



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

22nd July 2021

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we said a final farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children at our Leavers' Service in church. The children shared their memories of St Luke's and their hopes for the future and Josh very kindly led the service as Alistair is currently on sabbatical. The children each received a bible – a gift from St Luke's Church, and their year book which was donated by our wonderful PFA. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us. We wish all of our Year 6 children the very best of luck as they move on to their new secondary schools and we hope that they will always keep St Luke's in their hearts.

This year has been filled with additional challenges, but I am so incredibly proud of how our little St Luke's community has coped every step of the way. After starting the new school year in September we never anticipated that we would have to return to home learning again in January. When the rest of the nation was asked to stay safe at home, our staff continued to travel in to work to ensure our school stayed open for key worker and vulnerable children. They covered extra duties when other members of staff were themselves ill or having to self isolate with their own children, and they did it with the same energetic and positive attitude as always.

After returning to school in March the staff continued to make sure all of the children were well supported, with the focus shifting away from our normal curriculum and concentrating on the children's mental health and well-being.

Throughout this final term we have seen COVID cases rise once more, but whilst other local schools have repeatedly opened and closed bubbles, we have managed to keep our children safe in school and have only had to shut for one week of home learning. This is both credit to our staff who have followed our new routines with rigour and diligence, and also to our parents and families who helped to keep each 'bubble' of children intact. For all of that I would like to say a huge THANK YOU!

We do not know what new challenges September will bring. We are planning for a 'normal' year, but as always we will be ready to adapt and make any changes as and when we need to.

For now, I would like to wish you all have a safe, healthy and restful summer and we will see you all again in September.

Jo Iwanicki

Head of School

Dates for Diary 2021

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

- 6th Sept Start of Autumn term for Years 1 to 6
- 10th Sept Swimming begins for Years 3, 4 and 5
- 13th Sept Start of Autumn term for new reception class
- 14th Sept Start of Term Service in church 2:30pm
- 15th Sept Individual pupil photos
- 14th Oct Harvest Festival in church 2:30pm
- 18th Oct St Luke's Day

25th to 29th Oct Autumn Half Term Holiday

- 12th Nov Pyjama Day for Children in Need
- 2nd Dec Christingle Assembly in School
- 8th & 9th Dec Parent Consultations
- 10th Dec Christingle service at Westminster Abbey
- 14th Dec Nativity 2pm in church
- 15th Dec Carol Service 6pm in church
- 16th Dec Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch
- 17th Dec Last day of Autumn term – 1:30pm finish

Happy Birthday!



Spring Class – Elian, Kian, Luciano
Summer Class – Felix, Lorenzo, Jacob,
Asia, Oriana, Bobby, Billie, Lujain



Autumn Class – Rose, Anabel, Anthony, Marcus,
Olivia, Chara, Aidegueseosa

Winter Class – Jessica, Grace, Lex

