



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

12th March 2021

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a delight it has been to have all of the children back in school again this week. They have all settled in extremely well and the teachers have planned lots of activities to ensure they address any worries the children may have.

Thank you to all of our parents for arriving promptly at the beginning and end of the day, it makes the transitions though the school building much easier to manage. If parents could please make sure they are not parking on double yellow lines and in front of lowered curbs as this blocks access to the school for other families.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that although schools are now fully open and cases of Covid-19 are significantly lower, there are still restrictions in place. We hope that all parents continue to follow government advice and to socially distance themselves outside of school.

Wishing you all a warm and restful weekend,

Jo Iwanicki
Head of School

Isaiah 41:10-13 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

Spring Class

This week in spring class we have enjoyed being back together with our friends. We have participated in lots of circle times talking about being back at school and what we would like to do when the restrictions ease. We also made some lovely mother's day cards to celebrate all the fantastic things our mothers do for us.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class we have had fun seeing our friends again and have enjoyed learning as a class. In Mathematics we have been revising our number bonds and playing maths games. In English we have been writing acrostic poems about spring and created our own classroom rules. In Science we looked at different materials and testing which materials are waterproof or water resistant, and reflected on our findings. We also painted a spring tree.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn class we have been creating our own Iron Age roundhouses, we were amazed by how shelter was made with natural resources. We also worked in groups to design our own hillfort; we had to decide what we would need to keep our community protected and well fed. In Maths, we have been finding patterns in our times tables and in English we have been performing humorous poems.



Winter Class



Winter Class had a fun and fabulous first week back to school! In maths, we measured different perimeters and areas in the playground using the metre sticks and rulers. We conducted an investigation in to how our hands spread germs using bread as part of science, and we wrote poems about friendship in PSHE. We are very pleased to be back at school.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Kian for his excellent progress with reading.

Zara for gaining lots of confidence when speaking during circle time.

Summer Class

Emiliana for your wonderful contributions towards classroom discussions.

Felix for your lovely writing of an acrostic poem about spring.

Autumn Class

Keye for choreographing a fantastic dance to her times tables

Haruna for performing a humorous poem by Michael Rosen with excellent expression.

Winter Class

Grace for her positive and resilient attitude towards her learning.

Tomi for settling well into his new class, and for his enthusiasm towards his learning.

Dates for Diary 2021

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

22 nd March	London Sinfonietta online performance
31 st March	In-school Easter Service and Easter Bonnet competition
31 st March	Last day of Spring term – school finishes at 1.30pm
1 st to 18 th April	Easter holiday
19 th April	First day of summer term
w/c 26 th April	Parent Consultations



Happy Birthday! ✨

No birthdays this week

Coronavirus: Weekly update from Camden Council

For the latest information and support from Camden Council and its partners, including updates to services:

- Visit camden.gov.uk/coronavirus – includes information in different languages
- Check the rolling news pages at news.camden.gov.uk
- Follow Twitter @CamdenCouncil and Facebook facebook.com/LBCamden
- Speak to someone at the Council directly by calling 020 7974 4444 (option 9).



SIGN UP to the Council's coronavirus newsletter at camden.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates

Schools and further education colleges



From Monday 8 March, all schools and further education colleges will reopen for face-to-face learning. Schools will have updated their risk assessments to ensure the necessary measures are in place to keep pupils and staff as safe as possible. Parents and carers of primary and secondary school or college age children will be encouraged to book regular free rapid lateral flow tests – find out how below. Your child's school will be in contact but you can also find out more at camden.gov.uk/schools-children-and-families

Rapid COVID-19 testing

Free, rapid COVID-19 tests with results in 45 minutes are available to these people **without COVID-19 symptoms** in Camden:

- Parents and carers of primary and secondary school or college age children
- Adults living or working in Camden who need to leave home for work
- Adults who are in close contact with others through care or volunteer responsibilities

Book a test appointment at one of seven community test centres at camden.gov.uk/rapidtest or call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

You can also pick up a home test kit from the NHS Kingsgate or Ramsey Hall test centres (open 1.30 to 7.30pm every day), or find your closest COVID-19 test centre at find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk

If you test positive without symptoms using a home rapid test kit, you and your household must self-isolate and book a PCR test, which is sent to a lab – visit nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119. Most people get their result the next day. **Do not go to a rapid test centre with symptoms.**



I am pleased that so many residents have now received their first COVID-19 vaccination or have appointments coming up. I encourage anyone currently eligible to get your vaccine – it's the best way we can protect ourselves against the virus.

Please remember that even if you have been vaccinated, you still need to follow Government and public health guidance – keeping your distance, wearing a face covering (unless exempt) and washing your hands.

As part of the phased approach to ending lockdown, which includes schools and further education colleges opening from next week, restrictions will only be eased if the data on vaccine uptake and infections are heading in the right direction.

Thanks to the role everyone has played so far, coronavirus cases are falling in Camden and London but the virus has not gone away and we will need to keep taking precautions to make sure we don't go backwards, including regular testing. The Council is committed to doing all we can to help, and Camden are providing free rapid tests for parents and carers of school children, anyone who needs to leave the house for work, and those in close contact with others through care or volunteer responsibilities.

Councillor Georgia Gould, Leader of Camden Council

COVID-19 vaccine

The COVID-19 vaccine is safe, effective and gives the best protection against coronavirus.

- If you're 60 or over, clinically extremely vulnerable or are in receipt of Carer's Allowance and haven't had your first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, you can now book your vaccination at nhs.uk/covid-vaccination or call 119 for free. **If you're clinically vulnerable, you can book an appointment once you receive a letter from your GP.**
- Government guidance has changed, and people on the GP learning disability register are now eligible for the vaccine. If you are on the register, your GP will contact you to book an appointment. **Please make sure you are registered with a GP and that they have included you on their learning disability register.**

If you have a learning disability and would like support with the vaccination process, call 020 7974 4444 (option 9).

Why I got the COVID-19 vaccine

Paul Smith is a community nurse who's involved in Camden's vaccine rollout. As a healthcare professional, he's already been vaccinated and explains why he chose to have it:

"I am very privileged to have had the vaccine so early. As a nurse, I feel very reassured that I am protected."



Camden libraries activities

Camden libraries together with Age UK Camden are running online 'Reading Friends' groups to connect people through reading and sharing stories. Activities include a knitting group; a poetry group; reading aloud sessions with older residents; and story time sessions for children and adults. Find out more at camden.gov.uk/readingfriends. To find out more about Camden digital library services and the Request and Read service, visit camden.gov.uk/libraries.

Stay at home to save lives



Wear a face covering in indoor and busy outdoor public spaces, unless you're exempt



Wash your hands regularly and thoroughly



Keep 2 metres apart from people outside your household or bubble

For the latest information on the Government's plans to ease lockdown restrictions, visit gov.uk/coronavirus