



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

24<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would firstly like to thank everyone who has donated prizes for our Christmas Fair next Saturday. Our wonderful PFA members have been busy organising volunteers for the day but there is still time to offer your support by either contacting your Class Rep or emailing [pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk](mailto:pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk)

Thank you also to the parents who were able to join us for Autumn Class' assembly on Wednesday. The children spoke and sang beautifully and taught us all about life in Ancient Egypt. Thank you to Ms Thomas and Mr Edwards for all their hard work.

Today, in school we celebrated Odd Socks Day. This day reminds us of how unique we all are and during Collective Worship this week, we have been thinking about when 'banter' becomes 'bullying'. At St Luke's we describe bullying as the **repetitive, intentional** hurting of one person or group by another person or group.



On Thursday, Spring Class visited Golders Hill Park as part of their learning. Thank you to those parents that were able to join them as volunteers on the day.

Parents can still make donations to our Children in Need appeal by following the link on <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12756>. So far, we have raised £192 that will go to support a range of projects to help children across the UK.

Finally, today we have to say goodbye to Mr Edwards. Mr Edwards has supported children across KS2, working in Winter Class and Autumn Class. We thank him for all his hard work with the children and wish him the very best of luck in his new role. We'd also like to welcome Ms Figgures to the St Luke's team.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms J Iwanicki  
Headteacher

*Luke 5: 20 "When Jesus saw their faith, he said, 'Friend, your sins are forgiven.'"*

### Spring Class



This week, we have started to read books from the Little Wandle Scheme. It is great to see the children using the phonic knowledge that they have learnt in carpet sessions to read books. They will start to bring phonics books home to read from next week. In Maths, we have been practising subitizing using dominoes and dice games, and we have been learning how to form digits to 9. It was great to have a morning out at Golders Hill Park on Thursday looking for signs of Autumn, observing creatures in the zoo and playing in the playground.



### Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we have been reading the poem 'The Pobble Who Has No Toes' by Edward Lear. We looked at features of nonsense poems and wrote rhyming couplets. In RE, we looked at King Herod and his role in the Nativity story. We also explored what it means to be jealous. In Geography, we drew a map of our own island and added basic symbols in a key.



## Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we delved into the captivating story of 'Last' by Nicola Davies, which chronicles the journey of a white rhino. The children engaged with the narrative, utilizing a range of emotional vocabulary to articulate their feelings about the story. We were impressed by their expressive language and thoughtful reflections. We encourage you to inquire with your children about the facts that they discovered during this project; their knowledge on the subject is truly commendable. In our Science sessions, the students transformed into detectives as they delved into the mysteries of light. By exploring the workings of light, we hope to equip them with the tools needed to crack the scientific case at hand.



## Winter Class



In Winter Class, we have been learning about evacuees in the Second World War. We put ourselves in the position of children having to leave our families and friends in London and thought about how this would make us feel. We also looked at different accounts of evacuation. In Science, we conducted an experiment on thermal insulation, deciding which material was best suited to keeping food or liquid cold. In Maths, we have been practicing mental division as well as quick subtraction of decimals while in English, we have been looking at instructions and explanation texts and evaluating them.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Lina** for great listening, politeness and kindness.

**Laisha** for excellent focus and turn taking in memory game.

### Summer Class

**Sarah** for her amazing progress in Reading.

**Mohsen** for collaboratively working with his partner.

### Autumn Class

**Liza** for her thoughtful input this week discussing our new story.

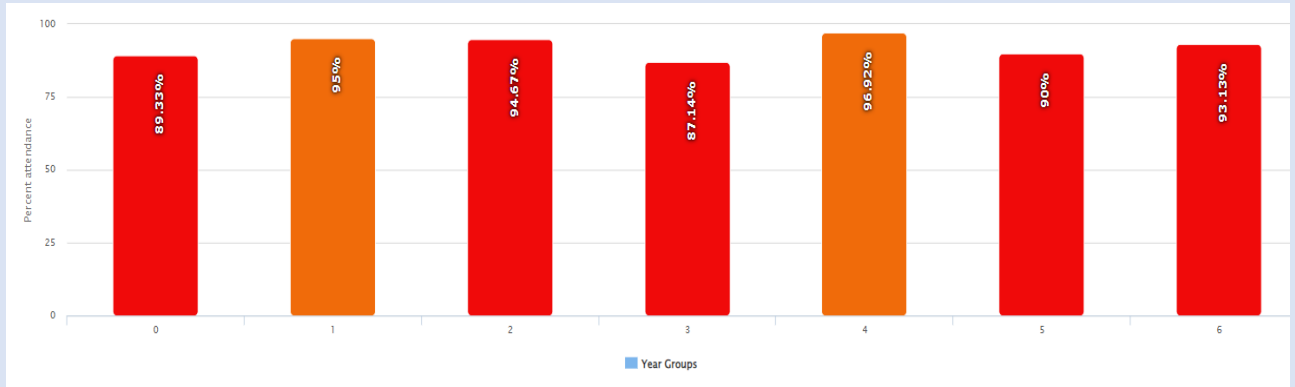
**Felix** for your determination during our maths investigation.

### Winter Class

**Nikolaj** for hard work on his number bonds this week.

**Tamia** for being a great representative when we had a supply teacher.

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week  
**Year 4**  
with  
**96.92%**

## Happy Birthday



**Leila in Summer Class**

**Henry in Autumn Class**

## Dates for Diary 2023

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

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

# 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



St Luke's CE School

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 2nd December  
12:00 to 3:00pm

**£1**  
Per Child / £2 Adult  
or £5 Family ticket  
**Visit Santa £3**  
(includes a gift)



**Santa's Grotto - Mince Pies - Hot Chocolate - Raffle  
Tombola - Face Painting - Cupcakes - Mulled Wine - Pizza  
Biscuit Decorating - Festive Games and so much more!**

Volunteers needed! Please speak with your Class Rep if you can help out

Purchase your entrance tickets, raffle tickets, and Santa's Grotto, before and after school on Tues 28th/ Thurs 30th/ Fri 1st (or pay on the day).

THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE AMAZING

# RAFFLE PRIZES

you could win at the St Luke's Christmas Fair

**BOROUGH KITCHEN**

£125 Voucher

Portraits by Diana Berman  
from your photos  
Pencil, Pastel, Charcoal or Oil



£250 Voucher

**SPENCER**

**STAGE SCHOOL**

Half a term of classes



£50 Voucher



**PLAYROOM  
MAKEOVER**

From Kids Den

THE  
**HAMPSTEAD BUTCHER  
& PROVIDORE**

£50 Voucher



**Saraha's Path**  
rtt | healing | art

£108 Consultation



Music Lesson



Kids Journals



SWEET JUSTICE CAKES  
BY mitty

£60 Voucher

**CRICKLEWOOD  
COFFEE  
ROASTERS**



**KARMA BREAD**  
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Free Classes

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Crayons



Free Classes



**+ HAMPERS +**

with thanks to

**M&S**

**TESCO**

Saturday 2nd December  
Prize draw starts  
at 2:30pm

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