



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Message from Ms Iwanicki

I hope you all had a restful half term. The weather has certainly changed and we'd encourage everyone to make sure the children bring their coats in to school every day this term.

On Monday, the staff took part in some whole school writing training. There are so many components that go into writing and children need to coordinate several different processes at once. In fact Ronald Kellogg, an American literacy expert, argues that writing can be as cognitively demanding as chess!

This week, the children brought home their Christmas artwork and you can order this as cards, mugs or wrapping paper. Please remember the deadline for orders is **Thursday 16th November**. After this date, no more orders will be accepted by Art Projects for Schools.

I am very pleased to announce that we have three excellent candidates for our new parent governor roles. This means we will be holding an election for our parent community to vote in their governing board representatives. More information will come out regarding the election process next week.

I can't believe it is only 4 weeks until we hold our Christmas Fair. To make this event an exciting day for our children we will need lots of helpers to set up, run stalls and source donations for prizes. If you are able to spare some time or support in any way, please contact the PFA at pfa@stlukesschool.org.uk all help is always gratefully received.

Next week, we will be celebrating Odd Socks Day in school as part of Anti-Bullying Week! We will be celebrating on **Wednesday 13th November** and children (and adults) can come to school wearing odd socks to show what unique individuals we all are.

Finally, If you are planning to enjoy some fireworks this weekend, please take a look at the firework safety tips further on in this week's newsletter.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

So let us not become tired of doing good; for if we do not give up, the time will come when we will reap the harvest. Galatians 6:9

Spring Class



This week in Spring Class we started our topic of Celebrations by learning about fireworks and Bonfire Night. We have read and acted out a firework poem and written the sounds that fireworks make. The children created their own firework display and talked about their own experiences of fireworks. We have been sorting and counting our new set of vehicles, and we have been writing about our favourite character and vehicles in our class story, 'What's in the Truck?'



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we explored what Jesus meant when he said, 'I am the light of the world,' reflecting on its significance and how it brings hope and guidance. We also researched different types of greeting cards as part of our Computing unit. In Maths, we are looking at subtraction and finding 2 less than a two-digit number. Finally, we worked on distinguishing between statements and commands, sharpening our understanding of how language is used in different contexts.



Autumn Class



This week in Autumn Class, we began exploring our new text, Grimwood. Through this humorous story, we have been making inferences about characters and expanding our vocabulary with new and exciting words. In Maths, our focus has been on multiplication, where we are practicing various strategies to tackle larger numbers confidently. In P.E, we kicked off our hockey unit, concentrating on accuracy and ball-control skills to build a strong foundation for the term.



Winter Class



In Winter Class, this week we have begun a writing unit based on the Science Fiction novel, Boy in the Tower by Polly Ho-Yen. We have begun by exploring the main characters and their relationships. In Maths, we have been investigating 2D shapes and their properties. Our new Science unit is on 'evaluation and inheritance' and we are studying different breeds of dogs and considering which characteristics are inherited or influenced by environmental factors. In P.E, we have worked on netball skills as well as gymnastics.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Laura for excellent engagement with writing activities this week.

Francesco for great collaborative play with his peers.

Summer Class

Ivy for working collaboratively with her partner.

Karim for his great effort in Maths this week.

Autumn Class

Saisha for enthusiastically contributing in class discussions this week.

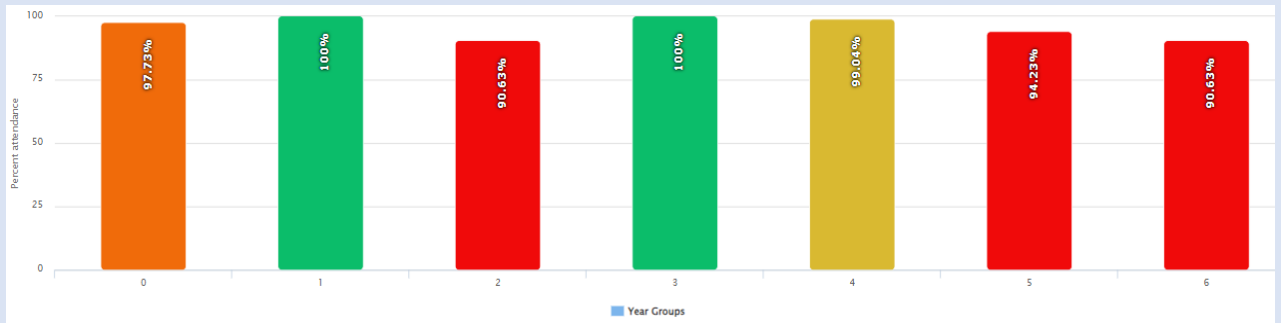
Zara for being a great learning partner.

Winter Class

Aariya for her continued helpfulness in the classroom.

Kei for consistently setting an example in how to independently get on with tasks.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 1 and Year 3

★ with ★
100%



Happy Birthday



Emiko in Spring Class



Last half term, Miss Butler spoke with the children to gather their ideas around how to make the playground more nature-friendly. Miss Butler then included these ideas in a Local School Nature Grants application organised by Learning Through Landscapes and we were delighted to find out we had been successful! We now have some moveable planters for Gardening Club or class projects; a hedgehog house, bird box and minibeast hotel; and plenty of information about growing edible plants and vegetables throughout the school year. We are very much looking forward to exploring these outdoor resources - a huge thank you to Miss Butler and the children for all your hard work in making this possible.

Dispose of fireworks safely



1 Ensure that the fireworks are out.



2 Soak them in water overnight.



3 Put them in a bag and in the bin.

Which fireworks can I use at home?

Before buying fireworks, check you have enough space in your garden to use them. You can find the category of the firework and the safety distance for spectators on the firework box.

- F1** The minimum safety distance is at least **1 metre** unless otherwise specified.
- F2** The minimum safety distance is at least **8 metres** unless otherwise specified.
- F3** The minimum spectator distance is at least **25 metres** unless otherwise specified.

These are minimum safety distances only and specific fireworks may require more space. Check the fireworks box to be sure you have enough space to safely use a firework before you buy it.



Stay safe this firework season

It's the time of year when the night sky is lit up by fireworks. But if they are not used safely, people and animals could be badly injured.

If you're celebrating at home, follow our advice

Let's be safe

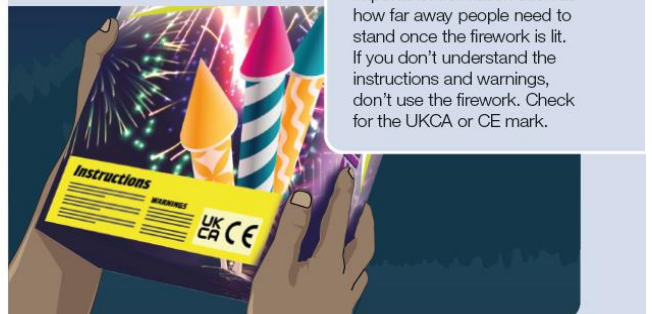


Store fireworks properly

Store fireworks in their original packaging. Lock them away, out of reach of children and animals. Keep fireworks dry and away from sources of heat or ignition.

Read all the instructions

The packaging will tell you important information such as how far away people need to stand once the firework is lit. If you don't understand the instructions and warnings, don't use the firework. Check for the UKCA or CE mark.





St Luke's CE School

Christmas Fair

Saturday 30th November
12.30pm-3.30pm

Santa's Grotto – Mince Pies – Hot Chocolate – Raffle – Face
Painting – Waffles – Mulled Wine – Pizza– Biscuit decorating
– Tombola – Festive Games and Stalls and so much more!



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Dates for Diary 2024

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

4th November	INSET DAY
5 th November	Individual School Photographs
11 th November	Remembrance Day – Winter Class
14 th November	Flu Vaccinations
19 th November	Winter Class JCS Trip
25 th November	Winter Class CLC Trip
27 th November	St Luke's Parent Coffee Morning
30 th November	St Luke's Christmas Fair
9 th December	Parents Evening
11 th December	Parents Evening
11 th December	KS1 Nativity in church 2:00pm
13 th December	Odd Socks Day
16 th December	Visiting Pantomime in School
18 th December	KS2 Carol Service in church 6pm
19 th December	Christmas Jumper Day and Lunch
20 th December	End Of Term – School Finishes at 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 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



BONFIRE NIGHT

YOU'RE INVITED TO

BONFIRE NIGHT

THERE WILL BE A SHORT TALK FOLLOWED BY
FOOD AND FUN FOR EVERYONE!

SATURDAY | ST. LUKE'S CHURCH
NOVEMBER 9 | 12 KIDDERPORE AVE
5:00-7:00 PM | NW3 7SU

SCAN THE QR CODE TO GET YOUR TICKET
OR VISIT: [HTTPS://GUESTLI.ST/787746](https://guestli.st/787746)

£3 PER INDIVIDUAL
£5 PER FAMILY

