



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

17th November 2023

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to see everyone dressed in their pyjamas today. Children in Need fund thousands of charities and projects all around the UK to enable children to have the childhood they deserve. Please remember to make your donations through the link <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12756> and remember if you are a UK taxpayer, you can also add gift aid to your donations. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile cause. In school we finished off our Pyjama Day with a 'bedtime story' during assembly time.

Our PGL Residential Trip meeting for Year 6 parents, next week, via Zoom, will be moved to 11:00am due to a diary clash. I look forward to seeing all of our Year 6 parents and carers on **Tuesday 21st November at 11:00am**. A Zoom link will be sent out separately. Next week, Autumn class will be sharing their learning in their class assembly at 3:00pm in the school hall. Year 3 & 4 parents are welcome to join us.

Next Friday, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day in school. As part of our work in Anti-Bullying Week we will be celebrating how unique and different we all are at St Luke's.

Finally, thank you to those families who have already donated prizes for our Christmas Fair. Please remember to bring your 'luxury' gifts for our PFA elves to add into the raffle hampers and don't forget to make your festive jars. All your generous donations will help to make the Christmas Fair a fun filled day for all of our St Luke's families.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. **Matthew 5:9***

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class, it has been great to get access to our full outdoor area again. The children have been inventing new games, roleplay activities and sorting out traffic jams. I have been really impressed by their knowledge of sounds and blending. They are keen to read both during carpet sessions and in their free choice activities. They are also developing great sharing and turn-taking skills, and finding ways to solve problems and support each other.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we have been busy with assessments. In RE, we explored the important role the shepherds play in the Nativity story. In English, we read 'The Swallows Journey' and looked at both past and present tense. We also wrote a scene between Swallow and another animal in the past tense. In Geography, we have been learning about the countries and capital cities of the UK.



Autumn Class



In an exciting week filled with creativity and learning, Autumn Class has dedicated their time and effort to prepare for our upcoming class assembly. In the realm of Mathematics, the focus has been on division, alongside the completion of our Maths assessments. Adding a harmonious note to our week, the Apollo Music Group graced us once more, treating the children to a delightful session with brass musicians. The joyous melodies resonated through the classroom, leaving huge smiles on the children's faces. It's been a week of hard work, and we can't wait to showcase the culmination of our efforts in the upcoming assembly.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, our Science unit on Properties of Materials saw us testing a wide variety of materials for their properties including electrical conductivity and magnetism. In Topic, we have been learning about the Blitz and how it affected different parts of the country, including our own local area. In RE, we have been evaluating pieces of art based on the Nativity Story. This week in English, we have been writing recounts, based on 'The Day of Ahmed's Secret.' In Maths, we have been completing assessments and have also completed an investigation on the relative values of different motor cars.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Klea for sharing and taking turns.

Louie for great reading and for trying his best in everything.

Summer Class

Noah for making marvellous progress in reading.

Zeynep for exhibiting model behaviour in class.

Autumn Class

Elian for all your positive contributions during maths this term.

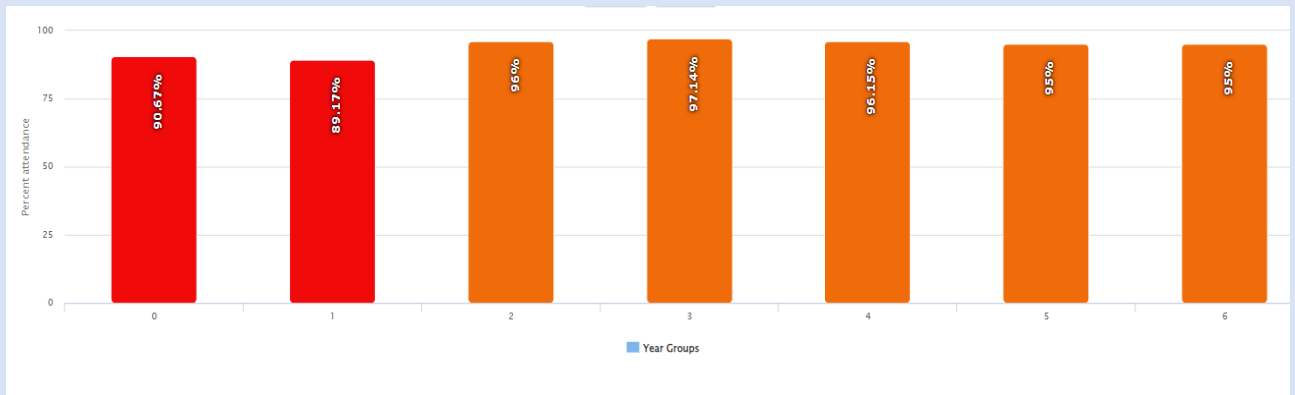
Arhan for always working hard and being enthusiastic in every lesson.

Winter Class

Olivia for her excellent contributions when planning a third person recount.

Georgie for showing great resilience doing challenging tasks.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 3
with
97.14%

Happy Birthday



Freddie in Autumn Class

Zayn in Autumn Class

Delisa in Winter Class

Dates for Diary 2023

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

W/C 30th October	Year 4 & 5 Swimming
7th November	Individual School Photographs
7th November	Summer Class Assembly
8th November	PFA Meeting 9:00am
10th November	Winter Class – War Memorial Service
17th November	Children in Need – Pyjama Day
21 st November	Year 6 Residential Zoom Meeting 10:30am
21 st November	Autumn Class Assembly 3:00pm
22 nd November	Reception Local Visit
24 th November	Odd Socks Day
2 nd December	Christmas Fair 12:00pm-3:00pm
w/c 4 th December	Parent Consultation Evenings
6 th December	Infant Nativity in Church 2:00pm
12 th December	Whole School Pantomime
13 th December	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
15 th December	Christingle Service in School
18 th December	Whole School Carol Service 6:00pm
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
21 st December	End of Term 1:30pm



Pyjama Day



Give your child the best start in life – every school day counts.



At St Luke’s we believe that all children deserve an education of the highest quality in order to flourish and enjoy a life filled with meaning and purpose. To support us with this, we ask parents to ensure their children are in school and on time every day. The school gates are open at 8:50am and children should be in their classrooms to be registered at 9:00am. The latest statutory guidance for schools, **Keeping Children Safe in Education 2023**, has a specific paragraph addressing children who are absent from school.

Children who are absent from education

175. Children being absent from education for prolonged periods and/or on repeat occasions can act as a vital warning sign to a range of safeguarding issues including neglect, child ... exploitation - particularly county lines. It is important the school or college’s response to persistently absent pupils and children missing education supports identifying such abuse, and in the case of absent pupils, helps prevent the risk of them becoming a child missing education in the future. This includes when problems are first emerging but also where children are already known to local authority children’s social care and need a social worker (such as a child who is a child in need or who has a child protection plan, or is a looked after child), where being absent from education may increase known safeguarding risks within the family or in the community.

Our **whole school attendance target is 96%** which allows for 8 days of illness over the year.

100% Attendance	0 Days Missed
95% Attendance	9 Days of Absence 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed
90% Attendance	19 Days of Absence 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed
85% Attendance	28 Days of Absence 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed
80% Attendance	38 Days of Absence 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed
75% Attendance	46 Days of Absence 9 weeks and 1 Day of Learning Missed



SLS Voluntary Donations



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to welcome our new families that have joined St Luke's this year, as well as thanking our existing families for their continued support throughout the year.

There is always lots to do as we continue to improve our school, but with support from our staff, governors and our dedicated parent body we will ensure that St Luke's is the best school it can be for our children. It is in this spirit of support that I am writing to ask for your assistance.

We would be incredibly grateful if you could agree to make an annual voluntary contribution of £40 for each child in the school. This would greatly assist in ensuring we continue to sustain and even enhance the high standards of provision at the school.

As a free school, St Luke's gets its funding directly from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and this enables us to choose our own providers for many services and get the best possible value for our school. However, funding is based on pupil numbers and as a small, half-form entry school we receive one of the smallest budgets in London to provide the same educational experiences that all children deserve. The school has processes in place to deliver value for money when procuring goods or services and the Governing Board review all contracts each year. We are well used to making our money go a long way!

I want to stress that this request is completely voluntary and you are under no obligation to pay anything. On the other hand, we understand that some parents may wish to contribute more than this suggested amount, which we would happily accept and will be a great help in maintaining our lovely school and creating an incredible learning environment for all our children.

Donations can be made under the 'Annual Donation' tab on Parent Pay.

<https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>

We thank you again and greatly appreciate all your valuable contributions to the school in terms of time, effort, and support.

Kind regards,

Ms J Iwanicki

Headteacher