



# St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

*Educating through faith, hope and love.*

**1<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Message from Ms Iwanicki**



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is getting very Christmassy here at St Luke's. Our Breakfast Club children helped to decorate our Christmas tree and our amazing PFA helpers have been busy setting up the stalls for our Christmas Fair tomorrow. If you haven't already bought your tickets you can pay on the day. The entrance fee is £2 for an adult and £1 for children, or a family ticket costs just £5. There are lots of stalls and games to plays as well as a very special visit from Father Christmas! The fair is from 12:00pm to 3:00pm and we hope to see you all there.

Our KS1 and EYFS children have been busy learning their lines and practicing their songs in preparation for their Nativity in church next week. Parents are welcome to join us at 2:00pm on Wednesday for this very special event.

Next week, we will be holding our autumn term Parent Consultation Evenings. Please book your appointment slot using your child's Google Classroom log in details and note whether you wish to have an in person or virtual meeting. A Zoom link for online appointments will be sent out on the day.

This week, our KS2 children have begun practising the songs they will perform at our Carol Service on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm in the church. Although this is a chance for our KS2 children to shine, our KS1 children are very welcome to take part in this service.

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 in Spring Class, the children have been busy learning about colour mixing, and have been exploring the properties of ice in the recent cold weather. We are revisiting correct letter formation using different materials and taking part in lots of activities to develop our phonic knowledge and skills. In PE, we explored different ways of travelling including jumping, hopping and skipping. In English we have been exploring poems linked to our celebrations topic and in Maths we have been comparing and ordering amounts.



## Summer Class



This week in Summer class, we solved addition and subtraction word problems. In English, we looked at two new poems by Edward Lear 'The Owl and the Pussycat' and 'The Quangle Wangle's Hat'. In Geography, we used compass directions to describe the location of routes and features on a map. In RE, we looked at who the wisemen are in the Nativity story and the meaning behind each gift that was given.



## Autumn Class



In English this week, the children delved deeper into the world of endangered animals, reflecting on our collective impact on the environment and brainstorming actions to make a positive change. Engaging in persuasive writing, the children crafted speeches encouraging others to participate in small, impactful actions. In RE, our exploration of the true meaning of Christmas continued, allowing students to connect with the religious aspects of the season. As a creative expression of the advent, students crafted their own stained glass.



## Winter Class



In Winter Class, we have continued our Science work on testing materials for thermal conductivity and insulation by how quickly water cools down in water in glass, tin, plastic and paper. In Topic, we have been studying rationing during World War II. Our English work has focused on explanation texts, including writing explanations of the qualities required to succeed in netball. In Maths, we have been concentrating on mental and written methods for division. Our DT work has focussed on planning for our 'Make Do and Mend' project which we hope to complete next week.



# Golden Book

### Spring Class

**Robyn** for great concentration on writing and drawing.

**Idriss** for excellent listening and speaking.

### Summer Class

**Karim** for his excellent effort in phonics.

**Aryan** for his effort and positive attitude towards his learning.

### Autumn Class

**Zara** for excellent listening and great input during lessons.

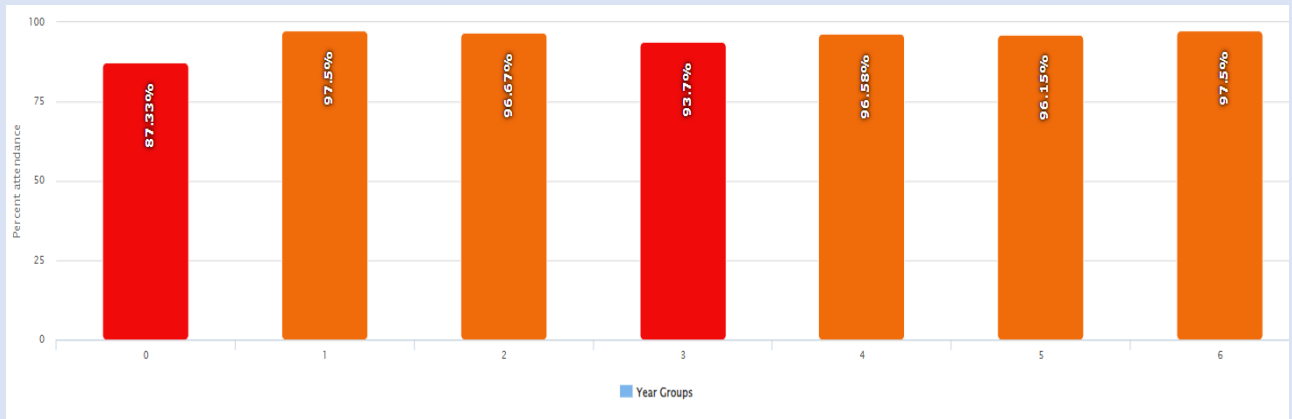
**Lorenzo** for your insightful contributions during our English topic.

### Winter Class

**Vanesa** for continuing to show a 'can do' attitude in all she does.

**Keye** for showing excellent focus and being a helpful learning partner.

# Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week  
**Year 1 & Year 6**  
with  
**97.5%**

# Happy Birthday



**Sam 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



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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Free Classes



+ **HAMPERS** +

with thanks to

**M&S**

**TESCO**

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

St Luke's CE School

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# Christmas

AT ST LUKE'S HAMPSTEAD

## Christingle Family Service

Friday 8th December 4.00 - 4.45pm

Doors open at 3:30pm with Christingle making  
Christmas crafts and refreshments  
(Everything for making Christingles will be provided)

Come and join us to mark the start of your Christmas season with the lighting of the Christingle!



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