



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

3rd November 2023

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Year 4 & 5 children went for their catch-up week of swimming lessons. The progress they have made in such a short time is tremendous and Mr Leng was thrilled to see how well they have done. A huge thank you to our staff for being flexible and ensuring that this week went so smoothly.

Also this week, our school councillors met to discuss how we could raise funds for our Children in Need appeal. The children have decided on a 'Wear Your Pyjamas to School Day' on 17th November and more information will be coming out next week.

Today, Autumn Class had their Apollo Music workshop. They children had a string quartet playing classical pieces to them with two violins, a viola and a cello. Thank you to St Margaret's School for organising this exciting opportunity for us.

On Tuesday, the children will have their individual school photographs taken. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing full school uniform and a smile.

On Wednesday morning, the PFA will be hosting a meeting to discuss the Christmas Fair. If you can help out or would just like to find out more information, please join us in the school hall at 9:00am.

Finally, I would like to ask all parents who drive to school not to park in any private roads or driveways. We always try to encourage our families to walk to school, but if you do have to drive, please try to park away from Kidderpore Avenue and then walk to the school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. 1Peter 3:8

Spring Class



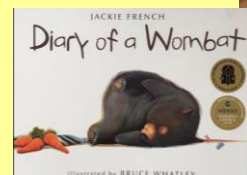
This week in Spring Class we have been collecting, counting and making art with beautiful Autumn leaves. To start our new topic of 'Celebrations' we have been reading and discussing the book 'What's in the Truck?'. To improve our writing we have been working on forming letters correctly and writing our names. In PE we have been taking part in circuit challenges and using animals to inspire our own dance routines.



Summer Class



This week in Summer class, we really enjoyed reading 'Diary of a Wombat' as well as writing a diary entry from the point of view of an animal. In order to retell the story of Scatch in 'The Cat's Journey', we created a story map. In Maths, we are learning to count back from a number to work out the answer to subtraction problems. In RE we looked at the role of the Angel Gabriel in the Nativity story.



Autumn Class



In Autumn Class this week, we have been exploring imagery in poetry. The children worked in groups and performed poetry with great confidence and expression, creating powerful images for their fellow peers. We have been very lucky to have Apollo Music in our class this week. The children really enjoyed listening to the music and taking part in discussions.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, our work in English has involved studying different recounts. Many of these have related to events involving extreme weather and we have been using this to produce our own narrative recount based on a text called 'Hurricane.' This has also involved dramatizing key events. In Maths, we have been looking at factors, multiples and prime numbers. During our afternoons, Year 6 have been working independently and consolidating their learning across the curriculum, while Year 5 have been out completing the swimming course they began in Year 4. The improvement they have all made has been very noticeable!



Golden Book

Spring Class

Adila for working hard on counting to 10.

Idriss for making all sorts of creations with playdough.

Summer Class

Aahil for working collaboratively with his partner.

Isaac for his enthusiasm in reading.

Autumn Class

Jahan for his great work this week using multiplication and division.

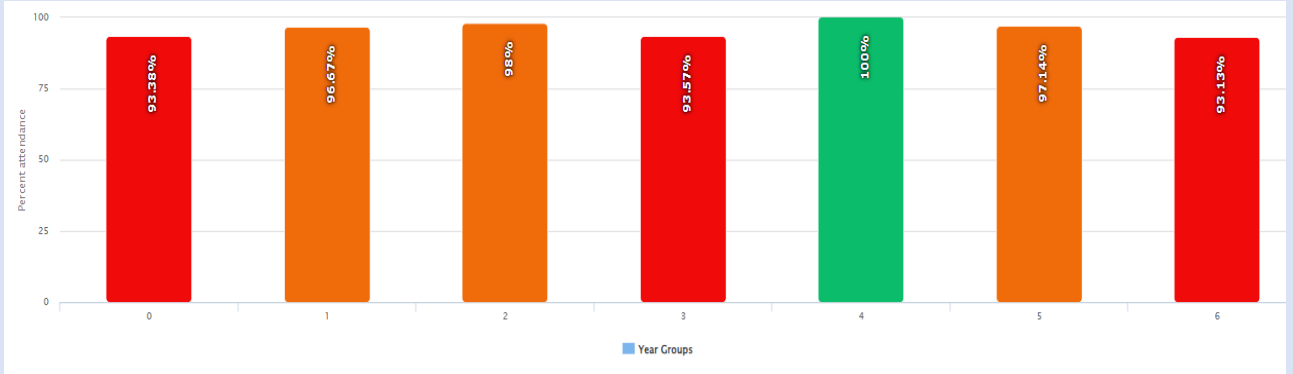
Aariya for her hard work and perseverance in swimming.

Winter Class

Bobby for making real progress this week in swimming.

Lara for setting a great example in getting on with tasks independently.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week



Year 4
with
100%



Happy Birthday



No Birthdays This Week



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
7 th November	Individual School Photographs
7 th November	Summer Class Assembly
8 th November	PFA Meeting 9:00am
10 th November	Winter Class – War Memorial Service
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

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Parent Coffee Morning

Wednesday 8th November



For all parents and carers of St Luke's School, after morning drop off.

A chance to catch up and meet other parents from the school.

Drop in any time from 8.45am