



## Newsletter

2nd July 2021

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you all well. 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 **courage**. As always, I am so proud of our pupils and how they seek to demonstrate our values so consistently, and leading Collective Worship on a Friday afternoon is a weekly highlight for me. I would like to reiterate how proud we all are of the children named below, for being nominated by their classes. A big well done to all of you!

Nursery	Mia Nelson
Reception Apple	Zayne Toronyai-Fedukovich
Reception Peach	Jack Lowther
Beech	Daniel Zujevs
Maple	Leila Tomlinson
Birch	Lok Lio
Ash	Taysia Cameron
Lemon	Samina Mahammod
Oak	Stevie Cachia Harrell
Aspen	Max Page Murray and Sonny Epsom
Spruce	Nadira Khan and Aria Khorsand-Martell
Palm	Bronte Fitzgerald and Jayda Green
Cherry	Ryan Rogers
Willow	Ian Campbell
Cypress	Nathaniel Harrigan and Jaycee Green

### School Reports

This is a reminder that you will receive your child's school report via email again this year, in the early part of the week beginning 12th July. If you do have any questions about the report, then please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Children's work books

You may be aware that we are due our routine Ofsted inspection at some point in the near future. Ofsted works on a specific time cycle of inspecting 'good' schools, like ours, every four to five years. Our last inspection was in September 2016, and we would have almost certainly been inspected in the Spring term of 2020, but understandably inspections have been hugely disrupted, and mostly suspended, due to school closures over the last 18 months.

Whilst we can never be certain on the exact timing of an inspection, we do anticipate that it is likely that it could be early in the start of the new academic year. We are very proud of the work that children have done in their exercise books, and Wow books in Reception, and we will need to use these books as recent evidence of our curriculum, and the children's learning and attainment. As such, we will be keeping children's work on site in school until we have our Ofsted inspection. Please be assured that these books will be kept safe, and sent home with the children, for you to keep, once the inspection is complete.



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### Parent consultations

Thank you to all those parents who have signed up for their child's parent consultation. The feedback we have received from teachers is that the meetings have been going really well, and I hope that you have found them to be helpful. This is a reminder of the remaining consultations. Please make an appointment by ringing the school office. Please state if you would prefer a telephone call rather than meeting on Zoom, as we will otherwise assume that you will be joining on Zoom.

Date	Class teacher
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Ms. Dewan (Palm)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Ms. Bingham (Oak)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Ms. Naidoo (Birch)
	Ms. Lukwesa (Willow)
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Ms. Butt (Maple)
	Ms. Bell (Ash)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Harvey (Nursery)
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Georgia (Peach)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Chloe (Apple)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Harvey (Nursery)

### Classes for next year

I understand that many of you will be keen to know about your child's new class teacher next year. I will be able to share this information with you in next week's newsletter, and we have organised for all children to meet their new class teaching team on the 14th July.

### Staffing update

I would like to let you know that one of our longest-serving teaching assistants, Jo Royer, will be moving on from the school at the end of the year. Many of you will know Jo well, and I am sure you will want to join me in thanking her for the care and support she has shown the many children she has worked with over the years. We will of course all miss her here at St. Luke's, but I would like to take this opportunity to also wish Jo all the very best for the future from all of us.

### End of term finish times

This is just a reminder that on the last day of term, Tuesday 20th July, all children will finish at their usual time, so that we can maintain the bubble system throughout the school day.

### Secondary transfer information meetings

Please find attached information about two virtual secondary information meetings, for parents of children in Year 5, taking place next week:

- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2021 9.30 am
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 11.30am

Places can be booked through Eventbrite. Thank you for supporting these sessions.



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### Tea Towels for sale—message from the PTA

Over the past few weeks, the children of St. Luke's have been drawing pictures of themselves which we have then made into school tea towels as part of our continued fundraising efforts for the school.

We have printed a limited run of the tea towels, which are now available for you to purchase from the PTA.

There are 2 designs:

**Design 1** - Younger Children (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

**Design 2** - Older Children (Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6)

We have been asked to focus our fundraising on helping to support the school library this term, and so all proceeds from the sale of the tea towels will go towards this.

If you would like to purchase a tea towel:

**Paying by Cash:** Please pop a note along with payment, detailing the designs and quantity you would like, along with your child's name, class, and your contact number into the PTA Post Box in the school reception.

**Paying Online:** Please email the PTA at [stlukespta@hotmail.com](mailto:stlukespta@hotmail.com) detailing the designs and quantity you would like, along with your child's name, class, and your contact number. Payment can then be made to the account below:

ST LUKE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA

ACC: 39657260 / SORT CODE:30-90-89

Please note there is a limited print run of tea towels and as such, orders will be fulfilled on a first come basis.

Here is Design 1:







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Here is Design 2:



### Letter from Marcus Rashford and Henry Dimbleby on Holiday Activities and Food Programme

As you may be aware, Marcus Rashford MBE and Henry Dimbleby MBE (the co-founder of Leon who leads the National Food Strategy) are promoting the Government's new Holiday Activities and Food programme. Their aim is to make sure schools are aware of their local scheme and that parents take the opportunity to sign their child or children up to it this summer.

The programme this summer provides free places to all school-aged children eligible for free school meals across England, but it is also open to all children from every background. Experienced providers are making plans to organise lots of exciting activities for children of all ages in every Local Authority across England country. This means that children from disadvantaged backgrounds can enjoy delicious, healthy food, take part in lots of great activities, and hang out with their friends as well as making new ones.

I have attached a letter from Marcus Rashford and Henry Dimbleby. Please do take the time to read it, and I hope that you find the excellent services they are providing useful.

### Attachments

I have attached some leaflets from the Tower Hamlets Families Matter network, as well as information from Energy Kidz about their summer holiday programme, some of which will be run here at St. Luke's.

Have a lovely weekend.

With best wishes,

Cristina King

Head of School





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Here are some photos of our Reception children enjoying their work on the natural world by exploring the natural environment around them, and creating their own jellyfish!







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