



RESPONSIBILITY

Newsletter 30th September 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 20/09	W/B 26/09
Mango (Nur)	92%	87%
Apple (Rec M)	96%	95%
Peach (Rec C)	96%	92%
Beech (1G)	97%	92%
Maple (1B)	93%	92%
Ash (2R)	94%	97%
Birch (2W)	97%	95%
Lemon (3S)	93%	94%
Oak (3N)	87%	98%
Aspen (4C)	100%	93%
Spruce (4A)	92%	97%
Cherry (5A)	95%	98%
Palm (5D)	97%	96%
Cypress (6W)	97%	97%
Willow (6L)	96%	95%

Value of the week

Mango (Nur)	Evie
Apple (Rec M)	Sophie
Peach (Rec C)	Grace
Beech (1G)	Zennetha
Maple (1B)	Avni
Ash (2R)	Illia
Birch (2W)	Alicia
Lemon (3S)	Marina
Oak (3N)	Tiffany
Aspen (4C)	Afnan
Spruce (4A)	Jara
Cherry (5A)	Jacob
Palm (5D)	Linda
Cypress (6W)	Jerico
Willow (6L)	Sokal

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well despite the plummeting temperatures and very Autumnal weather. I have a couple of safety requests to make of you this week and then I will share the detail of the bigger items this week: the Parent Governor election and the PTA Multicultural event.

As you know, a value at St. Luke's is Safety and we take the safety of children very seriously indeed. So my safety requests are these:

1. I have noticed that there seem to be a number of dogs being brought onto the site at the start and end of each day. I would like to discourage this please, but if they have to come, please make arrangements for your child to join you just outside the site or ask someone to look after your dog, while you collect your child. We do have children with allergies and phobias and children need to feel safe on our site. I realise you might say that the dog is lovely (as is mine!), but we cannot be making decisions about 'which dogs' are safe, therefore a blanket rule is easier for everyone. I am sorry for any inconvenience this causes.
2. Furthermore, on the subject of allergies, we have a number of children with nut allergies and as such, to mitigate risk for them, we ask please that food containing nuts, is not brought on site. Any food items brought on site, will be removed and returned at the end of the day.

Again, apologies for any inconvenience these requests cause and thank you for your assistance.

Parent Governor nominations

I am pleased to let you know that we are now able to start the process of electing our Parent Governor for the Governing Board of our school.

Last term, we received 7 nominations for the position. Each of those nominees have provided a short paragraph detailing why they wish to be a Parent Governor and these are listed on the attached ballot form.

To ensure the process of voting is fair, and to ensure that only one vote is placed per family, each family have been given a ballot number. The teachers have this number and can share it with you when you pick your child up at the end of the day. Where there is more than one child in the family, the teacher of your eldest child will have that number. The office also have that number, and can therefore give that to you if you give them a call. Or if you bring your ballot form in to school, they will give you your number at the point that you hand the ballot form in.

Please note that your ballot number **must** be added on your ballot paper for your vote to be valid. Any forms without the right ballot number will not be counted.

To vote in this election you can either:

1. Indicate your ballot number and vote on the attached form and then email it to office@stlukeslondon.org
2. Or you can print the form, complete the required information and then hand it in at the school office.

If you are unable to print at home or have difficulty emailing the form, then please also come into the office and Absana and Pat will provide you with a form, the ballot number and then you can complete and submit there and then.

You may choose to approach the nominees if you don't know them to ask them more about why they want the role, and this is perfectly acceptable within the process. However, it is not appropriate for anyone to feel under undue pressure to vote for one nominee. If you are feeling pressured in this way, please notify the executive headteacher by email to: executivehead@stlukeslondon.org or the Chair of Governors, Father Ed Dix by email to: ed@stlukesmillwall.org

The period within votes must be cast is for two weeks. As such, the last day and time that votes will be accepted is: **Friday 14th October at 5pm.**

PTA Multi Cultural Event

As published last week, this is schedule to go ahead on **Tuesday 18th October**, straight after school.

We hope that this event will launch the year for the PTA and also encourage you to sign up and join the PTA.

Anthony Milbourne has put the following text together, to share what the PTA is and the impact that it has:

What is the Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

The PTA is a voluntary body which supports the school. Not every school has one, and different PTAs do different things. At St Luke's, the PTA is a small group of parents and staff, who volunteer their time to organise and run extra events, outside the normal school program. The PTA is not directly involved in how the school is run (that is the job of the Governors), but it does work closely with the school leadership and plays an important role.

Why the PTA Matters

The PTA is a Win-Win organisation. The events directly enhance your children's lives, as well as raising money for the school, which is used to enhance your children's education.

PTA events create a richer school experience, and provide many benefits:

- Fun activities for pupils (and other children)
- Social networking for parents
- Building relationships between families and the school
- Raising money for the school.

Many of the events are big favourites with the children (such as the Fireworks Disco), but without the extra help, the school could not run them.

The money raised by the PTA is really important to the school as it comes with no strings attached (although if the school put it all on a horse race, questions would be asked). Most of the money the school receives must be spent on specific things, so having money that the school can spend where needed gives it flexibility, and can occasionally have a multiplier effect. This money is even more important right now, as fuel bills and other costs rise, St Luke's (like all of us) is in a tight financial situation, so any extra financial wiggle room goes a very long way.

In the past PTA money has been used to provide the climbing frame in the playground and surface the area underneath it.'

Speaking as the headteacher, the work of the PTA is invaluable. We hope that you will be able to attend the event of the 18th October, join in the fun and find out more about the PTA.

Please note that children are welcome to come in their own clothes on that day, preferably reflecting their national dress, and we ask that if they do, they donate a £1 to the funds being raised.

On that note, I wish you all a very lovely weekend. Your support as always, is greatly appreciated. Best wishes,
Rebecca Abrahams

Additional links for your information

[Somali Parents and Carers Network](#) - Tuesday 4th October 2022

[Keeping children Safe online](#) - Free online safety session for parents, with children aged 2yrs – 11yrs delivered on Zoom by the Parental Engagement Team

[Family Fun Sheet 33](#)

Key dates coming up next term:


- Parent Consultation meetings are happening for the next two weeks, for Years 1–6. If you are not aware of the dates, please see the previous two newsletters.
- **Friday 21st October** is the last day of this half term. We finish at the normal time and clubs take place after school as usual.
- **Monday 31st October** is an **INSET** day so school is closed to the children.
- **Tuesday 01 November** is the first day of the second half of term and the children return to school, with the school day and clubs happening as normal.

Update from Ms. Dewan, our Computing Leader at St Luke's re keeping your children safe on line



The internet for many parents can be a daunting place but to our children it is a necessity of life. Access to the internet has never been so vast and continues to spread with the increasing popularity of tablets devices and access through mobile phones. To support you in protecting your child online there are some useful links below to sites with tips and guidance:

Set Up Safe **Helping parents keep their children safe online.** **internet matters.org**





We've designed a simple checklist to give you peace of mind regarding your child's safety on the internet.
Set your children's device up before you give it to them so you know they're safe online as soon as they start playing.






Get started

-  Set parental controls on your broadband to prevent your children seeing things they shouldn't
-  For smart phones check parental controls are also set up on the mobile network

Set up the device safely

-  Use the device setting so you can only download age appropriate apps and games
-  Disable location services so your child doesn't unintentionally share their location with others
-  Set up password control or disable in-app purchasing so big bills are not run up accidentally
-  Download age appropriate apps you're happy for your child to use

Talk about staying safe

-  If your children are 8-10 years old, download our parent / child Internet Matters app to help you talk about e-safety issues in an interactive way.
-  Be aware of key issues and how to discuss them with your children so they know how to stay safe online
-  If your child is using social networking apps check their profile and privacy settings, making sure they are not sharing personal or private information with people they do not know

For Parental Guides, courses and free resources, head to [National Online Safety](#)

Parent's Guide to Tech: From laptops to mobile phones to smart TVs, this link will give you lots of guidance and help in choosing what to purchase and what you need to be aware of:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/>

YouTube: Does your child use YouTube? Here are some hints and tips on how to keep them safe whilst using it:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/youtube-kids-everything-you-need-know>

<https://parentinfo.org/article/youtube-what-parents-need-to-know>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/parent%E2%80%99s-guide-youtube-restricted-mode><https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/youtube-tips-and-tricks-to-keep-your-children-entertained-and-safe/>

Helplines: There are many organisations set up to provide you or your child with advice should you need it. Here are just some of the organisations that can help you:

ChildLine: Call 0800 1111 <https://www.childline.org.uk/> **NSPCC:** Call 0808 800 5000 <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>

Samaritans: Call 116 123 <https://www.samaritans.org/> **Bullying UK:** Call 0808 800 2222 <https://www.bullying.co.uk/>