage here but I know we will deal with it sensibly. On that point I would like to thank all parents for not hanging around the school gates after drop off in the morning but we can all improve our Social Distancing before drop off so please work with us to protect our whole community. Above you can see our socially responsible Y4 showing off her 2m wingspan!



Wing-span of two metres!

Maths, No Problem (MNP)

To support your child's learning, we're giving you an online version of your child's maths textbook and workbook from the maths scheme we follow called **MNP Parent Guides**. Children in Y1-Y6 were all sent a link this week – please check your phone. Sign up for Parent Guides by following the link you received by text and entering the access code. Once you're signed in, you'll be able to access maths content for your child's year group, along with help guides and lesson support. If you have any questions please ask for Mr Scott or Miss Koenig.

Year Reception Teaching of Reading evening

For parents of Reception children, we are holding a virtual meeting on Tuesday 13th October to help you understand how we are going to be teaching your child to read and to let you know what you can do to help your child succeed in this most important skill. This is a very important meeting and should take about 45 mins-1 hour depending on how many questions come up. Please make sure that your class teacher has the correct email address for you because we will send an invite on the day for you to join the meeting.



Reception Open Evenings

On Tuesday 3rd of November and Monday 9th of November, 4-6pm, the school will be open for parents of children who will start Reception in Sept. 2021 to come in look around and meet staff and myself. This will be open to all YN parents but also if any parents know someone who will be looking for a school place next year, please let them know these dates and ask them to check the front page of the website.



Music Lessons

Music returned to St. Luke's this week as we started to welcome back tuition from Newham Music. Lessons involving singing are taking place outside – weather permitting! This week we took advantage of the sunshine and all year groups have had sessions from the excellent teachers from Newham Music.

Friendship Benches

Some of the children who were in school throughout the period of lockdown refreshed the signs for our friendship benches where children who are feeling a little 'low' can go to find company.



Golden Assemblies

Well done to all our fantastic children this week and especially to the Y6s for being *Class of the Week* for all the support and teamwork they are showing each other.



Remember, if you have anything important to tell me – good or bad – please feel free to email me at ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk

Have a peaceful weekend

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