



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

10th November 2023

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we were treated to a lovely assembly by Summer Class. The children shared their learning with us and spoke so confidently. Thank you to all the parents that were able to join us.

On Wednesday, our dedicated PFA members met to finalise arrangements for our Christmas Fair on 2nd December. There are still lots of ways you can support us on the day. We still need plenty of adults to help out on stalls and you can also donate prizes for the raffle and tombola. More information can be found in a letter that went home today.

I hope you all received your Christmas art work this week. The information on the sticker on the back of your child's work can be used to order Christmas cards, wrapping paper or gifts with your child's artwork on. Please ensure your orders are in by Thursday 16th November.

Next week, we will be fundraising for Children in Need. The school council chose to hold a 'Pyjama Day', where children can come to school wearing their pyjamas. This year we have set up a separate donations page through Parent Pay which allows you to add Gift Aid to your donations. Simply click on the link below and add your details.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=12756>

On Tuesday 21st at 10:30am we will be holding a Zoom parent meeting for our Year 6 Residential Trip in March. A link will be sent out next week to Year 6 parents and carers.

Finally, I would like to thank Winter Class for representing our school at the Remembrance Service today. The children all made poppies which were then crafted into a wreath and laid at the War Memorial in Hampstead Cemetery.



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, we have been writing our own story about Princess Maxie's birthday. On the carpet, we have practised telling the story using words and actions. We have also been writing the story using the sounds that we have learned. In Phonics, we have learned to read and write the sounds h, b, f, and l. In Maths, we have been finding one more than a number as well as sorting and counting natural items beyond 20.



Summer Class



This week in Summer class, the early part of our week was spent preparing for our assembly. The children worked hard during rehearsals to learn both their lines and two songs. We had fun sharing our learning with everyone and we hope our performance was enjoyed by all. In English, we wrote a letter to Scratch's friend in 'The Cat's Journey' and in Maths we are counting back in 1s and 10s.



Autumn Class



This week, Autumn Class have been working hard, completing assessments. It has been fantastic watching them display all their knowledge. In English, we have been looking at the poem 'Daddy Fell into the Pond' by Alfred Noyes. The children have also been performing poetry, practicing their expressive delivery. We have continued to explore the life of the Ancient Egyptians. Our focus this week has been on the importance of the River Nile and how it supported a successful civilization.



Winter Class



In Winter Class, Monday afternoon was spent on a visit to the Junior Citizenship Scheme. Children partook in workshops about safety on London buses, safety on the London Underground, the dangers of drugs, first aid, fire safety and reporting hate crime. The event educated us on keeping safe as we gain independence growing up. Back in class, we have been concentrating on multiplication in Maths. Meanwhile in RE, we have examined the different accounts of the Nativity story from Matthew and Luke. We have also prepared for our Remembrance Service visit on Friday by looking at the meaning of Armistice Day as well as designing and making poppies for our wreath.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Troy for working really hard at writing his name.

Marco for searching and taking care of creatures in the outdoor area.

Summer Class

Myla for excellent effort put into writing this week.

Aggelos for his hard work in Maths when finding 10 less and 10 more of a two-digit number.

Autumn Class

Sam for showing a positive attitude towards all aspects of his learning.

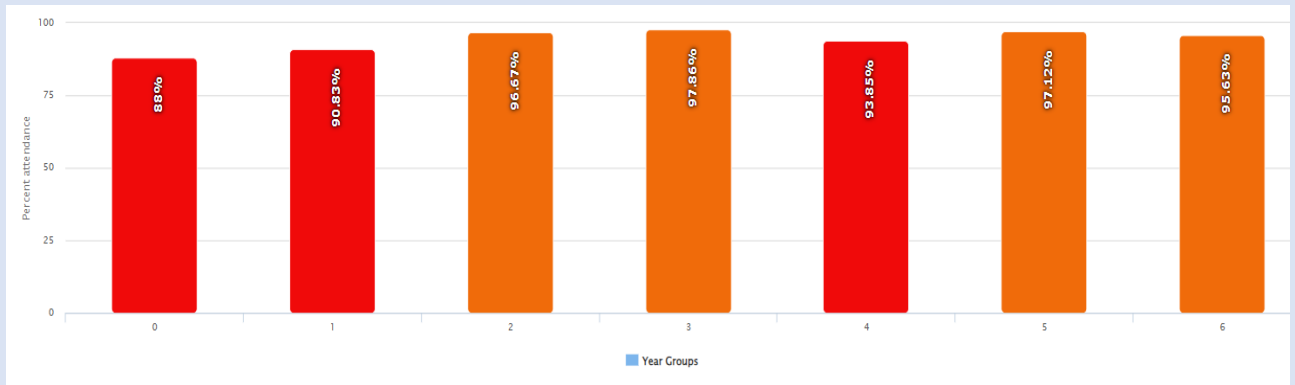
Alex for his fantastic use of noun phrases and descriptive language in English this week.

Winter Class

Lily for showing great artistic skills in designing poppies.

Isambard for helping others during our study of the Nativity story.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 3
with
97.86%

Happy Birthday



Eirini in Autumn 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
17 th November	Children in Need – Pyjama Day
20 th 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

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