



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

20th November 2020

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week we have had here at St Luke's. We kicked off the week by celebrating Odd Socks Day. All week, in class, the children have been taking part in activities that help them celebrate their differences. The children have discussed the idea of 'bravery' and how it takes a brave person to show their unique self. See if you can spot whose odd socks are in the photographs at the end of the newsletter.

On Thursday Ms Atkey kick started our Class Assembly videos with Winter Class presenting their learning from this term. Next week will be Autumn Class' assembly and we will email Y3/4 parents the link to our YouTube channel on Thursday. The rest of the school also watch the video in their classes, so their siblings also get to see what they have been learning about.

Next week Spring Class will be visiting Josh – the Youth and Families Worker – at St Luke's Church. They will be learning all about the Nativity story as part of their RE learning. The other classes will also be taking part in RE immersion days on Friday where the children will participate in creative activities to build on the units covered at home during lockdown. This will ensure any gaps in knowledge are addressed before moving on to new units of work. Thank you to our RE Subject Leader Mr Dixon for organising this exciting day.

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents that joined us for our PFA annual general meeting, and also to all the parents that have volunteered to take on a core role this year. There is a message from our new PFA Chair , Elise Geers, at the end of this weeks newsletter.

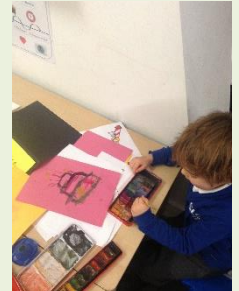
Jo Iwanicki
Head of School

*Proverbs 3:5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

Spring Class



This week in Spring class children have been learning about birthday celebrations. We have been writing invitations, party food lists and counting out candles to put on birthday cakes. We have even had fun playing different party games. As part of anti-bullying week we also have been talking about being kind to each other.



Summer Class



This week in Summer class we have been writing a story about a bear and a hare. We have really enjoyed retelling this story. In mathematics we have been practising how to subtract. We have been practising this skill in different fun ways. In music we have been continuing to practise our Nativity songs.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn term we have been investigating which type of animal ears are the best at picking up sound. We've been busy with English and Maths assessments and have been filming our class assembly! In RE we've been learning about the importance of Advent for Christians in the run up to Christmas.



Winter Class



This week in Winter Class, we have been researching how different animals have adapted to survive their habitat. In PSHE, we have been learning how to support children who have experienced bullying, and used drama to give each other advice. In art, we created Ancient Greek pottery from clay.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Jahan for excellent progress with his vocabulary and speaking.

Henry for his enthusiasm for phonics and reading.

Summer Class

Billie for your hard work in writing this week. You have focused really hard and have produced some lovely writing.

Hannah for your lovely representation of Jesus as the 'light of the world' in our RE lesson this week.

Autumn Class

Yara for her enthusiasm and progress in reading.

Marcus for his excellent reflections and contributions to discussions in RE lessons.

Winter Class

Finley for working well in a pair, while researching animal adaptations.

Areliana for her thoughtful contributions in PSHE.

Maths Monkey!



Spring – **Indy** for accurate counting when matching candles to a birthday cake.

Summer – **Emiliana** for your perseverance with learning how to subtract 2-digit numbers on a 100s square.

Autumn – **Lara** for her improved knowledge of her times tables.

Winter – **Carlotta** for her excellent effort and determination while solving tricky maths problems.

Dates for Diary 2020-2021

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

1 st December	Christingle Service in School
w/c 7 th December	Parent Consultations
17 th December	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day
18 th December	1:30pm End of Autumn Term
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5 th January	First day of Spring Term 2021

Birthdays this week:

Zayn, Freddie and Henry – Spring Class
Iliana – Summer Class
Jed – Winter Class

Odd Socks Day!



Parents and Friends of St. Luke's (PFA)

A big thank you to all who joined us for the physically-distanced PFA meeting yesterday. It was great to have your support and good ideas. Thank you to all our new class reps and committee for their willingness to serve the school in this way.

Whilst we plan for the year ahead, we thought it was worth you knowing other ways you could give towards the school, without it feeling like you are.

If you are doing any online shopping it's worth visiting:

<https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/st-lukes-church-of-england-school/>

If you shop through them, they give a donation towards the school.

Another option, closer to home, is if you shop with our local bookshop, West End Lane Books

<https://www.welbooks.co.uk> mention your connection with St. Luke's CE School, when you pay and they will donate 10% of your spend, which can later be used by the school to buy books.

Kind regards,

Elise

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>