



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

Educating through faith, hope and love.

6th December 2024

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are already in December and there are only a couple of weeks left of term. Today KS2 got to watch Spring and Summer Classes perform the dress rehearsal of this year's nativity story 'Born in a Barn'. We look forward to welcoming parents to watch the performance next week on Wednesday 11th December at 2:00pm in the church.

Next week, we will also be holding our parent consultation evenings. We hope you have all managed to sign up to a time slot but if not please contact the school office who will be able to assist you.

On Friday 13th December, we invite parents to join us on Zoom for an attendance meeting at 10:00am with our Attendance Officer from Camden, Shakila Haque. Shakila will be explaining the new attendance guidelines all schools must follow. For more information, please click on the following link [School attendance and absence: Overview - GOV.UK](#). A Zoom link will be sent out next week.

We have had a number of tummy bugs circulating in school this week. To ensure the children are not passing those on, we are reinforcing our hand-washing routines with the children and we hope you will support us by doing the same at home. If you would like to read some further information on children and winter illnesses, please follow the link [Is my child too ill for school? – NHS](#).

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

Ms J Iwanicki
Headteacher

"For at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" Ephesians 5:8

Spring Class



We have had an exciting week this week in Spring Class. On Wednesday, we visited London Zoo. The children met Santa who told us about his favourite animals, and taught us about animals from different regions of the world. The children also had the opportunity to see some of their own favourite animals including the camels, the giraffes and the penguins. On Friday, we had our dress rehearsal in preparation for next week's nativity and the children continue to work really hard to learn the songs and actions for the performance.



Summer Class



This week in Summer Class, we've been busy getting ready for the Nativity! Everyone has been practicing their lines and songs, and we even had a dress rehearsal today. We are so excited to perform it next Wednesday in church! Alongside our preparations, we've also been working on reading time on both analogue and digital clocks. It's been a fantastic week!



Autumn Class



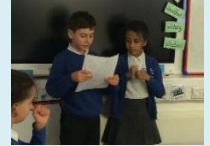
This week in Autumn Class, we have completed our sequel to Grimwood. The children put in a tremendous amount of effort, ensuring they created complex sentences that included noun phrases in their writing and correctly punctuated direct speech. In Maths, we have been using place value to add and subtract three-digit numbers from four-digit numbers. In Science, we have been learning about how sound travels.



Winter Class



In Winter Class this week, we have been focussing on performing poetry by a variety of poets, to prepare us to write our own performance poems. In Maths, we have been investigating 3D shape and are now working on fractions. In Topic, we have been studying the influence of Ancient Greek thinkers. In Science, we have been investigating how some species can adapt to survive in extreme environments. Our R.E. work has focussed on considering how the Church might advertise Christmas.



Golden Book

Spring Class

Camilla for trying lots of different activities and working well with all her classmates.

Tristan for sharing and listening to his friends' ideas.

Summer Class

Charlotte for her fantastic progress in Reading.

Hidaya for her positive attitude towards learning this week.

Autumn Class

Husaam for his great ideas in writing this week.

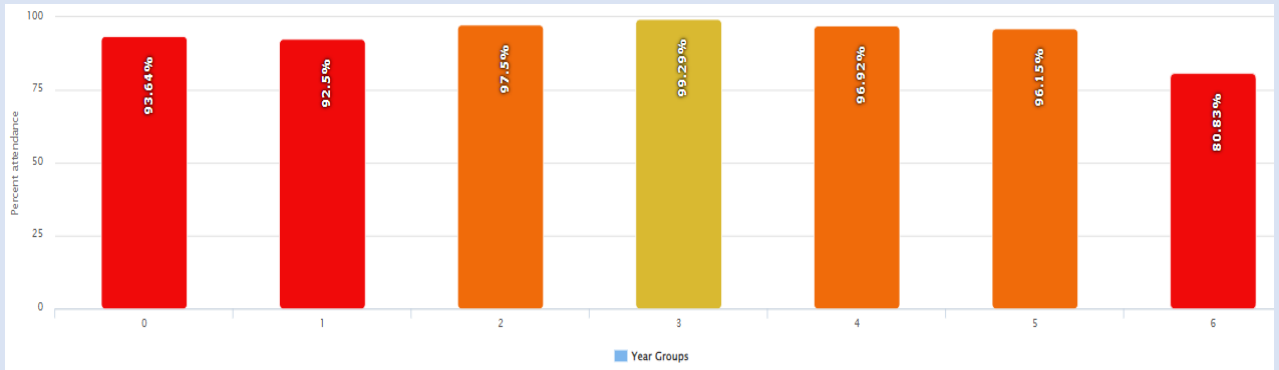
Seraphina for her positive input and enthusiasm during our class assembly.

Winter Class

Leon for his good work on adaptation in Science this week.

Ammar for making good progress in understanding equivalent fractions.

Weekly Attendance



Best year group this week
Year 3
with
99.29%



Happy Birthday



No Birthdays this week

Dates for Diary 2024

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

4th November	INSET DAY
5th November	Individual School Photographs
11th November	Remembrance Day – Winter Class
13th November	Odd Socks Day
14th November	Flu Vaccinations
19th November	Winter Class JCS Trip
19th November	Summer Class Assembly in hall 3:00pm
25th November	Winter Class CLC Trip
26th November	Winter Class Assembly
27th November	St Luke's Parent Coffee Morning
30th November	St Luke's Christmas Fair
3rd December	Autumn Class Assembly
10 th December	Parents Evening
11 th December	KS1 Nativity in church 2:00pm
12 th December	Parents Evening
13 th December	Attendance Meeting on Zoom at 10:00am
16 th December	Visiting Pantomime in School
18 th December	Christingle Service 2:45pm
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