



St Luke's News

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



20th November 2020

Dear Parents & Carers

This weekend sees the beginning of Advent and the build up to our celebration of the birth of Christ.

It seems that after the year we have all endured, there is a strong sense of making this Christmas as special as it can be. Christmas trees and lights are appearing earlier than normal and in a very real sense this year has felt 'darker' than any I can

remember - and I suspect I am older than virtually all of you! The early Christians celebrated the birth of Jesus at this time of year because this dark season symbolised the darkness of the world before he came to redeem us rather than because they were sure exactly when he was born. So with that in mind, this is a very special Advent season and Christmas festival as we remember those who have lost loved ones and are enduring hardship but also look to take comfort from our families, friends and faith.



God watches over us!

This week one of our children was involved in an accident when he was struck by a car just round the corner from the school whilst on the way home. We have been lucky as he is going to make a full recovery but please can we all take this as a warning and keep are children close and under our control on the streets as you could never forgive yourself if a similar incident ended in tragedy.

In light of this and as part of our Road Safety Week, we have decided to have a competition on designing a road safety poster - see details at the end of this letter.

Health & Safety

The school had an external H&S audit carried out on Friday and I want to say a massive thanks and congratulations to Mr. Bonner (site supervisor) and Ms Simpson (Office Manager) who were heavily praised by the inspector for the care and organisation of Health and Safety issues in the school.

Y6 Boosters

Next week is the last set of Boosters until we come back in early January. Thanks to all the staff who have given their time to provide extra learning and confidence to the Y6s and when I visit them I am beginning to get a real sense of that confidence – the SATs will be difficult but they will be ready!

RHSE

Apologies for the cancelled meeting last Tuesday(it was blocked by a previous meeting that wouldn't close) – we will try again this Tuesday the 1st December and expect it to take between 45 mins and an hour.

Christmas events

Even though we are in strange times, the staff have worked hard to create a 'Christmas Season' that still has lots of fun even though we can't get you, the parents, in to see it. There will be a Dickens workshop, quizzes, parties, Christingle, Christmas dinner with silly jumpers, sessions with Rev Amy and even a Christmas sports fun day, so we are confident our children are still going to have a great time. Next Thursday the Y5&6s are going to be recorded singing carols round a campfire - in the dark!– The videos will be put on our website for parents to see, shared with the Church website and local old people's homes in the area. Below are our Y4s preparing fire wood for next week.



November Numeracy Challenge (Mathletics)

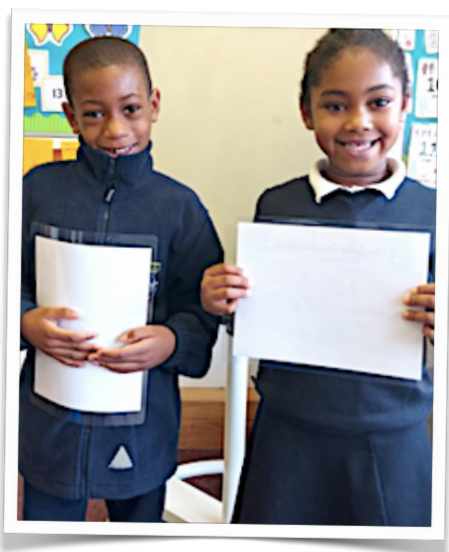
During this month we have been taking part in a numeracy challenge and we finished 14th in London and in the top 100 nationally. Well done to all our families who took part and big thanks to our Maths Lead Miss Koenig. Here are some words from the organiser:

'It was great to see that St Lukes CEVA Primary School took part in the November Numeracy Challenge. You may have seen that the results have now been verified and released. I wanted to say a big congratulation to all that were involved in the challenge in school. St Lukes CE Primary School reached 93rd position out of over 600 schools competing and 14th in the list of London schools taking part. That's a fantastic achievement!'

Helen Morris
Client Manager



Golden Assemblies and Birthdays



We look forward to seeing all your amazing road safety posters. Remember, entries no later than next Friday.

Have a peaceful weekend as we begin the season of Advent

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Autumn 2 Dates of interest

Please note as of 10th Nov parents and Governors will not be allowed onsite for events but the school will do its utmost to make digital copies for viewing.

30th Nov. Y2 Phonics test(that was delayed due to Co-vid 19)

3rd Dec. Carols around the fire pit – Y5 & 6 children filmed singing carols to be shown on the website, at St. Luke's Church and the sheltered accommodation at 55 Ruscoe Rd.

7th Dec YR & Y6 Height & weight

8th Dec. Christmas Carol Workshop in Hall

8th, 9th & 10th Dec. Rev. Amy in working with classes on the Incarnation/Nativity story

10th Dec. Christmas Dinner for children and Christmas jumper day

11th Dec. Y1 take part in Faith in School's Christmas Journey

11th Christmas Sports Fun Day Y1-6 run by Premier Sports

14th-17th Dec Christmas Quizzes in hall with Ms Adams

15th Dec. KS1 Christmas Party PM

16th Dec. Christingle service in phases AM & Y3/4 Christmas Party PM

17th Dec. Y5/6 Christmas Party PM

18th Dec. Autumn Term ends school closes for Christmas at

1pm

19th Christmas meal for the homeless run by volunteers

COMPETITION TIME!!!

Design your own road safety poster



**Entries need to be back
before Friday 4th December**