



St Luke's News

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

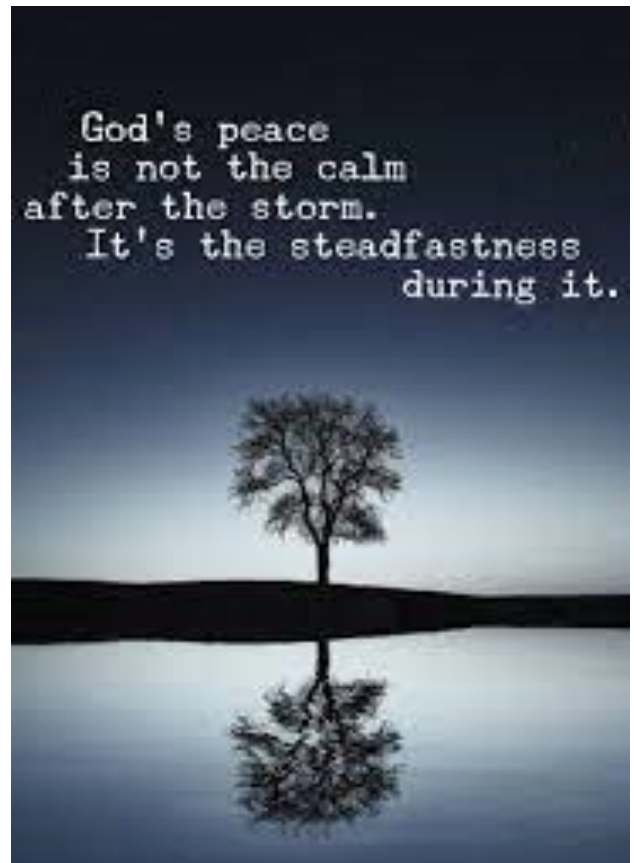


15th January 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

When a change occurs that has to be adjusted to there is always a combination of anxiety and energy as you get used to it. But as the new 'normal' settles it can be even more challenging to deal with – that sudden realisation that this could last for a long time.

We are there now and I think some of us - both children and adults - are struggling to cope. We can often retreat into ourselves and think this struggle is something we have to overcome on our own, that's what adults do isn't it? At the moment that could be the worst thing we could do – it is our faith and those around us: friends, family, school, who can help us get through this. Together we can stay steadfast and get through these dark moments. If you have any questions, requests or advice please feel free to contact us on ht@st-lukes.newham.sch.uk



God's peace
is not the calm
after the storm.
It's the steadfastness
during it.

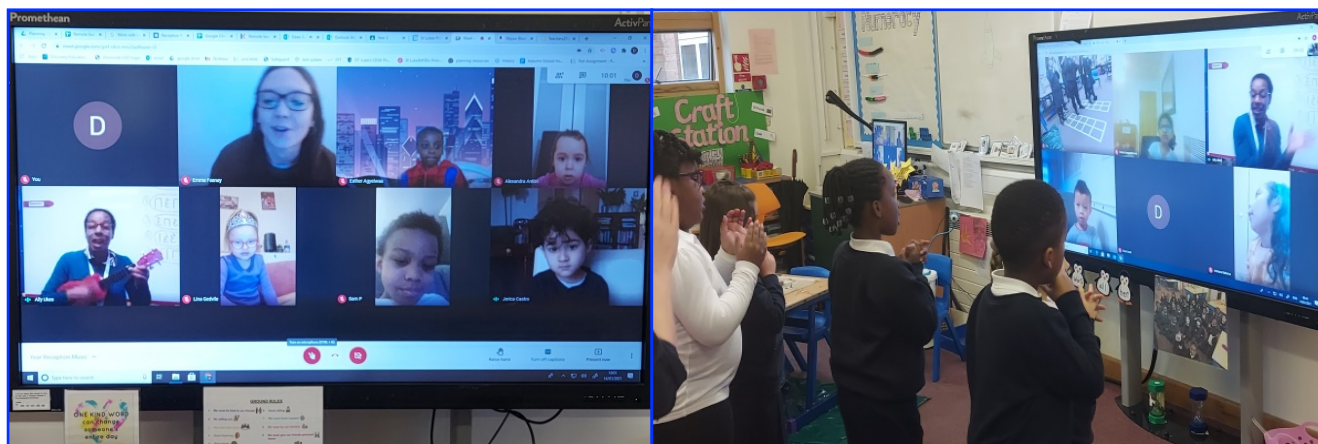
Remote Learning

This week our monitoring shows that we had the following averages of children engaging with the remote work over the 5 days:

Y6 = 93%, Y5 = 92%, Y4 = 80%, Y3 = 83%, Y2 = 82%, Y1 = 70%

These figures are testament to the importance you as families place on education – big hugs for you all and all the support that you give the children when you can fit it in around work.

Regarding the remote learning, we have been able to add **music sessions for EY & KS1** and we continue to look for improvements – please share with us any good tips you have. See updated timetable below.



YR & KS1 online music lessons with Alison from Newham Music

Class	Remote learning arrangements	Live lesson times
Year N Year R	Work will be uploaded onto the school website here	Music for YN@10.30 on Thursdays Music for YR@10.00 on Thursdays Link sent via text system
Year 1	Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet from 1.00-2.00 every day - the link to this will be posted in Google Classroom . Music for Y1@09.30 on Thursdays
Year 2	Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet 10.00-10.30 GPS 1.00-1.30 Maths 2.00-2.30 Reading The link to this will be posted in Google Classroom .
Year 3	Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet 9.45-10.30 Maths 11.10-11.45 Reading The link to this will be posted in Google Classroom .
Year 4	Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet 9.45-10.30 Maths 11.10-11.50 Reading The link to this will be posted in Google Classroom .
Year 5	Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet 9.00-9.50 Maths 10.30-11.10 Reading The link to this will be posted in Google Classroom .
Year 6	Work will be uploaded onto Google Classroom every day.	Live lessons will be on Google Meet 9.00-9.50 Maths 10.30-11.10 Reading The link to this will be posted in Google Classroom .

***Your child may also be part of smaller live lessons throughout the day please ensure you read text messages sent to inform you of this and check the class stream.**

Struggling to find the right book to read?

The local libraries are extending their Winter Reading Challenge. Children can pick up a bag of Ready Reads from their local library. This will be a bag of books pre-selected for children to read and grouped by either age, genre or interest. Children can also access children's library books using the the e-catalogue www.newham.gov.uk/libraries and can access these collections using their library card number and PIN, or can create a temporary membership online for this purpose. We are also extending our 'Everyone's a Hero' drawing competition for children aged 3+ and writing competition for children aged 5+ both entry forms can be downloaded here:

Writing Competition: <https://bit.ly/39R9Ekb>

Drawing Competition: <https://bit.ly/3IXqDn2>

However children will not need necessarily have to complete their entries using this form. They can use whatever they like (Word doc, postcard, etc) and either scan their entry to us at library.activities@newham.gov.uk or hand it in to any Newham library.

Free School Meals – message from LBN

Why apply when children in primary schools already receive a free hot lunch in school?

Although all children in reception, Y1 and Y2 receive a free lunch at school under the Government's Universal infant free school meals (UFSM) scheme and those in years 3 to 6 receive a meal under the *Eat for Free* programme, we want to encourage all families to apply for free school meals to determine their eligibility for additional benefits.

The benefits Children from families who are in receipt of one of the qualifying benefits are currently entitled to much more than a free lunch at school, such as:

- Food vouchers or parcels during the school holidays
- Free places at council school holiday activities
- Additional support at school to raise their attainment

In addition, for every child whose family applies and qualifies for FSM, their primary school will receive £1,345 in the budget and secondary schools receive £955.

How do I apply?

Applying is easy, simply visit the Newham website and complete a simple online form. All you need to apply is your name, national insurance number or ARC number and the names of your children.

Application form: <https://tinyurl.com/y3q9vtgz>

Frequently asked questions:

I am working, why should I apply?

We encourage everyone to apply irrespective of their home or immigration status as we hold you details on file and check them every week to see if your entitlement may change. This ensures no child misses out on any of they may be entitled to.

I don't want the Council or my school knowing about my finances.

Eligibility is determined by the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking Services (ECS). This only informs council officers and schools if a child is or is not entitled to free school meals based on the information the applicant provided – they don't get told the reason why or anything about your financial position.

Date for your diary

The second part of our parental consultation over the changes to the Relationships, Sex & Health Education (RSHE) curriculum, concentrating on the Sex Education part will be on Tuesday 16th March at 5pm – all welcome.

Please take a few minutes to read the flyer below and until next time,

Stay Safe

Matt Hipperson

Head Teacher

Newham Educational Psychology Service



Parent Advice Phone-In with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.

Please note these are stand-alone, one-off sessions that do not result in follow-up work. They are free sessions and open to all parents and carers of Newham children and young people. There is no criteria or threshold to access these sessions.

Sessions will operate monthly on:

Tuesday 26th Jan

23rd Feb

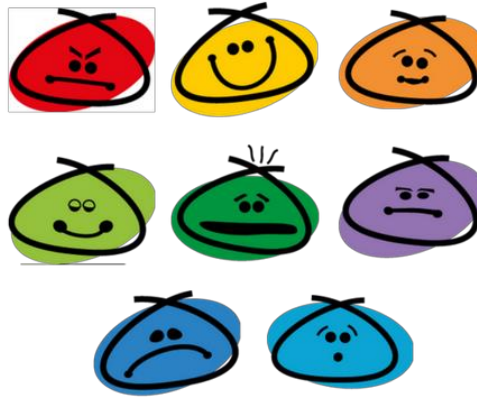
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To book a session between 10am and 12 email or phone

sarah.parkinson@newham.gov.uk

07976 733536

Book early to avoid disappointment



Who are Educational Psychologists? Educational psychologists are trained psychologists, registered with the Health and Care Professionals Council (HCPC) with enhanced DBS checks. We work with children and young people aged 0-25 years of age in partnership with young people, families, schools, practitioners, services and voluntary agencies. EPs offer focused support informed by sound psychological theory to bring about positive change. The aim is to promote and facilitate the educational, social and emotional development of children and young people.

What do Newham Educational Psychologists do? Newham's Educational Psychology Service (EPS) offer psychological services including consultation, advice and training. Newham EPS input aims to support children and young people to help facilitate their development, including improving learning, understanding their own learning needs, identifying, managing and exploring their emotions, regulating their behaviours, developing their communication and interaction skills and forming and maintaining positive peer relationships. Working with adults who support young people is central to our model of working.

