



St Luke's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 14th May 2021

Go, shine in the world
and live as Jesus lived, with
compassion, honesty
and integrity.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is always lovely to receive positive feedback about our pupils from visitors when they visit our school. Last week, Ruth Jampel from Judaism for Schools visited St. Luke's, and she was so impressed with the children's behaviour, their interest and engagement, that she felt compelled to write to us:

"I was very impressed by the open-minded, enthusiastic approach every class had to their learning at St. Luke's; I came in with many new and unusual things and the children responded so positively. Behaviour was really good across the school and I came across no "attitude" - a testament to you all." (Ruth Jampel, Lead Educator, Judaism for Schools.)

If you have been celebrating Eid Al-Fitr this week, marking the end of Ramadan, we wish you Eid Mubarak!

Best wishes, **Mr Evans (Head of School)** and **Mrs Jackson (Executive Headteacher)**



Year 4 Shakespeare Workshop

Shakespeare's 'Midsummer Night's Dream' at St Luke's

Year 4 enjoyed their first experience of Shakespeare this week, taking part in an active storytelling workshop led by a member of Young Shakespeare Company. During the 90 minute workshop, the children explored the story, language and characters of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Becoming actively and imaginatively involved, Year 4 played the characters and created the imaginary world of Shakespeare's play through storytelling, prediction, improvisation and exploration of small sections of Shakespeare's language. The children did a fantastic job taking part, bringing so much energy and enthusiasm to the story and doing an excellent job understanding it, despite its complexity.

Times Tables at St. Luke's

A reminder to us all that children learning their times tables is a fundamental part of mathematics in primary school. It is very important for your child to know their times tables as it makes it far quicker and easier for them to work out maths problems with these multiplication and division facts in their heads.

Multiplication is a main tool for many forms of maths, such as algebra, calculus, equations and more. The ability to rehearse and understand multiplications up to and including 12×12 enables your child to confidently and skilfully tackle the more complex mathematical subjects in secondary school. This is why we place such an emphasis on the children learning their times tables.

Research tells us that children who don't know their tables towards the end of primary school will go on to struggle with maths in secondary school. Please support your child at home with their times tables. We use 'Times Tables Rock Stars' for Year 2 upwards, which is an online program you can use at home. Your child has their own log in for this. 'Hit the Button' is another program which has supported this work.



Times Tables
Super Stars

Meet some of our **Times Tables Super Stars**, holding their WH Smith vouchers. They know all of their times tables and division facts up to 12×12 .

Our school website address is www.stlukesprimary.org.uk

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus. . .

A reminder that, if your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result. Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

- 1) To arrange a test you should visit nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test or call 119
- 2) **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
- 3) Please let the Head of School (Mr Evans) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **0208 103 1780**
- 4) If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
- 5) If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.



Important dates for your diary...

Friday 28th May - Non Uniform Day

Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June - HALF TERM - school closed for the half term break

Monday 7th June - INSET Day. School is closed.

Friday 9th July - Academic Review Day - Reports to be given to parents on this day.

Friday 23rd July - Last day of the Summer Term



Thursday 2nd September - AUTUMN TERM
Pupils return to school

Our Prayer of the Week

May is the month of Mary.



Dear Lord,

In this month of May, the month of Mary,
A month of apple blossom and lighter days
Pray for us children, pray for us
At the two most important moments
In our life: now
And at the hour of our death.
Amen



Parent Governor Vacancy...

Are you interested in becoming a Parent Governor at St. Luke's? We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.

Our governors, who are a group of very supportive people, meet 6 times a year to discuss the work of the school. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor, we would be delighted to hear from you.

If you think that you would like to join our Governing Body, please let us know by calling the school office on **0208 103 1780**, or emailing us at office@stlukesprimary.org.uk - we will then get in touch with you.

You could also speak to Mr Evans on the school gate, if you are interested.

Punctuality Matters...

Please help the school day run smoothly by ensuring that your child is in school on time **by 8.55am**, and ready for learning at 9:00am. The school gates are open at 8.40 to enable children and adults to socially distance and come in calmly and safely.

Children get embarrassed and sometimes upset if they are late going into class. The children are either reading with an adult or starting their Maths or English lessons at 9am. It's the time of day when the children's minds are least tired and so they get straight into learning.

Don't let your child be the one who is missing out.
Thank you for your help with this:)

Face Coverings and Social Distancing

Please continue to **socially distance** and **wear a face covering** as you drop off or collect your child from school.

Your support with this is much appreciated and helps everyone to have a calm and safe start and end to their day.

If you are exempt from wearing a face covering, please make this known to Mr Evans or Miss Morbi.



Design Technology in Y3

This week, Year 3 have been designing, creating and evaluating monsters with moving pneumatic parts during their design and technology lessons, e.g. a wiggling tongue, a moving arm, etc.

