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Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to you all. It has been a real pleasure to see the children back in school, showing such enthusiasm as they settle into their new classes and routines. I know that all the staff at St. Luke's are delighted to see the children back, and we are very excited about the year ahead. On Tuesday, I led the first in-person Collective Worship in the hall for our older pupils, and I must comment on how exemplary their behaviour and participation was. It was wonderful to be able to interact with the children in person and for us to come together as a school community. I look forward to doing the same next week with our younger pupils.

Value of the week

We begin the year by focusing on the value of **excellence**. I must say that I have seen so many examples of this throughout the school this week, from children's work in class, to the way that they have been behaving at lunchtime. It was a pleasure to hear the examples shared by staff in Collective Worship this afternoon of how the children named below have demonstrated excellence this week. A big well done to you all!

Beech	Liam Wilson
Maple	Elena Sayed
Birch	Isa Rashid and Vanya Gupta
Ash	All of Ash class!
Lemon	Jack Simmonds
Oak	All of Oak class!
Aspen	Jacob Ntiamoah
Spruce	Zendan Challis
Palm	Nadira Khan
Cherry	Imogen Sun
Willow	Sophie Bennison and Rowan-Evie Yau
Cypress	A'niyah Fenton

Parent calendar

I have attached the annual parent calendar, which outlines key events in school, including class assemblies and special events such as nativities and sports day. You will also see on there the dates for parent consultations. This term we are going to continue to hold these via Zoom, or by telephone, if you would prefer. I will confirm the exact dates for each class in next week's newsletter. There will be a second set of these meetings in the Spring term, and teachers will offer a 'drop-in' service in July for you to discuss your child's school report if you wish. This year, we very much hope that we are able to avoid the disruption of the past two years and run to the full schedule published. Should there be any changes, we will give you as much notice as possible, and provide a suitable alternative where possible.



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Parent surgeries

You will know from the letter sent by Mrs. Abrahams last week that we intend to hold some parent drop-in surgeries this term. We really value your views as parents, and so we are holding these sessions with an open agenda, where you are able to bring your observations, suggestions and comments to us. Both myself and Mrs. Abrahams will be present. We have five sessions available to begin with. If you wish to attend, please just report to the school office on the day. The dates and times are:

- Monday 20th September, at 9am
- Monday 20th September, at 2:30pm
- Wednesday 20th October, at 9am
- Monday 22nd November, at 9am
- Monday 22nd November, at 2:30pm

Year 6 Secondary transfer parent workshop

This week, you will have received your child's banding results in order to apply for secondary school placements. Our school will be offering two information sessions via zoom to support you with the application process:

Thursday, September 16th @ 2:30

<https://zoom.us/j/98197582730?pwd=SFFxMkYxUm1LWk1PQnJBSWUxS2VyZz09>

Meeting ID: 981 9758 2730

Passcode: Secondary

Thursday, September 23rd @ 2:30

<https://zoom.us/j/95995759581?pwd=WC9ydzdtOVZzbUFPZ2pZWjdZZWd0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 959 9575 9581

Passcode: Secondary

You can also book parent advice sessions through the borough by using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/secondary-transfer-online-advice-sessions-y6-tickets-165381579757>

If you would like support completing the application or have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Sutherland at: atallevikeller.211@igflmail.org

Food in school

This is a reminder please that children should not bring nuts, or any dishes or products containing nuts, into school. We have a number of children in school with nut allergies, some of them severe, and this is to ensure that we keep every child safe. Thank you for your cooperation with this. Please also ensure that your child brings in a water bottle, with their name on, every day.

Anna Fiorentini Theatre and Film School

The Anna Fiorentini Theatre & Film School in Docklands has a new term starting on 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021. Students follow a time-table of Drama, Singing, Dance and Film all taught by leading industry professionals. It's a great way to develop new skills, gain confidence and make new friends after such a difficult year and a half! And if you join this term, you'll be part of our Anniversary Showcase at the Hackney Empire.

Through our Agency, many of our students have won leading roles on TV, film and in the West End. However, we are just as interested in our students that wish to increase in confidence and self-esteem. We also have a bursary scheme which provides free and subsidised places for students who may struggle to afford fees.

So if your children are looking for a creative outlet, or they want to boost self-esteem and confidence, then we will be hosting a Taster Day on



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8th September to allow prospective students to get a feel of the school. There will be no obligation to join the school if your child does not enjoy it. It's a great way to experience for yourself whether the School is for you before joining. And if you're unable to make that day, we may be able to arrange another taster opportunity for you, places permitting.

To find out more about our Schools and how you can book a Taster Day, click the link below

<https://www.afperformingarts.com/theatre-and-film-school/schools/docklands>

Please also find attached a leaflet for further information.

LEGO Robotics

LEGO ROBOTICS classes bring science and computing to life through hands-on tasks starting from real-world problems, using a wide range of methods and tools such as LEGO building, coding, photography, stop motion animation, video making.

Every week children build robots using LEGO bricks, learning to work with Bluetooth Smart hubs, motors, motion and tilt sensors that allow them to program the robots and get them to execute different tasks.

Once they learn an introductory visual based coding language that uses drag and drop coding blocks, children will move to the next level, learning to use more complex coding programs to control their robots and develop robotics games.

Classes will run from 13th and 16th September until 6th/ 9th Dec

Mondays: years 1, 2 and 3

Thursdays : year 4, 5 and 6

3:45pm - 5.10pm

12 sessions

Fee £156

(£13/ session/ child)

Please email info@engineeringminds.org.uk to book your child a place. These sessions all take place in school each week.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School



In Oak Class this week we've been learning all about the power of kindness. We read a book called 'Have you filled a bucket today?' which taught us the importance of doing and saying kind things. We made our own buckets and as a class we filled them with messages of kindness. You can see from our huge smiles how much we enjoyed this activity!



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Here are some wonderful identity backpacks created by our year 5s, as part of their PSHE work on celebrating differences:





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