



Newsletter

22nd April 2022

Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 28/03	W/B 19/04
Mango (Nur)	85%	93%
Apple (Rec M)	76%	93%
Peach (Rec C)	78%	93%
Beech (1S)	94%	91%
Maple (1R)	93%	98%
Ash (2R)	89%	95%
Birch (2N)	89%	97%
Lemon (3C)	93%	95%
Oak (3B)	94%	98%
Aspen (4D)	89%	96%
Spruce (4A)	90%	89%
Cherry (5B)	94%	96%
Palm (5G)	91%	99%
Cypress (6W)	97%	94%
Willow (6L)	84%	90%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Eshaan
Apple (Rec M)	Reece
Peach (Rec C)	Ishanvi
Beech (1S)	Fraiya
Maple (1R)	Sienna P
Ash (2R)	Tasnim
Birch (2N)	Amelia
Lemon (3C)	Dheer
Oak (3B)	Lok
Aspen (4D)	Tyhre
Spruce (4A)	Zendan
Cherry(5B)	Luckymead
Palm (5G)	Fatima
Cypress (6W)	Mikel, Harry, Abigail, A'Niyah, Feyisara, Lilan & Christy, Ava
Willow(6L)	Yasir & Evie



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term. It has been an absolute delight to have the children back in school.

This week, the value we have focused on is Enthusiasm, and it has felt that Enthusiasm was in abundance this week at St. Luke's. Certainly in Year 6, the teachers could not single out any one child because they all have been working so hard in preparation for their exams in the next few weeks. The names given from Year 6, are the children who came in to school during the holidays to do even more work!

The children across the school showed great courage and enjoyed meeting the police horses this week.

Furthermore, please note Palm Class's attendance—99%!!!!

In Collective Worship today we reflected on: 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.' We can be proud of the children at St. Luke's who are showing just that.

The term ahead

This year, as the country is trying to get some sense of normality back after the disruption of the pandemic, all 'normal' national assessments return.

This means that the children in Year 6 will have their SATs in a few weeks time, throughout May the teachers in Year 2 will be assessing the children in their classes for the Key Stage 1 SATs, in June the children in Year 4 will have a Multiplication Tables Check, also in June the children in Year 1 will have their Phonics Check and the children in Reception, by the end of the year, will also be assessed against the Early Learning Goals.

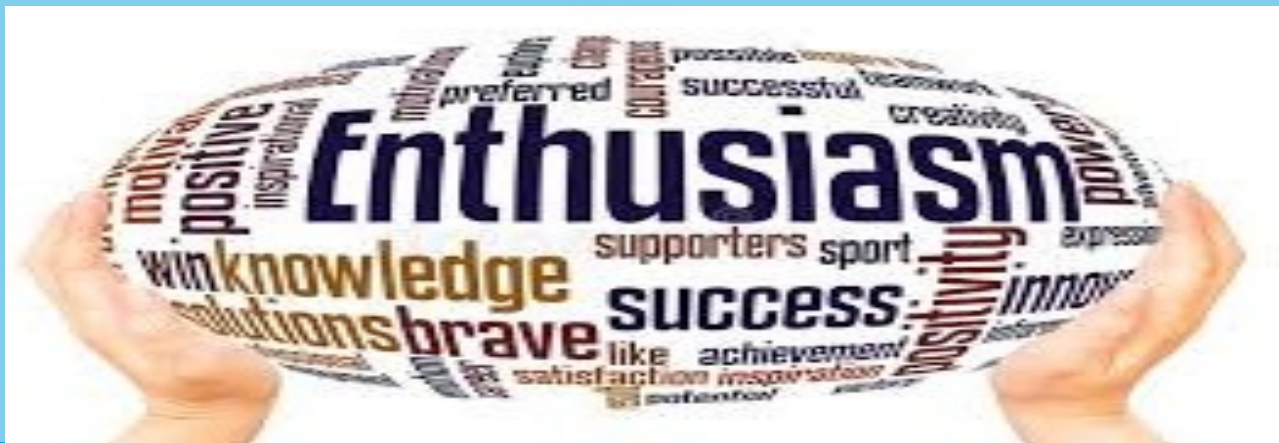
The government say that these assessments are going ahead so that they can get a clear sense of the extent of the pandemic. Certainly, in all year groups, everyone has been working hard to recover from the disruption of the pandemic and it will be interesting to see what performance looks like nationally at each of these points.

From our point of view at St. Luke's, we will continue to get the children as ready as possible and to support them as well as we can.

You can help us, by making sure the children are in school as regularly as possible and that they are hydrated and rested when they come in to school.

Key dates coming up this half term:

- Thursday 28th April: **Maple class assembly** at 3.00pm. Parents of Maple class children welcome to attend.
- Friday 29th April: **Class Photos** from 9.00am.
- Sunday 1st May or Monday 2nd May: Most likely when **Eid** will be celebrated
- Monday 2nd May: **Bank Holiday**, school closed
- Tuesday 3rd May: **Ash class assembly at 9:15am**—please note this is a NEW date rescheduled from last term
- Thursday 5th May: School closed for **INSET** on Polling Day
- Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May: Year 6 have **KS2 SATs week**
- Thursday 19th May: **Beech class assembly** at 3:00pm. Parents of Beech class children welcome to attend.
- Friday 27th May—**Queen's Platinum Jubilee Assembly** and event (see below)
- Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June: **Half term**



the Home page menu called 'Living with Covid'.

Essentially, the controls that we have had in place to seek to reduce the transmission of the virus, remain in place. This means that children will be required to wash their hands thoroughly and regularly, to follow the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach to respiratory hygiene, spaces in school will remain well ventilated and we are keeping a higher than normal level of cleaning of frequently used areas.

The wearing of face coverings is not required however, if staff or children wish to wear a face covering, we will allow them to do so, so long as they do so carefully and in line with the guidance.

We will keep the children having their lunch times with fewer children because the impact seen nationally, and here, is that it has a really positive impact on children's behaviour and overall well being. This is however, something we continue to keep under review.

We want to minimise the transmission of the virus but at the same time, give the children the quality provision that they deserve. This means trips will resume, clubs are continuing, and for example we also intend on holding our first Music Concert for a couple of years.

You can help us by making sure that if your children appear unwell with the symptoms of the virus, you get them tested before bringing them in to school.

Don't get me wrong, we want the children in school, and indeed we have a high number of children with 100% attendance this year!! But if children do have the virus, as for staff, staying away until they no longer test positive, will hopefully help us to keep going and get to the end of the year with the least disruption possible. Thank you for your ongoing consideration for this challenging issue.

Residentials

Linked to last subject, it won't escape your notice that the children have not been on their normal residentials. This has been for a number of reasons; Covid, concerns raised about PGL centres, and the significant increase in costs.

We do however see this an important stage for our children's development if we can resume it once more. I am really sorry that this year's Year 6 will not get this chance, as the two previous years' Year 6's also didn't.

However at the moment, we are looking at whether we can get something arranged for the current Year 5s perhaps at the start of Year 6 and then for Year 5s from that point on.

Previously, the children had a residential in Year 4 and then in Year 6. In future we are minded to have just one in Year 5. This is to reduce costs for parents and the school and to also mean that the children have that team building experience just before they embark on Year 6 together.

Please email me if you have anything you'd like us to reflect upon before we make a final decision here.

To conclude

And so we'll finish on some positive news. Ms. King has had her baby! She has a lovely baby boy named Rafael and both Mum and baby are doing well.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Rebecca Abrahams

Class catch-up

In Year One we've had a smashing start to the summer term. We met Dave the police horse! In PSHE we have been collaborating on what makes a good friend and creating self-portraits that show all the things we love about ourselves."



Additional links for you information

Summer Term School Lunch Menu	School Menu
DCOS Parents Autism Coffee Morning	Coffee Morning Flyer
Platform to Talk Session- 'Revise Wise	Revise Wise Flyer
Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) Workshop	EHCP Workshop Flyer
Support Service Anti-Bullying Information Session	Anti-Bullying Session Flyer
Somali Parents and Carers Network Meeting	Network Meeting Flyer