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**9th July 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, I would like to update you on the following:

#### **Value of the week**

This week the value that we have been focusing on is **honesty**. It was a delight to hear teachers speaking with such enthusiasm about the examples of ways in which children have been honest this week, during our Collective Worship this afternoon. A big well done to the children named below!

|                 |                                     |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nursery         | Riley Jones                         |
| Reception Apple | Kendrick Cochrane                   |
| Reception Peach | Muhammed Yunus Miah                 |
| Beech           | Khadija Alom                        |
| Maple           | Emma Poeviciute                     |
| Birch           | Noa Leal Olivas and Stanley Dalwood |
| Ash             | Atharva Saxena                      |
| Lemon           | Taylor Downey                       |
| Oak             | Suhasini Shetty and Elsie Lakey     |
| Aspen           | Luckymead Kargbo                    |
| Spruce          | Danny Hubenov and Morgan Gravelot   |
| Palm            | Evie Harvard                        |
| Cherry          | Mikel Warner                        |
| Willow          | Elisa Smakiq                        |
| Cypress         | Jessica Shruti and Yoan Petkov      |

#### **Illness**

We appreciate that with the current Covid measures in place, that there can be some confusion around procedures if your child is unwell. If your child is unwell with anything that does not present with Covid symptoms, then generally they are able to return to school as soon as they feel better. There may be occasions where certain periods of absence will need to be observed following some illnesses. The NHS link below provides exact timescales for most common childhood illnesses and ailments. If you are contacted during the school day to collect your child because they are unwell, you will be informed about the symptoms that they are presenting with.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

#### **School reports**

As a reminder, you will be receiving your child's school report on Tuesday, via email. If you have any questions or queries about your child's report, then please speak to their class teacher.

#### **Nursery Sports Day**

The final set of Sports Days will take place on Friday 16th July. There will be two Sports Days for our Nursery children, one in the morning and one in the afternoon, so that both groups of children can enjoy the occasion. Staff will ensure that they take plenty of photos to share with parents, and I am sure a great time will be had by all! Children can come into school in their PE kit, or other sports clothes, on that day.



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### **Classes for next year**

I am very pleased to be able to inform you of your child's new class teacher for next year. You will find the information listed in the table on the next page. I would also like to update you on some staffing changes for next year.

Firstly, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Rothon and Mrs. Chandler back from their maternity leaves. It is wonderful to have them back teaching their new classes next year. We also welcome Mrs. Sutherland, one of our assistant headteachers, back from her maternity leave too. She will not be class based, but supporting strategically across the school.

We are also very pleased to welcome a new member of teaching staff to our team: Tamsin McFarlane. Tamsin is an experienced Early Years teacher, and we are delighted to have her teaching in our Early Years, alongside Georgia, who many of you will know. Tamsin is covering Ms. Sheppard's maternity leave, until she returns later next year.

At this time of year, it is often the case that we have to say goodbye to members of staff. Sabena Butt, who has been with us for three years, is relocating out of London so will be sadly leaving St. Luke's. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sabena for her wonderful commitment and care to all the children she has taught, who have flourished having her as their class teacher. In some exciting news linked to this, Sabena will be getting married very soon, and so her last day with us will be next Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Sabena, and also in wishing her all the very best for the future.

Finally, our SENCO, Harriet Pickering, has started her maternity leave this week. Those families who work closely with Harriet will have already been made aware of this, and that the member of staff covering her in her absence will be Lizzie Lewis. Lizzie is a highly experienced SENCO who has worked in schools in Tower Hamlets, and currently works for the Local Authority in a specialised role. I would like to extend Lizzie a warm welcome to St. Luke's.

Parents of children in Nursery, who have a Reception place here, will receive information about their child's new class in Reception separately.

Children will have the opportunity to meet their new class teacher on Wednesday morning.



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| Current teacher and class               | New teacher and class                         |
|---|---|
|   | Mrs. Jessica Tough<br>Nursery                 |
|   | Ms. Tamsin McFarlane<br>Reception Apple Class |
|   | Ms. Georgia Carney<br>Reception Peach Class   |
| Georgia Carney<br>Reception Peach Class | Mr. Stein<br>Year 1 Beech Class               |
| Chloe Reader<br>Reception Apple Class   | Ms. Reader<br>Year 1 Maple Class              |
| Mr. Stein<br>Year 1 Beech Class         | Mrs. Rothon<br>Year 2 Ash Class               |
| Ms. Butt<br>Year 1 Maple Class          | Mrs. Naidoo<br>Year 2 Birch Class             |
| Ms. Naidoo<br>Year 2 Birch Class        | Ms. Bell and Ms. Bingham<br>Year 3 Oak Class  |
| Ms. Bell<br>Year 2 Ash Class            | Mrs. Chandler<br>Year 3 Lemon Class           |
| Ms. Bingham<br>Year 3 Oak Class         | Ms. Dewan<br>Year 4 Aspen Class               |
| Ms. Tough<br>Year 3 Lemon Class         | Mr. Akinyemi<br>Year 4 Spruce Class           |
| Mr. Akinyemi<br>Year 4 Spruce Class     | Mr. Griffiths<br>Year 5 Palm Class            |
| Mr. Griffiths<br>Year 4 Aspen Class     | Ms. Budden<br>Year 5 Cherry Class             |
| Ms. Dewan<br>Year 5 Palm Class          | Ms. Lukwesa<br>Year 6 Willow Class            |
| Ms. Budden<br>Year 5 Cherry Class       | Ms. Williams<br>Year 6 Cypress Class          |



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### **School Tea Towels**

School tea towels are on sale!

The school tea towels designed by the children are on sale and selling fast! They are priced at £5 each and we have limited numbers left of the two designs. Design 1 has nursery, year 1 and 2 children on it, and Design 2 has years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

All proceeds from this will go to the school to support the ongoing funding of the library. If you would like to buy one your options are:

1. Buy in person on TUESDAY 13TH JULY BEFORE SCHOOL AT THE FRONT AND BACK GATES – please bring the correct money
2. Send us an email (stlukesPTA@hotmail.com) with your child's name, class and how many / what design you would like
3. Put an envelope in the PTA post box in the main reception containing your child's name, class and how many / what design you would like, along with the correct money

The tea towel/s will be sent home with your child once we have processed the order. Any questions, please get in touch.

### **Attachments**

Attached to this newsletter are a number of resources and leaflets that parents may find useful. These include information on summer holiday swimming clubs, and activities that children can take part in, including a DLR treasure hunt.

You will also find a range of Tower Hamlets holidays activities and food (HAF) information by clicking on the link below. This links to the letter from Marcus Rashford, which was shared with you last week.

[https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/health\\_social\\_care/health\\_and\\_medical\\_advice/Coronavirus/Schools/Healthy\\_Holidays.aspx](https://www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/health_social_care/health_and_medical_advice/Coronavirus/Schools/Healthy_Holidays.aspx)

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School



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In Year 5, the children have been learning about Japan. They have been writing poems for English about the atomic bomb hitting Hiroshima. These are from Anisa, Abi and Hazera in order.

| Wednesday 7th July  |   |
|---|---|
| <b>WALT: write a poem about Hiroshima</b>   |   |
| I know the impact of Hiroshima and the devastation caused by the bomb                     | ✓ |
| I can include a simile as a suitable comparison for the bomb, in the style of 'The Cloud' | ✓ |
| I can write a Haiku   | ✓ |

The bomb is shaped like an arrow  
It spins into the ground  
It crashes and explodes like fire  
Destroys buildings  
Flames slash and crash  
Drops from sky  
Unexpected...





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| I know the impact of Hiroshima and the devastation caused by the bomb                     | / /     |
| I can include a simile as a suitable comparison for the bomb, in the style of 'The Cloud' | / / / / |
| I can write a Haiku   | / / / / |

The pink cloud Tree:

first its light,  
 then its death  
 Black rain falls.

The rain covers bodies,  
 a huge cloud tree emerges,  
 Shadows left on walls and floors

Cloud covers cities,  
 Dust drops over towns,  
 Spawning death with its spore.

Haiku

The cloud (shiku):

First comes the pink light,  
~~next the black rain falls heavily down quickly,~~  
 Deaths go around like a disease, disease  
 Dust flies all around.



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| I can write a Haiku   |

  

Blasting bomb

In 1945 August 6<sup>th</sup>, it started with a bomb,  
 many people have lost their lives  
 Homes and buildings crumbled,

A barbaric mushroom shaped cloud,  
 which formed hot over air  
 Innocent ~~and~~ orphans lost their beloved parents  
 people's skin turns <sup>red</sup> out into a terrible condition,  
 lives who end up with cancer  
 those who died that we can remember

Haiku

Messed up homes ruined  
 Sadly orphans are alone  
 lots of people died





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Here are some of our Reception children working hard as a group to represent numerals in concrete amounts.

