



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

11th October 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for their donations to this year's Harvest collection. Your generosity and kindness will certainly go a long way to support the PACE foodbank. I would also like to thank all the parents who were able to join us for our Harvest Festival in church this week. It was a fantastic celebration and a lovely way to give thanks. The children did an amazing job sharing their class prayers and bible readings and our new Reception children joined in for their very first service in church.

Next week in school, the children will be creating some pieces of art as part of our St Luke's Day celebrations on 18th October. St Luke was the travelling companion of St Paul and a physician, but he is also celebrated as one of the church's earliest historians.

During the week beginning the 21st October we will be celebrating Maths Week in school. As part of this, we are going to help raise some funds for the PFA by taking part in the 'Silver Trail' on Tuesday 22nd October. We are asking each child to bring in some silver coins to donate to the PFA. This could be 5p, 10p, 20p or 50p pieces. Each class will then line up all the silver coins they have brought in to school. A prize will go to the class with the longest line of coins and the class with the most amount of money! (We will of course make it fair to our smaller class of Reception children and double their amounts) All proceeds will then go to the PFA.

Before the end of term, the children will also be designing their Christmas cards – which may seem a little early – but their designs can then be bought online as cards, wrapping paper and mugs in time for Christmas. More information about the Silver Trail and the Christmas card project will go our later this term.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

Encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class the children have made an impressive start to our phonics programme. They have been very focused during both reading and writing activities. Little Wandle is the synthetic phonics scheme that we use in school. We then add sensory and free flow phonics activities to the class so that the children can explore phonics and reading in a variety of ways. In R.E. we have been learning about the Christian creation story. The children have also been looking at signs of Autumn by painting leaves and discussing their colours, and practising cutting and sticking to create collages of leaves.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we explored the importance of being forgiven and forgiving, from a Christian perspective. We also role-played different scenarios on how to ask for forgiveness. In History, we looked at paintings of old and new toys and created our own toy paintings. In English, we planned and wrote our own versions of the story 'A Squash and a Squeeze'. In Maths, we are looking at number bonds to 10 and 20 using bar modelling.



Autumn Class



In English this week, we have been focusing on grammar, using a wide variety of adjectives to create detailed descriptions of animals through expanded noun phrases. In Science, we have been exploring gases, examining their properties and various uses. We also had a wonderful day at the Camden Learning Centre, where the children created Padlets as a way to share information.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, we have been using the story of Henry 'Box' Brown, an enslaved man who posted himself across America to find freedom, to create newspaper articles. In Maths, we have been practising our methods of division. Our Topic work on the Ancient Greeks has involved studying the empire of Alexander the Great. In RE, we have been writing up our interviews about confirmation from last week. Our Science work on classification has included creating our own classification keys for different types of sweets, extending these skills to classifying insects.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Emiko for excellent focus and enthusiasm in phonics.

Domenic for great engagement and enthusiasm for writing.

Summer Class

Robyn for working collaboratively with her partner.

Sarah for her great effort in Maths this week.

Autumn Class

Mohsen for his hard work in Maths using addition to find differences.

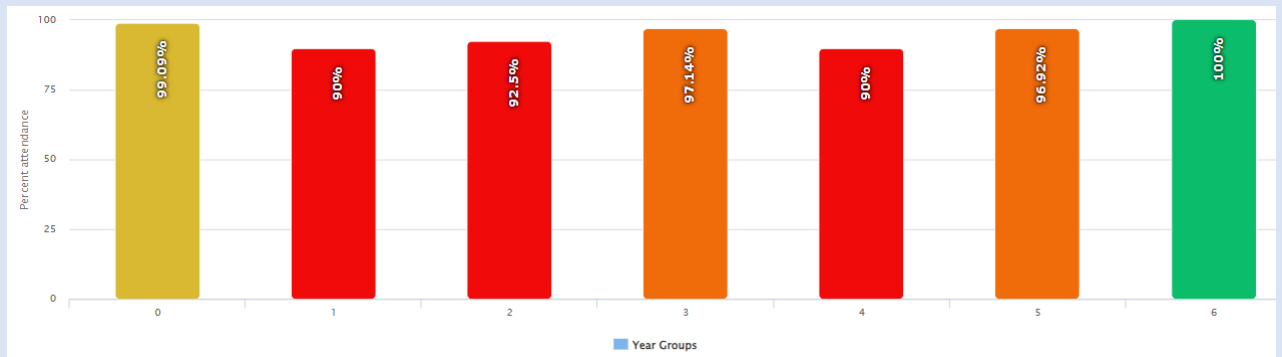
Ava for her contributions to lessons especially in English this week.

Winter Class

Asia for her hard work in writing this week when creating a newspaper article.

Carter for showing great positivity across all school activities.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week

Year 6

with
100%



Happy Birthday



Lily in Winter Class

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Dates for Diary 2024

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

W/C 9th	Reception Children start and collected at 12pm
9 th September	Secondary Transfer Zoom Meeting at 10.30am
11 th September	Start of Term service in Church at 2.30pm
W/C 16th September	Reception Children collected at 1pm
17 th September	Early Reading Parents Meeting at 10am
18 th September	PFA Meeting in School Hall at 9:00am
20 th September	Class Curriculum Newsletters to parents
W/C 23rd September	Reception Children in all day
25 th September	E Safety Meeting via Zoom at 10:30am
2 nd October	Autumn Class Science Museum trip
9 th October	Harvest Festival in Church at 2:30pm
11 th October	Autumn Class CLC trip
18 th October	St Luke's Day
W/C 21 st October	Maths week
22 nd October	Silver Trail
28 th October – 1 st November	Half-Term
4 th November	INSET DAY
27 th November	St Luke's Parent Coffee Morning

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 2024**, 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