



**Newsletter**  
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**The following children have been nominated by their classes and teachers for the values of Fairness, Kindness and Responsibility this week:**

**Year 1: Charlotte** has demonstrated such a high level of responsibility towards her own learning whilst working from home and the level of enthusiasm and effort that she puts into every task is fantastic. Well done Charlotte!

**Year 2: Betsy** is such a kind girl and always helps her friends to come to an agreement about how to play games in a fair way. She has been incredibly responsible when in school, following social distancing rules. She always listens carefully and with respect to adults. Well done Betsy!

**Year 2: Saydee** has joined us for the last week in school and she has been an absolute delight. She has shown kindness to her friends and has adjusted very quickly to the safety rules in school, showing maturity and responsibility. Well done Saydee!



Dear Parents and Carers,  
After an extremely challenging year, responding as a community to this international pandemic, we have arrived at the end of the academic year.

From a personal position, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have provided words of encouragement over the recent months. I cannot begin to tell you how much those words meant when received. They truly enabled the team and I to remain resilient and keep going, even when it felt really hard to do so. Thank you also for everything that you have done to enable your children to engage with the learning.

I also want to thank the incredible staff that we have at this school. Appreciation of their consistent effort to provide an education to your children throughout this pandemic seems to be universal. During this period I have witnessed so many staff go the extra mile, often stepping right outside of their brief to provide support to each other, parents and children. I have always known that we have a wonderful team here at St. Luke's but this pandemic experience has really brought that to the fore. I could not single out any one person, but it is the sum of everyone that has enabled us to get through this period and provide you with a continuous education and care for everyone's well being.

And finally, I want to thank the children. They have lifted our spirits throughout this time, never ceasing to amaze us with their displays of the school's values, their sense of humour and their creativity. Frequently, I hear staff and members of the public praise the children of this school. Please know that they are a credit to all of you parents and a pleasure to serve in our community.

Sadly, this time of year always comes with goodbyes....

**Staff**

As you know today, we will say good bye to both Mr. Greenslade and Ms Sorrell. We laughed with Ms. Sorrell this morning when she said that she felt someone else would come along and fill her boots—and we all said that we thought that was unlikely because she is so distinct and we will miss her so much!

It goes without saying that we send both members of staff off today with the very warmest wishes for them to experience success and happiness in the next chapters of their lives.

**And then onto Year 6**

As I said last week, we really feel for this year group, who have missed out on so many 'rites of passage' in Year 6, as they transition and take an enormous step in life's journey, moving up and on to secondary school.

They have been a terrific year group throughout the school, who have brought such joy and fun to our school. We have valued each special character and will miss them when they move on.

As I reminded them this morning, when we say 'Goodbye', we are also saying 'God be with you'.

We dearly hope that they take our values with them, that they stay safe and keep well, and that they continue to show enthusiasm for their learning.

They are moving on, but we will still be here. And we look forward to when they come back and see us and share their new and exciting experiences, as well as their smart new uniforms!

**Return to school in September**

We are pleased to confirm that all children can return to school in September. All of our staff team have confirmed their return to school. We have two INSET days and then the children in Years 1—6 will return on Thursday 3rd September.

As you will know from government releases, children's attendance at school or their place of education, in September is mandatory.

Attached with this newsletter is the first draft of guidance for the children's safe return. We reserve the right to make amendments to this, but we will ensure that you have the most up to date version if it changes, before the children's safe return.

To enable us to get the children in and out of the building safely, preserving the most amount of learning time, we are staggering the children's start and finish times. Please study the attached document carefully to make sure you know when your child needs to be in school and where you need to drop them off to. Registers will close for all classes at 9:10am and so if children arrive in school after 9:10am they will be recorded as late.

Before school club will start from 14 September and we will write to you regarding that as the children return in September. We need a little bit of time at the start of the year, to settle the 'core' school in, and make sure we can organise the logistics for Before School Club, safely. Energy Kidz will get in touch separately with you regarding their after school provision, so please look out for their communication by email.

## Information for Parents and Carers

### Surplus Food Shop

This link has been shared with me to a surplus food shop open on Pepper St offering free food to those that need it.

I do not use Facebook, and so I have not been able to check whether it works.

Forgive me if it doesn't, the sharing was well intended as we often hear of families that are struggling as this pandemic extends and employment is increasingly under threat.

### 10 top tips to encourage children to read in support of Reading Together Day

To support the very first Reading Together Day, the DfE have published [tips for parents and carers of primary-aged children](#) to help them encourage and support their children to read. They contain ideas on how to plan reading opportunities at home and make reading enjoyable and engaging, including during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

### Barnardo's 'See Hear Respond' service

See Hear Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

The programme has been created to help children and young people in England who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during this period by providing support to those who are not being seen by social care or other key agencies.

Working with its partners, Barnardo's aims to reduce the likelihood of harm and ensure other support and protective networks are in place.

See Hear Respond accept referrals from any source either through the Freephone number 0800 151 7015 and via the [online referral hub](#).

### Boss Kidz

Neha Gupta, a parent of one of our children in Year 2, asked us to circulate her /Boss Kidz' flyer in case you are looking for activities for children over the summer. It would not be appropriate for us to recommend an activity however we do feel able to share this with you in the spirit of partnership with and support for our parent community.

### Local Services

Please find attached with the newsletter, an update from the parent and Family Support Service as well as a reminder of how you can access local services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities as well as for all families.