



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

This week I talked with the children about how this year Autumn and Winter may feel longer than normal - not just because of the darker nights and colder weather - but because of all the anxieties we are experiencing.

I was reading about a study carried out in Tromso, Norway, into how the locals survive the winter which includes a two month period between mid-November and mid-January when they have no daylight due to their proximity to the Arctic. The people of Tromso tend to thrive by embracing the situation and making the most of the cold dark nights by spending time together, trying to stay warm and enjoying games, books and TV together. It may be good advice for all of us over the next few months.

Track 'n Trace

Yesterday afternoon I sent out a link with information about the new NHS Track n Trace App – we have also put up QR codes at entrances to the school so you can download it and help us to protect our community.

Harvest Assembly

In her assembly this week, Rev. Amy talked about how Jesus referred to God as “The Lord of the harvest.” (Matthew 9:38) and shared the symbolic meaning of harvest in Scripture encompassing two main areas: God's provision for us and God's blessing for others. This time every year we celebrate a harvest festival but we experience the spirit of harvest all the time through our belief in God. Thank you so much for helping us all to think about those in our community who are struggling at the moment – your very generous donations will be taken to the food bank at River Church next week and will make a difference to others.



Fruit of the vine

And talking of harvest...thanks to Mr. Scott and the Y4s for harvesting the grapes from our vines to make a delicious grape juice this week. We had a bumper crop this year from vines that actually started life in Spain but cuttings were brought to the school many years ago and like the children, continue to thrive.

Relationships, Health & Sex Education (RHSE)

As previously mentioned, the government have introduced a new curriculum for RHSE for 2020-21 and we want to show you this and answer any questions you may. We have confirmed our plan for this

now and it will mean all families will get a copy of the draft updated policy and curriculum aims after half-term. Then you will receive an invite to a virtual meeting at **5pm on Tuesday the 24th November** with myself and governors to discuss any queries you might have. Any changes necessary will then be made and the final agreed policy and curriculum coverage will be published on our website before Christmas. Then in March you will receive the suggested way we are going to teach the sex education part of the curriculum in June 2021. On Tuesday the 16th March at 5pm you will receive another invite to a meeting with myself and governors to make sure you are happy with our proposals. Try and put those dates in your diary.

October Parent Meetings

Parent meetings in Oct-Nov will be virtual using our Google Meets platform. You will receive a booking form on your phone next week to book an appointment during the weeks of 12th & 19th Oct and 2nd Nov. At these meetings we will share with you how well your child's settled back into school this term, how have you found the return and is there anything else the school could be doing to help you as a family at the moment. I hope to 'drop in' to some meetings so look forward to hearing from you.

Road Closure

Next Monday from 9am, Rogers Rd will be closed for the day for re-surfacing and from next Thursday 8th Oct Radland Rd will be also be closed to traffic for a week.

Golden Assembly

The photos below show the children chosen as the Star of the Week in their classes and also the class of the week which was awarded to Y4 for their excellence in PE – well done to all!





Year3



Year4



Year5



Year6

Year4 - Class of the Week



An additional award was given to Shreya this week from Ms Mbick for how well she had articulated her passion to become a vet during one of our lessons this week



Sports

Even in an era of lockdowns and social distancing they can't stop our children performing different sports at the highest level. Over the last few weeks our children have taken part in the Langdon Partnership 'Virtual Athletics Competitions'. Our Year 5s came 2nd out of all the other schools with

a score of 912.2 points and our Year 6s also got second out of all the other Year 6 classes with 978.7 points. Well done both classes and Ms Adams for organising it all.
Y6 team

I hope you can all get some rest and peace this weekend and we can all continue to support each other again next week.

Matt Hipperson
Head Teacher

