



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

20th October 2023

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an exciting end to the half term today with our skipping workshops. The children learned how to skip in different ways both with a small skipping rope and a large one where lots of children could skip together. If you still wish to purchase a skipping rope you can buy them online at <https://www.skipping-workshops.co.uk/shop/> Thank you to Mrs Wickham for organising this fun event.

On Tuesday our KS2 School Councillors accompanied me to Fortune Green PACE to deliver our harvest collection to their food bank. The children met with the Early Years Leader who answered their questions about who the donations would go to help and what the food bank was for. We then joined in some circle time with the nursery children to think about harvest and sharing. Thank you to Keye, Milla, Oriana and Kian for being such excellent representatives of our school.



Also on Tuesday Mr Leng kicked off our class assemblies with a trip back in time to life during the second world war. The children did an amazing job sharing their learning, speaking confidently and singing songs from that period. Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us in school.

On Wednesday we celebrated St Luke's Day in school and the children took part in a range of activities to learn about St Luke's life and journeys.

Our wonderful PFA have already started to organise things ready for the Christmas Fair on **2nd December**. If you can help out in any way or just want to find out a little more information please join us for our PFA meeting on **8th November at 9:00am** in the school hall.

Wishing you all a restful half term break,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Matthew 11:29

Spring Class



This week we have been very active. We have been practising throwing and catching with a partner and playing team games in PE. The children really enjoyed their skipping workshop and have been inventing their own chasing games. For St Luke's Day, we were exploring healing and practising being doctors. We have been reading labels and creating some for our classroom alongside counting and exploring 3D shapes.



Summer Class



This week in Summer class, we created a character and wrote a story using conjunctions and expanded noun phrases. In Science, we used our senses to identify objects and we spoke about what foods are healthy and what the right amount looks like on a plate. Also, we discussed how much each food group is required for a balanced lunch. We have continued with our 'Zero to Nine' art work and added paint to it.



Autumn Class



This week in English, the children have been using adverbials to build on their increasing range of sentence structures. In Science, we adopted the role of soil detectives where the children were identifying and classifying the components within the soil. In celebration of St. Luke's Day, Autumn Class has explored different healing stories from the Bible and displayed their knowledge through fantastic role play.



Winter Class



In Winter Class, we spent the early part of the week rehearsing for our assembly. We hope parents enjoyed the performance. The children worked hard on their lines and learning the songs and thanks to everyone who contributed with costumes and props. On Wednesday, we researched the journeys of St Luke for St Luke's Day. This involved mapping out each journey and using atlases to research the modern names of the countries he visited. We have continued our Science unit on Light by exploring reflections on concave and convex surfaces, whilst in Maths we have practised calculations involving decimals.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Lina for using more and more English in her play.

Julia for great listening and following instructions

Summer Class

Ivy for confidently reading her story to the class.

Saisha for making a great start to her time at St Luke's.

Autumn Class

Uzziah for his keen and knowledgeable contributions to St Luke's Day.

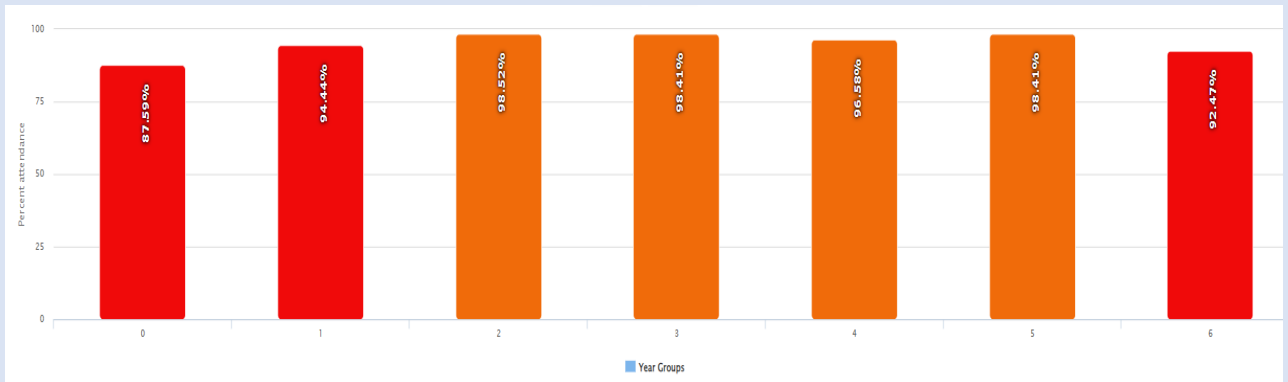
Emily for adopting the role of librarian, offering great book recommendations and keeping our book corner organised.

Winter Class

Korede for being prepared to take a role at short notice during our assembly practice.

Anabel for being a role model and a positive presence in class.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 2
with
98.52%

Happy Birthday



Arion in Spring Class



Dates for Diary 2023

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

13th September	Start of service in Church 2.30pm
14th September 10:30	Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting
W/C 19th	Reception Children collected at 1pm
18th September	Early Reading Parents Meeting 10.00am
20th September	E Safety Parents Meeting 10:30am
21st September	PFA Meeting 9:00am
W/C 25th September	Reception Children all day (pick up 3:30pm)
6th October	Individual School Photographs
11th October	Harvest Festival in Church 2:30pm – Parents Welcome
17th October	Winter Class Assembly 3:00pm
18th October	St Luke's Day
20th October	Whole School Skipping Workshop
23rd – 27th October	Half Term
W/C 30 th October	Year 4 & 5 Swimming
7 th November	Individual School Photographs
7 th November	Summer Class Assembly
10 th November	Winter Class – War Memorial Service
8 th November	PFA Meeting 9:00am
17 th November	Children in Need
21 st November	Autumn Class Assembly
24 th November	Odd Socks Day
2 nd December	Christmas Fair
w/c 4 th Nov	Parent Consultation Evenings
12 th December	Pantomime in school
18 th December	Carol Service 6:00pm
20 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
21 st December	End of Term 1:30pm

PFA Christmas Meeting
Wednesday 8th November
9am in the school hall



The St Luke's Christmas fair is taking place on the 2nd December please save the date!

We will be hosting a PFA meeting on the 8th November to run through the plan for the fair and to recruit volunteer helpers. It is only possible for the fair to run with the support of the parents of St Luke's. We'd love to see as many of you there as possible.

If you cannot attend the meeting but are keen to get involved please send an email to pfa@Stlukesschool.org.uk.





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

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