



St Luke's News

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



18th December 2020



Dear Parents & Carers

Good times are still possible! Despite these crazy and often depressing times the children are once again ready to lift all our spirits. Below are 2 links you must try – the first one features our Y5/6s singing carols around the campfire and the second is our YR children's Nativity play – they have been loaded on our own Youtube channel and I'm sure both will bring you a sense of Christmas and a huge smile to your face!

[Campfire Carol Singing](#)

[Reception's Nativity](#)

Homeless Event 2020

Also below are two pictures of St. Luke's Reception angels with bags of donations from Waitrose (Canary Wharf) and Morrison's (Canning Town) that were to go towards our Homeless Event 2020. However, with a heavy heart we have had to cancel our cooking of a

hot meal this year due to Covid 19 restrictions and staff isolating. There have been many times we have had to consider cancelling the event altogether but of course Covid 19 has affected these people more than most and they have little support, so we have pressed on



with raising donations and working with River Christian Centre & Lola's Homeless Charity to provide food, clothing and presents to people who would have got nothing. A big shout out goes to North Beckton Primary who have donated 2 minibuses and drivers - including their Head Teacher Alison Helm - to allow the gifts to be distributed around the borough.



Isolation times

The Y3/4 self-isolation ended this week for staff and children and the Y1/2 self-isolation ends at midnight tonight. The Department of Education and Public Health Newham request that as a Head Teacher I inform them of any staff or pupils testing positive for Covid 19 up until midnight on the 23rd December, so if your child or any staff member tests positive in this period could you inform me on the ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk email.

Christingle Service for Y5&6

On Wednesday Rev Amy conducted a much smaller than usual Christingle service as we strived to keep some normality for the children – those who have missed out on parties will have an afternoon in January to celebrate!



A message from Rev Amy - Christmas Service at St Luke's Church

Why not join in with ST Luke's Church this Christmas time? All our services are online at the moment and can be accessed via facebook, instagram or our church website:

www.stlukese16.co.uk

On Christmas Eve we have two services happening. One at 7pm with a more family feel and then a more traditional carols and reflective service at 11pm. Both will feature lots of people from our church family alongside children from St Luke's school. And then on Christmas Day we will have a short service go live at 10:30am. You can also join in every Sunday at 10:30am online with our services! Everyone is welcome! See the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

I pray you have a blessed and holy Christmas time. This will be a Christmas unlike any other but the good news is still true, God is with us Immanuel! Into the chaos and confusion of life, the Christ child comes, the light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

Do know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your loved ones at this time.

— Reverend Amy

Merry Christmas

Finally I just want to say a huge thank-you to all our staff who have worked so hard and selflessly during the last 9 months and will do the same in the coming ones. Like many of you, they have been worried about contracting the virus but they have placed that fear behind their love of the children and they understood that the children and their families needed extra support in these chaotic times. It is my privilege to work with them and all of our families - together we will get to a better place and I can think of no better image than the picture of our Y6s cradling the light of Christ in these dark times – light will triumph over darkness just as surely as love will triumph over hate.

A very Happy - and peaceful - Christmas to you all

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher



School re-opens for all children at normal time on Tuesday Jan 5th –

I will send out Breakfast Club info on Tues 4th Jan

Any issues we can help with please email the ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk



Christmas at St Luke's

**All our services are online.
10:30am every Sunday**

**Christmas Eve: 7pm and 11pm
Christmas Day: 10:30am**



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