



# St Luke's News

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



5th March 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

*Thanks to all the parents of keyworker children who educated their children at home on Friday and allowed the staff to do a morning of preparation for the re-opening of the whole school next week – it was massively appreciated and allowed us not only go through all our procedures again but also to have some input on the psychological factors that we need to watch out for as a result of this latest lockdown.*



Next week sees our whole school family reunited for the first time since early December, 3 months ago! Below is the timetable for next week so please look at it carefully. **To summarise: YR, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6 are back on Monday, YN, Y1 & Y3 come back on Tuesday.**

By staggering it this way we can train up the older children in each phase/bubble and then concentrate on the younger ones the following day. This should ensure we have our hygiene routines in place as soon as possible and so minimise the chances of having to send any phase/bubble home because of virus contact.

## Return to school:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**YR, Y2, Y4, Y5 & Y6 are back full time from this day**

### Y5 & Y6

Children are asked to come in via the back gate in Tarling Road at **8.30am** and they will be sent home at **3.10pm** from the same gate. If you collect your child you can come into KS2 playground from 3pm, where a member of SLT will show you where to wait – lunch is as normal – they are NOT to bring a school bag or PE kit in until we notify you to do so but can bring in a named water bottle this is so we minimise the risk of germs moving between home and school.

### Y4

Children are asked to come in via the back gate in Tarling Road at **8.40am** and they will be sent home at **3.20pm** from the same gate – if you collect your child you can come into KS2 playground from 3pm, SLT will show you where to wait – lunch is as normal – they are NOT to bring a school bag or PE kit in until asked to do so by their teacher but can bring in a named water bottle

**Y2**

Children are asked to come in via the main gate in Ruscoe Road at **8.40am** – Y2 parents come into the area next to the bike shelter and say goodbye.

They will be sent home at **3.15pm** from the same gate, parents are to wait for their child in the area where the bike shed is – lunch is as normal – they are NOT to bring a school bag or PE kit in until asked to do so by their teacher but can bring in a named water bottle

**YR**

Children are asked to come in via the Nursery gate at **8.40am** and they will be sent home at **3.20pm** from the same gate – lunch is as normal – they are NOT to bring a school bag or PE kit in until asked to do so by their teacher

but can bring in a named water bottle

**YN, Y1 & Y3 are asked to stay at home for this day only as we train the older children in the phase first**

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 YN, Y1, Y3, are back full time from this day**

- **YN** children are asked to come in via the Nursery gate at **9am** and they will be sent home at **3pm** from the same gate – lunch is as normal – they are NOT to bring a school bag or PE kit in until asked to do so by their teacher but can bring in a named water bottle
- **Y1** children are asked to come in via the main gate in Ruscoe Road at **8.40am** – Y1 parents can come into the area next to the bike shelter and say goodbye. They will be sent home at **3.15pm** from the same gate, parents are to wait for their child in the area where the bike shed is – lunch is as normal – they are NOT to bring a school bag or PE kit in until asked to do so by their teacher but can bring in a named water bottle
- **Y3** children are asked to come in via the back gate in Tarling Road at **8.40am** and they will be sent home at **3.20pm** from the same gate – if you collect your child you can come into KS2 playground from 3pm and a member of SLT will show you where to wait – lunch is as normal – they are NOT to bring a school bag or PE kit in until asked to do so by their teacher but can bring in a named water bottle

### **General Information:**

**PARENTS** – Please allow yourself additional time and **remember to socially distance** as you drop-off – you may need to wait a few extra seconds as family in front of you says goodbye – You have been fantastic so far I know you will set the right example

**If your child has a temperature of 37.8c or above, a continuous cough or a loss of taste or smell and above your child will be sent home immediately** – I am sure you understand why we are taking this precaution. We understand that many of you may still be working from home,

however in the unlikely event you are rung to take your child home because of a suspected case of Co-vid 19, you will need to pick them up as fast as you possibly can as this will have become a Public Health issue and you yourself and the rest of your family unit will have to self-isolate.

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### Dates for your Diary

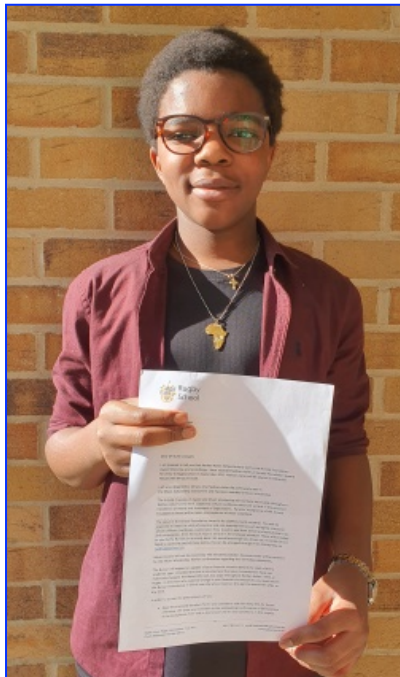
There are 2 non-uniform days coming up:

**Red Nose day** (dress up in red) **on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

**World Book Day celebrations on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

(You can dress up as your favourite book character and there are prizes for the most imaginative costume from each class...and even a prize to the best dressed teacher! We'll also be giving out book tokens).

### Congratulations



Great news from a former pupil of ours, Toluwa Oriakhi, who left in July 2019. As well as being a good sportsman and a truly gifted musician, he is also a boy with strong academic strengths and that combination has seen him accepted into a private school from this September – see his mum Elizabeth's comment below:

*"In September 2020, we applied for Music Scholarships and Bursaries for Year 9 2021 Entry into three Independent Boarding Schools for Toluwa. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, travel restrictions and lockdown we weren't able to visit the schools, relying on Virtual Open Days. He sat the English and Maths tests, had various interviews and auditioned for the Music Scholarships all online. It was a hectic few months, but with the support of St Luke's, Rokeby Secondary School and Newham Music's references, Toluwa was offered a place in all three schools with Music Scholarships in two of the schools. We accepted Rugby School's offer which gave him an Arnold Foundation Award of 100% Fees and a Music Scholarship. Our sincere gratitude goes*

*to St Luke's School -which has played a major part in who Toluwa is, Special Thanks to Ms Adams, who championed the process, Mr Hipperson and Mr Scott. As Mr Hipperson rightly said 'it illustrates the saying "it takes a whole village to bring up a child"'. Thank You St Luke's"*  
The Oriakhi Family

### The Importance of Play - Dr Kathy Weston

Please click on this link if you have young children and want to know just how important good play is in the life of a successful learner and how you can support your child as well as having fun with them. This was a lesson I learnt as I begun my teaching career at the same time as having an 18 month old baby and play provided both myself and my children with some of our strongest and fondest memories – I highly recommend it to you: [the importance of play](#)



### Get On Your Bike!

When it comes to being active during lockdown, two of our KS2 siblings – Erica and Arjius - have gone above and beyond in staying fit. One of their favourite weekend activities is to go on a family bike ride and their current record is a staggering 43km! That's 26 miles!!! What an amazing achievement! Congratulations to the children, the staff are very impressed and also not sure if they could do the same distance! And talking of bike riding, Year 4 will be participating in the next *Bike Ability* course later this month. Information letters will go out next week. Any questions? Please see Ms Adams.

### Writers everywhere!

Our half term story writing competition has come to an end! The stories have been collected and judged by our teaching panel. The book prizes have been ordered and are waiting for school to fully reopen so we can hand them out to our deserving winners. And the winners are...

Abigail  
Chinonyerem,  
Chioma  
Elia,  
Fareed  
Joel



Huge congratulations to all of you for your entries! There is a display in the KS2 corridor celebrating your amazing story writing skills. Your class teachers have your book prizes ready to hand to you once we're all back in together! Keep your eyes out for our next story writing competition which will coincide with our St Luke's Book day on 26th March. The theme will be 'Building'. More information to come in next week's newsletter!

Have a great weekend and hopefully next week will be a wonderful relief for families and a great time for the children as we come back together. Whether you are feeling relieved or nervous about next week our needs and prayers for each other are surely summed up in 'The Blessing':

Matt Hipperson  
Head Teacher

*"The Lord bless you and keep you; the  
Lord make his face shine on you and be  
gracious to you; the Lord turn his face  
toward you and give you peace."*

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# ***Zen Drama acting sessions***

**Want to feel more  
confident or express  
your feelings in a  
creative way?**

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**Fridays at 5pm  
Start Date: 26.02.21**

