



# PARTNERSHIP

## Hearts overflowing with truth and love

### Newsletter 27th January 2023

#### Attendance

Our target is 96%	W/B 16/01	W/B 23/01
Mango (Nur)	100%	98%
Apple (Rec M)	86%	84%
Peach (Rec C)	92%	85%
Beech (1G)	97%	94%
Maple (1B)	97%	97%
Ash (2R)	96%	94%
Birch (2W)	91%	82%
Lemon (3S)	94%	95%
Oak (3N)	97%	94%
Aspen (4C)	89%	90%
Spruce (4A)	95%	96%
Cherry (5A)	97%	94%
Palm (5D)	99%	98%
Cypress (6W)	92%	84%
Willow (6L)	97%	95%

#### Value of the week

Mango	Sharon & Nailah
Apple	Somaya
Peach	Tracy
Beech	Delilah & Valerie
Maple	Zaynab
Ash	Liam
Birch	Florence & Arya
Lemon	John-Nye & Raihan
Oak	Thomas & Uthara
Aspen	Whole Class
Spruce	Ayaan & Gracie
Cherry	Zeeshan
Palm	Rylee & Yunus
Cypress	Maisha
Willow	Quinten & Edel

Dear Parents and Carers,

#### Industrial action

I hope you have by now read the letter that was sent out by email on Wednesday 25 May detailing the school's response to the first day of Industrial Action by the National Education Union (NEU) on **Wednesday 01 February**, next week. If you have not seen that letter, please email the office on [office@stlukeslondon.org](mailto:office@stlukeslondon.org) and they will share that with you.

Regrettably, after undertaking an extensive risk assessment, the Governors and I assessed that we were unlikely to have sufficient numbers of staff on site to be able to open safely for children on the day. This means that we have had to make the decision to **close** the school to children on **Wednesday 01 February 2023**.

If you are aware of other parents and carers that do not read the newsletter regularly, it would be a big help if you could share this information with them. We want to avoid any children experiencing the disappointment of turning up for school on Wednesday to then find out that it is closed.

In the letter that was sent out on Wednesday 25 January by email, I said that we wanted to provide a meal for any children who are eligible for Free School Meals on Wednesday 01 February and I invited families to call the office or email them, to indicate that they would like their children to come on site to receive that. I had to give a deadline for that 'booking' to be made of Thursday afternoon, so that we could then know what numbers we were catering for and we could let the kitchen staff know so that they could buy the food and plan accordingly.

Unfortunately, the deadline for making that booking has now passed. No one contacted us to take up the opportunity, so I need to let you all know now, that we will not be open for learning and we will also now **not be providing a meal to those children who are eligible for free school meals** either on **Wednesday 01 February 2023**.

As you will know from previous communication, there are a further 3 dates of likely Industrial Action and they are:

- Thursday 02 March 2023
- Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 March 2023

Please note that the response to each of these dates by the school may be different, because we cannot assume that the same number of people will take action each time. As such each day of action will have its own risk assessment, and I will report to you each time, what the school's response will be.

Please note that not attending school on Wednesday 01 February will not affect your child's attendance record as the school is closed.

It is never an easy decision to close the school, nor is it one that is ever taken lightly. I am sorry that you and your child will experience disruption to their learning and that you will have to make alternative arrangements for your child on the day.

#### Healthy Eating

This week Bob took a picture of the bins in the playground to show me. Alarmingly, the bins were full of crisp packets and sweet wrappers.

I want to remind you that the children are allowed to bring a snack into school, but it must not contain nuts and it should be healthy. A piece of fruit for example, would be appropriate and probably a lot cheaper than the snacks that children have been having.

Not only are sugary snacks unhealthy—contributing to obesity and also tooth decay, they are also not helpful for learning, because after the initial sugar buzz, there will be an energy slump and this impacts negatively on engagement.

Please can you help us, by only providing children with healthy snacks and discouraging them buying unhealthy foods on the way into school? Please know that this would be a big help for us and also a big help to the children.

Lastly, please note the dates for next year attached and also a letter from Ms. Williams re the NSPCC Maths Day that we are all looking forward to celebrating next week on Friday.

Hope you all have a good weekend. With best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

Key dates coming up:					
20	Monday 30 January	NSPCC Maths day 03/02	Wednesday 01 February	<b>Industrial action by the NEU</b> – The school is closed to children. Parents are referred to the letter to parents, sent by email, on 25.01.23	This affects the whole school community.
		Children’s Mental Health week	Friday 03 February		
21	Monday 06 February	Safer Internet Day 07/02	These will be held on Wednesday 08 and Thursday 09 February between 2 and 6pm in school	<b>CHANGE OF DATES</b> <b>Parent Consultations</b> for children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 - 6	All parents and carers
			Tuesday 21st February at 2:30pm in school	<b>CHANGE OF DATE: Reception Daily Supported Reading Workshop</b>	Parents and carers of children in Reception
			Thursday 23 March 2023	<b>CHANGE OF DATE: Year 4 Spruce Class Assembly</b>	Parents and carers of children in Spruce class
	Monday 13 February	<b>Half term: Energy Kidz Holiday scheme in operation</b>			

**Final published dates for the 2023.24 academic year**

Once again—please accept my apologies for the delay in getting these to you. They are now attached to the email with this newsletter.

As always, these may differ slightly from the dates published on the London Borough of Tower Hamlet’s website, so before booking any travel/leave, please make sure that you consult these.

- Additional links for your information**
- The Healthy Families Programme** - A five week fun, informal course helping parents to make small changes that have a big impact on their families health. [Please click this link for more info](#)
  - Keeping well in winter** How we can all beat the winter blues, look out for each other and stay warm and well. [Please click this link for more info](#)
  - Energy Kidz** - February half term, Energy Kidz are on a mission to make memories that last a life-time with amazing holiday experiences for children! [Please click this link](#) to see what they will be offering this half term.
  - Tower Hamlets Good Moves** - Free 8 week course, for Tower Hamlets residents to learn about healthy eating and gentle exercise to help manage the following conditions : Diabetes, Cardiovascular Disease and Chronic Kidney Disease. [Please click this link for more info](#)



## School Catch-Up

In Year 1 we are finding out about Judaism. We shared special items from our own religions and made connections with each other and with Judaism



This week Year 4 have had a peaceful Art lesson focusing on Sketching Still Life focusing on foreground, background, mediums, light and shadows. As you can see, everyone was very enthusiastic and letting their creative minds run free!





## School Catch-Up

Last week Year 5 went on an exciting trip to attend a workshop hosted by Microsoft at their flagship store.





# NSPCC



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in Number Day on **Friday 3 February 2023**.

## Everything the NSPCC does protects children today and prevents about tomorrow

The NSPCC need our support more than ever. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.



On average, a child contacts Childline every **25 seconds**

### Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

- We are having a fun day of maths activities and we will be taking part in ***Dress up for Digits***.
- This will be a non-uniform day, but pupils are asked to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a onesie!). Or get creative by dressing in a maths theme.
- To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.
- We've also decided to take part in a friendly competition involving schools in the United Kingdom with ***Times Tables Rock Stars***. It's a 1-day competition which starts on Friday 3rd February 2023 at 07:30 GMT and ends at 19:30 GMT. It will all be done online at school via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com).

### It all adds up

We're really looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at St Luke's will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Miss Williams  
Maths Lead



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# RIVER THAMES OPEN DAY

Come and explore your local foreshore

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January, 10:30 – 13:30

Newcastle Drawdock, Isle of Dogs



Clean-up



River Dipping



Citizen Science



Art



Learning



Games



refreshments, fun & more...

Find out how to get involved with your local river!



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# EVERYONE WELCOME!