



## Newsletter

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### Attendance

Our target is 96%.

Attendance to date from September 2018.

Please note difference	W/B 23/04	W/B 29/04
Mango (Nur)	90%	90%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	94%	94%
Beech (1E)	95%	95%
Maple (1T)	96%	96%
Birch (2R)	96%	96%
Ash (2S)	97%	97%
Oak (3B)	93%	93%
Lemon (3D)	95%	95%
Aspen (4KN)	95%	96%
Spruce (4L)	96%	96%
Palm (5A)	96%	96%
Cherry (5S)	96%	96%
Willow (6G)	96%	96%
Cypress (6S)	93%	93%



**No Mass  
School Closed  
Bank Holiday**



**Beech Class Assembly  
Thursday 3.00pm**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and that you have enjoyed a good week. Two pieces of good news to share: Firstly—both Ms. Rothon and Ms. Erler have given birth to baby girls and both mums and daughters are well!!

Secondly, we are delighted at St. Luke's because over the weekend we had a new sound system installed in the hall. Sound in the hall has long been a source of frustration for many of us, particularly when the children are performing assemblies or productions. The children practice really hard yet hearing them can be a real challenge. With our new sound system, this should no longer be a problem, so I was keen to share this good news with you all.

### Key Stage 1 SATs

Next week the staff in Year 2 will begin the tests for the KS1 SATs, reading and mathematics. The staff have a timetable and hope to complete most of them, with most children, during the next two weeks. The tests will be done in accordance with the statutory guidance from the DfE but not in such a way that causes the children any stress.

We really do not want anyone to worry themselves or their children about this, as that would be both detrimental and unnecessary. Throughout the year, the children have worked hard and made strong progress. The tests that they sit, contribute to the final outcome but they do not dictate it. The work that is in the children's books, that they have accomplished during the year, is just as important in determining the outcome of the SATs.

What will help the children though, is getting a good night's sleep, healthy diet and lots of water. That will help them to be at their most alert and therefore most likely to be able to perform well. If you have any concerns at all, please come and speak to us so that we can help to resolve them.

### Key Stage 2 SATs

These take place for four days starting on Monday 13 May. The children are invited to come into school early and have breakfast together. We have found in previous years, that this has really helped to settle the children and ensure that they are ready for the tests.

As for the Year 2 children, we do not want anyone to be worrying about these. The children have worked consistently really hard all year and they are well prepared for these tests. It is our belief that we do not perform well when we are stressed, so the staff have done everything they can to avoid stress for the children. I was very proud of my maths group because when I asked them how they were feeling about the tests, they said they were excited!!

A good quality night's sleep, healthy diet and lots of water are important in the lead up to the week and during the week.

Also, the avoidance of anything that may upset them or play on their minds. Please have oversight of what your children are doing on line or with an electronic device. Children preoccupied with upsetting behaviour from Whats App groups or chat rooms, will not perform their best in the SATs which is such a waste given their hard work to date.

Again, if you have any concerns as Year 6 parents, about the SATs or about your child's on line presence, please do not hesitate in coming in to see us.

### Lost uniform

I have sent 5 enormous bags of mislaid uniform to the launderette this week for a service wash. When it is returned it will be laid out on tables for you to collect and any that is not claimed will be sent to the charity shops.

Additionally, on Fridays, Bob will put the coat hook units that are used at lunch times out into the back playground by the school hall at the end of the school day. Uniform that has been discarded during the week may be on those coat hooks.

If you know your child has lost something during the week, I would encourage you to have a look there at the end of each week.

### Daily Mile

Children in Years 3—6 do what is called 'The Daily Mile' each day. This means they run for 5 minutes. There has been much research into the health benefits of doing this as well as its positive impact upon learning in the classroom. I mention this here because you may want to take this into account when buying footwear for your child to wear, or bring, to school.

Our uniform remains the same, with the expectation that children wear entirely black shoes, but we are happy if those shoes are entirely black plimsolls or trainers. If children would rather wear a shoe, they can also bring a sports shoe in to school to change into for their running if they find that easier and safer to run in.

Please remember that we have a long weekend and school resumes on Tuesday 7 May.

Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

## Class catch-up

<u>Bonjour</u>	<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>
<p>La phrase de la semaine:</p> <p>Veux tu jouer... au foot (etc)? Do you want to play...football (etc)? Veuh tyoo jooay? suggested by Dannii-May 6S</p>	<p>The Nursery have had an amazing week with our Chicks, they have been busy drawing pictures, collaging chicks, completing the life cycle of an egg diagram, as well as holding, stroking and watching the chicks flap around on our carpet. Sadly we say good bye to them today and we hope they enjoy their new homes. Next week we will be planting seeds and learning about what we need for them to grow.</p> <p>We hope you have a lovely long weekend !! Please remember that you can always send in any Wow work or photos of your children learning or playing at home for their special wow book.</p>	<p>This week in Literacy we read the story: Eliot, Midnight Superhero. We discussed what our superhero names would be and what superhero powers we would have. We then drew pictures of our superhero selves and wrote some sentences/words/initial sounds. In Maths we looked at doubling and enjoyed the ladybird doubling task. Daily Supported Reading started this week and is going very well! Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.</p>	<p>We have had a very busy week learning to write and follow instructions. The children then made some delicious jam sandwiches for their royal tea party. In maths we looked at time and reading an analogue clock. In science we began to explore our natural environment and habitats for minibeasts. Well dine Maple class on your assembly. The children worked really hard to find their loud voices and remember their lines. We look forward to seeing Beech classes assembly next week! Have a lovely weekend!</p>

<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<p>This week in year 2 we have been revising our number bonds to 10 and 20 and using them to solve missing number problems. We have been discussing the commutative law and the inverse. Next week we will be moving onto multiplication and division and using the inverse to solve problems again. In literacy we have been writing in role as badger and focusing on including adverbs and interesting verbs to describe the day badger found the disgusting sandwich. Next week we will design our own disgusting sandwich and create an advert for it. We have also enjoyed classifying living things in science. Have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p>We are so excited about literacy this week because we have begun our new text, 'The Sheep Pig'. We haven't written diary entries from the perspective of Babe when he first comes to the farm. In Destination Reader, we have been focusing on using inference skills to dig deeper in characters' thoughts and feelings. In Maths, we have been focusing on using column addition and subtraction to solve some tricky problems!</p>	<p>This week in year 4, we have been busy re-writing the story of Romulus and Remus. In our maths we have been studying the properties of quadrilaterals and symmetry. We have spent our RE this week studying the story of Moses, and his 'calling' from God. In our topic work, we have begun to learn all about the Titanic which we will continue for the rest of the term. We are also entering an art and design competition in association with the V&amp;A Museum of Childhood, so we have begun the design process this week. Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend!</p>	<p>This week in year 5 we have been busy exploring our new topic of the Ancient Greeks. We have read the compelling myth of Medusa and used skills of interpretation and inference to unpick the text. In maths we have revised our addition skills and used them to solve reasoning problems. For our art we have linked this with our topic and have been looking at Greek pottery. For Science we have begun our study of Living Things. Enjoy your Bank Holiday weekend.</p>	<p>This week in Year 6 alongside lots of practice of comprehension, grammar and maths we have been learning about the eight-fold path in Buddhism and reflecting on our decisions. In PE our focus remains on cricket where we have been developing our fielding skills. We finished the week off with some blitz inspired art. Have a lovely long weekend - Team Year 6</p>

### Community House News

**Coffee Morning** on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

**Keep fit:** on Thursdays 9.00-10.00 in school. Crèche available on site.

**ESOL Life Skills Course:** on every Thursday, To develop their English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life.

**Employability Course:** Mondays 9:00-11.30. This course is in preparation to getting back into work. Building skills and confidence.



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**THURSDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2019**  
3.30 - 5.30PM

**AT**  
**SIR JOHN CASS & RED COAT SCHOOL, E1 0RH**  
ENTRY VIA COPLEY STREET GATE