



Newsletter

15th July 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 11/07	W/B 04/07
Mango (Nur)	92%	0%
Apple (Rec M)	93%	82%
Peach (Rec C)	94%	85%
Beech (1S)	94%	97%
Maple (1R)	98%	89%
Ash (2R)	94%	94%
Birch (2N)	90%	92%
Lemon (3S)	92%	97%
Oak (3B)	93%	91%
Aspen (4D)	93%	92%
Spruce (4A)	96%	93%
Cherry (5O)	88%	94%
Palm (5G)	84%	92%
Cypress (6W)	91%	93%
Willow (6L)	85%	93%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	William
Apple (Rec M)	Chloe
Peach (Rec C)	Zennetha
Beech (1S)	Whole Class
Maple (1R)	Whole Class
Ash (2R)	Khadija
Birch (2N)	Anastasia
Lemon (3S)	Daniel
Oak (3B)	Dalal
Aspen (4D)	Nahid
Spruce (4A)	Sumona & Maya
Cherry (5O)	Elina
Palm (5G)	Louie
Cypress (6W)	Whole Class
Willow (6L)	Whole Class



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now in the closing few days of the academic year, with a lot going on and much to celebrate. This week saw the Reception children graduate. They all looked adorable in their mortar boards being applauded for completing their time in Early Years. Then on Thursday evening, the Year 6 children delivered a stunning performance of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' as their end of year and end of school production. There were many tears, and I am sure there will be more next week. There was also a great atmosphere with all generations present getting up and dancing together at the end, to celebrate what they have achieved!

Extreme Weather

You will however be aware that the weather forecast for next week is for extreme weather. My phone currently predicts 37°C degrees on Monday with some forecasters anticipating that we may record 40°C degrees for the first time in the UK.

Our schools are not equipped for temperatures like these. We do not have air conditioning in classrooms. It is generally accepted that people work best at a temperature between 16°C and 24°C however when temperatures start to exceed 30°C, very high temperatures can affect the ability of staff and pupils to concentrate and to work effectively, and can cause physical discomfort and illness.

As the Head teacher I have the responsibility to ensure the health and safety of staff and children and so, it is my view that having classroom temperatures of what may be over 30 degrees for prolonged periods of the day on Monday and Tuesday in the current heat wave, does not support this obligation.

As such, in consultation with our Chair of Governors, I have made the decision that on Monday and Tuesday, lessons will proceed as normal for the morning. Children will then have their lunch inside as normal but will then return to the classroom.

I am then inviting all of you who are able to, or wish to, to come and collect your children early, at 1:30pm.

This is the earliest that we can get all children fed and I did not want to have a staggered finish time that might leave some of you standing for long periods in the heat.

There is no obligation for you to collect your children early at 1:30pm. We recognize that some of you will not be able to because of work or other commitments, but I wanted to give everyone this option.

For those children who remain on site, the activities in the afternoon will be low key, calm and quiet. With less children on site, we will be able to group in areas that remain slightly cooler or in the shade outside.

Energy Kidz will be running as normal after school.

We are willing to have a light touch view of uniform on Monday and Tuesday. If children wish to wear lighter clothing they are welcome to do so.

We intend to have lots of ice pops to help cool children down. Please if you can make sure that they bring water into school with them, we will make sure that it is topped up.

Windows will be open, blinds will be down and with the exception of Church for the Leavers Mass first thing on Monday, we will avoid bringing the children together in a large group.

I share this so that you know we are taking all the measures that we can, but giving you the option to collect your children a bit earlier seems a sensible addition for the obvious reason that we create heat ourselves, so having fewer people together will reduce the heat for everyone at that hottest part of the day.

I hope those of you who have been worrying about this, will be reassured by all of the measures being taken. Thank you for your support.

Please turn over:



Parent Governor Election

I am very sorry to have to share that some concerns have been raised with Father Ed, the Chair of Governors, and myself about possible voting irregularities. Regretfully, these concerns now have to be investigated. This means that we have had to make the decision to pause the election process pending the outcome of the investigation. Our school values underpin how we seek to work at St. Luke's. All processes must be undertaken fairly and respectfully. I will update you all on this once the school year commences in September.

Staffing update

I wanted to remind you that sadly we are saying good bye to three staff members next week:

Ms. Chloe Reader, Year 1 Maple Class

Ms. Alice Ocen, year 5 Cherry Tree Class

And Lizzie Lewis, who has been covering the role of SENCO in Harriet's absence.

I thought it useful to mention this because I have no doubt many of you will want to thank them for their contribution to the school and wish them well before their last day on Thursday.

Covid

Unfortunately the surge in Covid cases continues. Please make sure that you are taking sensible measures at home to keep yourselves and your children safe. The most helpful things we can do is maintain a safe distance from each other, wash our hands regularly and wear face masks if we are in crowded places/transport inside/with poor ventilation.

Take care and keep safe everyone, Rebecca Abrahams

Additional links for your information

[Disability Awareness Fun Day](#) - Wednesday 27th July—Victoria Park 11.00am-3.00pm

[Keep your child safe on Snapchat](#)

[THEWS NEWS](#) - Summer Holiday activity planning

[Asthma Newsletter](#)

[Tower Hamlets Sports & Physical Activity Team](#) - Summer Activity list

[Families Matter Bitesize E-bulletin](#): July 2022 - Summer of Fun Activities and Support

Key dates coming up this term:

Monday 18 July— **Year 6 Leavers' Mass**: Each class will have their own Mass, with their parents there and half of the school to watch. The timings are: **Cypress Class** with Ms. Williams at 9:30am; **Willow Class** with Ms. Lukwesa at 10:15am. Both take place in **Christ Church**.

- Wednesday 20 July—**Year 6 Prom**, 5:30—7:00pm
- Thursday 21 July—**Year 6 Leavers' Assembly**, 9:30am Year 6 Parents to attend
- Thursday 21 July— **Last day of term**, school closing 2.00pm with no clubs including Energy Kids, after school.

Class catch-up

We have certainly been busy in Year 4 this week! We visited the Science museum to explore Scientists and inventors. The children were in awe of the amazing space exhibition and how astronauts survive in space. They were particularly surprised by the way food is consumed in space! The children walked through the suspended bridge to explore inventors of 'Modern Technology' and how humans came to fly from the first paraglide to the development of aircrafts. The children then explored famous scientists in the world of medicine and how this contributes to modern day science and saving lives. It was certainly a day filled with excitement, learning and inspiration from so many significant Scientists and inventors who still contribute to modern day science.



Class catch-up

Digital leaders visited the Microsoft flagship store on Tuesday. They had exclusive access to their game room, where they innovated and created their very own version of St Luke's Primary School. The children then used Microsoft's newly released MakeCode where they coded their own game and sprites. The Team at Microsoft were very impressed by our pupil's performance and knowledge of coding, where many children surpassed their expectations. Children were awarded a certificate and a goodie bag.

