



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

11th September 2020

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic first full week we have had to the new school year. Everyone is slowly becoming accustomed to our new routines and the children have all settled in well. After a couple of initial tears our new Reception class have had an amazing week and are ready for lots of fun learning this year.

I'd like to remind parents to continue to socially distance themselves and their children during drop off and pick up times. Inside the building we ensure no bubbles of children cross paths and we clean all surfaces and handrails between each group. We kindly ask parents to be just as vigilant when outside the building.

On Monday the teachers will be sending out a curriculum newsletter explaining all the units of work they will be teaching this term. We will also be sending out reading books next week. Mrs Wickham, our English Subject leader, has spent an extremely long time going through every single book in our reading scheme to ensure it is phonetically decodable. Historically EYFS and KS1 children moved systematically through the book bands as they became more confident readers. Going forward, and in line with the Ofsted framework, children will bring home a reading scheme book that helps them practise the particular phonemes they are working on in class. Learning to read is vital for all children and we aim for all our children to become confident, fluent readers as quickly as possible. I would like to thank Mrs. Wickham for all her time and hard work on this enormous project.

Finally, I am pleased to announce this year's school councilors are:

Spring Class: Zayn and Future

Summer Class: Olivia and Sofia

Autumn Class: Elle-Jay and Sofia

Winter Class: Lucas P and Aleya

Jo Iwanicki
Head of School

Psalm 119:105 "God's word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path."

Spring Class



Spring class have had a fantastic first week at school. The children have been learning about 'Super-Soak' the superhero who is on a mission to keep germs at bay. They have also been talking about our classroom rules and following routines. The children have especially enjoyed the outdoor area where they have been demonstrating their teamwork to get the water pump working.



Summer Class



We have been very busy in Summer Class this week. We have been reading the story 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'. We then discussed what pet might come to visit our house and planned stories about all the things that might happen when the animal comes to visit. We have also been learning about domestic cats and tigers. We have been learning how to care for pets and have produced some lovely drawings and paintings of cats and tigers. In Mathematics, we have been learning about place value and learning how to identify if a number is bigger or smaller and explaining how we know.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn class we have enjoyed learning about mountains, rivers and coasts. We have built 3D mountain ranges which display the journey of a river down to the coast. In maths we have been comparing numbers and placing them on number lines while in English we have been reading folktales from India. We also created artwork inspired by our Christian value of the term 'Faith.'



Winter Class



Winter Class have settled in well to their new class and are quickly getting used to their new class routines. They love the Class Dojo points and are keen to earn more points for themselves and their house team. In English, Winter Class have been reading Greek Myths, and finding out how they reflect the Greek beliefs and morals of the time. They have also been decorating Greek pottery with geometric patterns and mythological scenes.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Zayn

For being polite and having good manners.

Henry For being kind and helpful when his friend fell over.

Summer Class

Saiyuri For being brave & putting your hand up to share your ideas with the class.

Abigail For your wonderful effort in phonics when learning new vowel digraphs.

Autumn Class

Laith For his mature attitude and enthusiasm towards our new topic.

Ellie For an excellent recount of the 'Tiger Child'.

Winter Class

Mohamad

For having a focused and positive attitude towards the new school year.

Shylah

For an excellent start to the year, and for writing excellent descriptive sentences about Greek Mythology.



Maths Monkey!

Spring Class Filip – For counting all the way to 113.

Summer Class Keren - For your confidence in Maths this week when explaining place value of numbers to 100.

Autumn Class Marcus - For fantastic work comparing numbers and placing them on a number line.

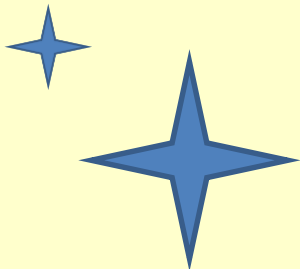
Winter Class. Areliana - For her excellent effort when partitioning 6 digit numbers.

Dates for Diary 2020-2021

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in **blue**; Changes are in **red**.

1 st September	INSET Day
2 nd September	INSET Day
3 rd September	Start of Term
18th September	Jeans for genes Day
8th October	Individual Pupil Photos
16 th October	St Luke's Day Celebration
23 rd October	Last Day of Half Term
26 th -30 th October	Half Term Holiday

Happy Birthday!



Lujain in Summer Class
Abigail in Autumn Class
Aaron in Autumn Class
Olivia in Summer Class



Covid-19 Advice

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

a new continuous cough

a high temperature

a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you should self-isolate at home and get tested

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home or your condition gets worse, please visit: www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19. If you cannot get help online, please call 111.

Pupils must not attend if they have COVID-like symptoms or a positive test.

You can now ask for a test:

for yourself, if you have coronavirus symptoms now (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)

for someone you live with, if they have coronavirus symptoms

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test-19#who-is-clinically-extremely-vulnerable>