



# 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

*It has been so good to see virtually all our children and families back this week and the school has rapidly got back to a more normal feeling.*

This will further speed up next week when we re-open before and after-school clubs to those who asked for places this week. I am grateful for your patience with this but due to Covid restrictions for Phases/Bubbles and the need for a much deeper clean every day it is far more complicated than a year ago!



The children have settled back well and have been talking - *a lot!* But that's good. Lockdown and a lot of online lessons has meant that their spoken skills need to be given as much practise as possible. They have also been given lots of time to be physical in their learning and play, something else that has been difficult for them in lockdown. I hope they get plenty of rest this weekend as they can expect another busy week of learning and fun next week.

## **Safeguarding - IMPORTANT!**

With the return to school based learning there will be a decrease in children needing to use laptops for work. Thanks to the 45 families we were able to support with laptops for returning them all in one piece.

But it became apparent as we checked the search histories that a couple of devices had been misused with searches for inappropriate content found. This is often done by older family members however this leads to an investigation and the involvement of social services so when we loan devices we must be clear they are for class work only – we will not be able to support families again if we think that a lack of supervision will endanger a young child.

## **Relationships Sex and Health Education (RHSE) NEW DATE – Mon. 19<sup>th</sup> April 5pm**

We were due to hold a meeting next Tuesday regarding the specific part of the new RSHE curriculum but with the current pressures of re-opening school alongside re-establishing before and after-school clubs we have decided to move this meeting to **5pm on Monday the 19th April**. Before that time we will share some info to all parents regarding the curriculum for all year groups so we can discuss these at the meeting.

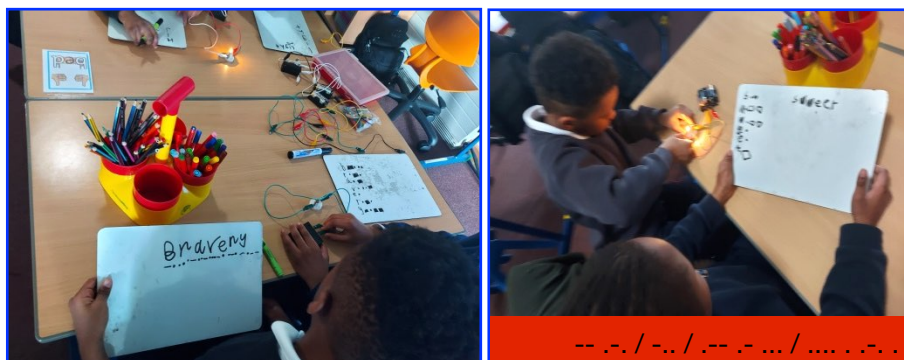
## **Schoolping – new parent/school communication system**

After the Easter break we will be moving to a new school-parent app called 'Schoolping'. Please don't worry, staff will be available to help. This app will help us communicate with you in a more effective way and will allow you to receive information regarding clubs, trips, parents evening and other news from one source and in both group email and text form. In order for the app to be effective, emails play a key role in communication and we therefore need to ensure

we have your correct/ up to date email addresses. Please contact the office if your information has recently changed.

### Year 2 Morse Code

As part of the Morse Candles School Community Project, the Y2 worked on a project celebrating the involvement of the famous scientist Michael Faraday in a local lighthouse using morse code messages to keep ships safe. The children used their knowledge of electrical circuits to send each other morse messages using the dot/dash system.



### Parking

Can all parents make sure they do not park on yellow lines near the school gates because when they do they are making it dangerous for other families to cross the road safely.

### Red Nose Day

Next Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> March is Comic Relief Red Nose Day and the children can come dressed in appropriate red clothing and their nose painted if you want but please **do not let them bring in red noses as it will be too tempting not to share them** which would be a co-vid risk. Any donations will go directly to Comic Relief.

### World Book Day at St. Luke's

St. Luke's World Book Day celebrations are taking place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March (dressing up & having remote theatre workshops).

### URGENT

Parents must inform the school about appointments the day before they happen so we are not chasing you on the phone.

**Golden Assemblies** – Apologies I only have the KS2 photos for this newsletter I will put out EYFS and KS1 next week



### Upcoming dates for your diary

**17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> March - *Bikeability* training for Y4**

**19<sup>th</sup> March - Red Nose Day**

**22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Circus Splat outdoor workshops for all classes**

**25<sup>th</sup> March - Rev. Amy leading Y1-6 workshops on the Easter Story**

**25<sup>th</sup> March - West Ham United working with Y6 on building resilience**

**26<sup>th</sup> March - St Luke's World Book Day**

**31<sup>st</sup> March - Rev Amy leading Easter assemblies**

**1<sup>st</sup> April school closes at 1pm for the Easter Holidays**

**19<sup>th</sup> April - Inset/training day**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 5pm online - RSHE meeting regarding the parts of the curriculum dealing with Sex Education – all parents welcome**

**20<sup>th</sup> April school opens again for Summer Term**

**Have a safe weekend**

Matt Hipperson

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