



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

8th December 2023

Message from Ms Iwanicki



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for Parent Consultation Evenings this week. Ten minutes is never enough time to discuss each child, but we hope you were able to take away the targets that your child should be working on at the moment. The list of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) that we give out at parent's evenings, although not a full list of national curriculum objectives, outline the key elements within the programmes of study, that, if mastered, demonstrate a child's grasp of understanding of that area in the national curriculum.

This week, our EYFS and KS1 children shared a retelling of the Nativity story for us in Church. They did a marvellous job of singing and saying their lines and performed with great confidence. A huge thank you to Ms Butler, Ms Akthar and Ms Shepperd for all their hard work putting the performance together. I hope that you'll be able to join us for our next Christmas event, on Monday 18th December in church, when we'll be holding our evening Carol Service at 6pm.

Next week in school, we'll be visited by a touring theatre company who will be performing a pantomime based on the story of Aladdin. This opportunity to experience some traditional British theatre would not be possible without a generous donation from the PFA and all the hard work that went into this year's Christmas Fair. This year, we raised an incredible £1,338 which will go to help support the school and your children. Thank you to everyone that helped out on the day and to everyone that has worked over the last few months preparing for the fair.

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 spent the beginning of the week preparing costumes and practising for Whoops a Daisy Angel. They enjoyed creating paintings of starry skies and creating Christmas decorations for our classroom. The children have still been working hard learning new sounds and blending them to read. They have also been learning more tricky words that they have to learn by sight. In Maths, we have been drawing quantities to match numerals and exploring maths in story books.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, the children did a great job learning their lines and performing the songs in the Nativity. They really enjoyed performing in front of an audience and we hope you all enjoyed it too. In Maths, we have been looking at comparing and measuring lengths. We looked at examples of standard and non-standard units for measuring.



Autumn Class



This week, Autumn Class has demonstrated exceptional dedication to mastering the concept of fractions. Engaging in a variety of hands-on activities, they have not only excelled in recognising different types of fractions but have also honed their abilities in skilfully converting improper fractions into mixed numbers. As we gradually conclude our captivating exploration of Ancient Egypt, the children have consistently showcased an impressive wealth of knowledge on this fascinating historical era. Their curiosity and engagement throughout the topic has been wonderful.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, our afternoons have been largely spent on our 'Make Do and Mend' projects for DT. Children have worked in teams to design and create various objects from spare materials. We are using these skills to reflect on how people adapt in times of need, thinking back to what people did to survive in the Second World War. Meanwhile, in our core subjects, we have been working on fractions in Maths and evaluating and planning poetry in English. We hope this will culminate in writing poems based on familiar stories that we can perform together.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Anna for excellent singing during our nativity preparations.

Arion for remembering all the actions in our nativity.

Summer Class

Nefeli for showing excellent decoding and comprehension skills.

Arun for showing great ambition towards all of his learning.

Autumn Class

Eva for her thoughtful campaign letter in English.

Henry for his positive contributions to class discussions.

Winter Class

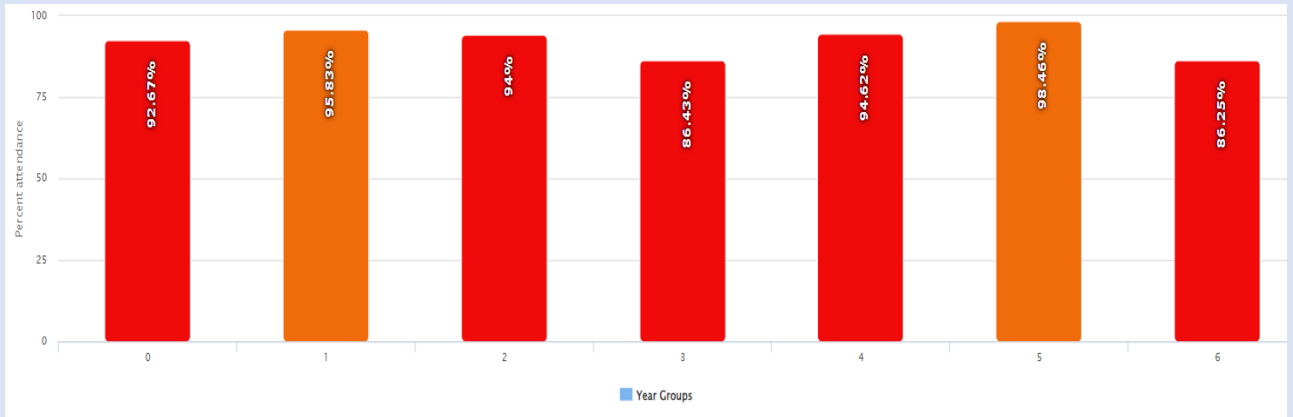
Lujain for great teamwork during our 'Make Do and Mend' project.

Zoey for consistently working hard even in the later stages of the term.

SLS Nativity



Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 5
with
97.5%

Happy Birthday



Hidaya in Summer Class

Mylo in Winter 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
17th November	Children in Need – Pyjama Day
21st November	Year 6 Residential Zoom Meeting 10:30am
21st November	Autumn Class Assembly 3:00pm
22nd November	Reception Local Visit
24th November	Odd Socks Day
2nd 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

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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