



# St Luke's News

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



11th November 2022

## Remembrance

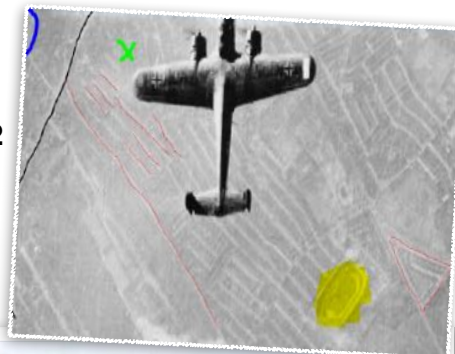
Dear Parents and Carers,

*Friday was one of St. Luke's 'special days' when we remembered all those who have died in the service of the country since the end of World War I in 1918. Not only did the children find out about the history and suffering caused through so many wars, they were also able to see pictures of men from this area who had volunteered as well as a hand written note from the headteacher of St. Luke's from Armistice Day 11th November 1918.*



These men (left) were from the **West Ham Battalion** of the Essex Regiment, recruited from either side of the Barking Road – 1,000 signed up and over 750 were killed or wounded

**Devastation on the Western Front & a German bomber in WW2 over Canning Town (the green x marks St. Luke's school!)**



COUNTY BOROUGH OF WEST HAM.  
**13TH (SERVICE) BATTN. ESSEX REGT. (WEST HAM.)**  
**JOIN THE "HAMMERS" AND HAMMER THE HUNS.**  
**250 MEN**  
Required IMMEDIATELY





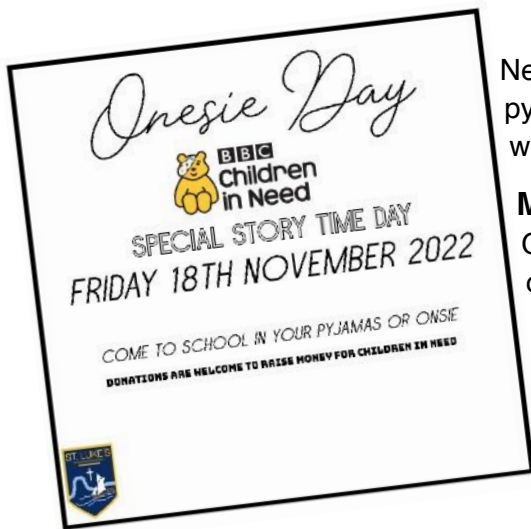
We ended with prayers for those who lost their lives as well as approximately 700 local people who died when **South Hallsville School** (being used as a shelter) took a direct hit in September 1940. Desperate East Enders spent three nights crammed into the school's basement, waiting for transport to take them away while the city burned outside. But after a series of official blunders the buses never arrived and on the fourth day a parachute bomb hit the school. The two-storey concrete building split in two and fell into the basement.



Isaiah 2 v.4

*He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.*





Next Friday please come in a onesie – if you have one or your pyjamas as we raise money for Children in Need – donations welcomed.

### Music in school

Our new Friday afternoon music teacher Dan got the ukeleles out with Y5. Dan is also taking individual piano and saxophone lessons and we have Emma teaching violin and Catherine also teaching piano with some singing as well. Finally we have two whole class music teachers working with YN-Y2 on Thursdays.

All of this fantastic music engagement is provided by our excellent partners at Newham Music and remember it is **free for your children to attend the Newham Music sessions** at Chobham School every Saturday morning - just say to them you are from St. Lukes!



Y5s strumming their ukes

### Y6 Visit to Young Citizens Workshops



Our Y6s visited the Tate & Lyle factory in Silvertown on Friday (see above) and met with members of the emergency services with the aim of learning how to keep themselves safe and also to become fine young citizens. They enjoyed it and Victoria told me afterwards that she wants to be a Police Officer!

### Y3 visit to the Cable Cars



As part of their investigation of the local area, Y3 visited the cable cars and saw Canning Town and North Greenwich from a different perspective – 90 metres (300 feet approx..) up in the air! The experience left them amazed about just how different their world looks at that height.



## Keeping up with the news

For up to date news from St. Luke's please use the QR codes below which will link you to the school Instagram account and the new Early Years Instagram account.

## Parent Governor election

The form to vote in the parent governor election will now go out next week - apologies as we have had some problems with the online document.

## Parent meetings

You should all have received a request from your class teacher to sign up for an appointment to discuss your child's progress during the week of the 21st of November. It is really important that we find out how we think learning is progressing from both a school and parental perspective - the partnership we have with you is crucial to your children being able to reach their full potential.

Please note that Pinnacle Group are holding a Jumble Sale on the 14th November (right) and please take some time to read the attached advice flyer (after term dates) on keeping your children safe when using *WhatsApp*.

Have a peaceful weekend



Matt Hipperson  
Head Teacher

## Autumn Term Dates

### November:

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| Nov 15th         | Tennis workshops AM  |
| Nov 17th         | PM Governor curriculum walk focusing on Maths  |
| Nov 18th         | Children in Need Onezie Day – special storytime day  |
| Nov 21st         | New Church of England advisor visiting the school  |
| Nov 21st-25th    | Y6 Mock SATs week & St. Luke's Anti-Bullying Week  |
| Nov 21st-25th    | Parent/Teacher Meeting week  |
| Nov. 23rd        | Y3 Film Festival trip the the 02 Greenwich   |
| Nov 24th         | EY & KS1 Anti-Bullying workshops   |
| Nov 25th         | KS2 Anti-Bullying workshops  |
| Nov 28th-Dec 9th | Y6 Intensive Swimming course every morning @ Olympic Pool  |
| Nov. 30th        | KS2 Debate in the Hall parents welcome – the question for debate is:<br>"Should we reduce meat consumption to fight climate change?" |

### December:

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| Dec 1st  | After school – Architecture in Schools Awards – Canary Wharf |
| Dec 8th  | Fluoride treatments for YN, YR & Y1                          |
| Dec 9th  | Christmas Pantomime – Dick Whittington – PM                  |
| Dec 10th | Sat – Choir singing at Waitrose Canary Wharf                 |



Dec 12th Y1 visit to Ascension Church Custom House PM  
 Dec 13th AM EYFS Christmas Nativity – Parents welcome  
 Dec 15th AM KS1 Christmas Nativity – Parents welcome  
 Dec 16th End of Term Music Assembly  
 Dec 16th Christmas Dinner and Jumper-day  
 Dec 19th End of Term Awards Assembly 9am – Parents welcome  
 Dec 19th Christmas parties for children  
 Dec 20th Christingle Service 9am – Parents welcome

Dec 20th School closes for Christmas holidays at 1pm and Re-opens on Thursday the 5th January with Breakfast club opening at the normal time – clubs will begin on Monday 9th January

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## Keep your child safe on WhatsApp



### What are the risks?

- Bullying, particularly in group chats
- Seeing content of a sexual nature, or showing violence and hatred
- Settings that allow messages to disappear after 24 hours or 7 days. This could make it harder to track bullying, and your child might share things they wouldn't otherwise because it'll disappear
- Sharing their live location, particularly with people they don't know in person
- Spam or hoax messages
- Being exposed to strangers through group chats

WhatsApp says the **minimum age** to use it is **16**, but younger children can still use it easily.

### 6 steps to help your child use WhatsApp safely

#### 1. Keep their personal information and location private

By default, WhatsApp shows profile photos, status and when you last used it to all users.

Encourage your child to only share this information with their contacts, and be careful about who they talk to on the app, as anyone could pretend to be a child online.

To check and change these settings:

- On an **iPhone**, open settings in WhatsApp (the cog icon), then Account > Privacy. Tap the setting you want to change, then choose who it should be visible to
- On **Android**, tap the 3 dots in the top-right of the home screen, then > Settings > Account > Privacy. Tap the setting you want to change, then choose who it should be visible to

WhatsApp also has a feature that you can use to share your 'live location' with others. Tell your child to keep this turned off, or to only share their location with people they trust.

To check this:

- On an **iPhone**, go to phone Settings (the cog icon) > WhatsApp > Location, and tap to change if you need to
- On **Android**, go to privacy settings as above, then scroll down to 'Live location', and tap to change if you need to

#### 2. Remind your child to be careful about what they share

It's easy to forward messages, photos and videos to others on WhatsApp. Even if your child sets a message to automatically disappear or deletes it after sharing it, the person they send it to could still screenshot it, forward it to someone else, or save it.

So before they share anything, tell them to ask themselves: "Would I want others to see what I'm about to send?"

### **3. Remind your child they can leave group chats**

If they see something they're not comfortable with in a group chat, or are in a chat with someone they don't know and are uncomfortable with, they should leave the group. To do this:

- On an **iPhone**, go into the group chat, tap the group subject, then > Exit group > Exit group
- On **Android**, go into the group chat, tap the group subject, then > Exit group > Exit

### **4. Make sure your child knows how to report and block people**

When they first receive a message from an unknown number, they'll have the option to report it.

If someone in your child's contacts is upsetting them or making them uncomfortable, they can report or block them at any point (WhatsApp won't tell the user they've been blocked/reported).

To do this:

- On an **iPhone**, open settings in WhatsApp, go to Account > Privacy > Blocked > Add New..., then find the contact they want to block, and tap the contact
- On **Android**, tap the 3 dots icon, then Settings, then tap Account > Privacy > Blocked contacts, tap the icon in the top right showing a person and a plus sign, search for the contact they want to block, then tap the contact to block them

To report issues like offensive or abusive content or spam:

- On an **iPhone**, open the chat with the user you want to report, tap the contact then then tap Report Contact > Report And Block
- On **Android**, open the chat with the user you want to report, then tap the 3 dots icon, then > More > Report

### **5. Encourage your child to watch out for spam and hoax messages**

These can appear to come from contacts, as well as people they don't know. Tell your child to watch out for messages that:

- Ask them to tap on a link, or specifically to click on a link to activate a new feature
- Ask them to share personal information like bank account details, date of birth or passwords
- Ask them to forward the message
- Say they have to pay to use WhatsApp
- Have spelling or grammar errors

### **6. Tell our school about any bullying they experience**

Look for signs they your child may be being bullied, like being afraid or reluctant to go to school, feeling nervous, losing confidence or becoming distressed and withdrawn, or losing sleep.