

Aspire, Believe, Achieve!

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' Philippians 4:13



What a fabulous turn out we had yesterday for the session about homework!

Here is a reminder of some of the things that were discussed and answers some of the questions you may have:

What has happened to the weekly English and Maths homework?

Teachers are still setting English and Maths homework for your children. However, instead of this being stuck in their homework books each week, children are able to access a **much wider selection** of learning tasks from a range of online subscriptions and websites that the children are also using in school.

How are the homework tasks chosen? Tasks have been set by your child's teachers; the tasks are appropriate to your child's year group or ability and are also related to what your child has been learning in class (*consolidation*) or will be learning in class (*preparation*).

How do teachers know which homework tasks the children have completed? Teachers are continually monitoring the different programs that the children are accessing online. They can see which tasks your children have attempted and completed; this will mean that teachers can celebrate the work that your child has accessed whilst also 'chasing up' any children who may not have completed any online tasks. Children can also hand their Homework Learning Journeys in whenever they have completed some work.

What are Home Learning Journeys? All children have a Home Learning Journey and this can be used to complete tasks which have been set by their teachers or to complete work around their year group Knowledge Organiser. The websites, log-ins and passwords can all be found in these. Children can use these in any way that they wish, we have already seen a range of beautifully presented work from extended pieces of writing to artwork to maths!

What are Knowledge Organisers? These are related to the wider curriculum such as Science, History, Geography, Art, DT, RE and will change as the topics change—ask your children when they have started a new topic or Science unit. These are designed to strengthen your child's understanding of key concepts and skills related to the topics your children are learning about in class.

How often should my child be doing homework and which websites should my child access?

This is up to parents, as a school we do not wish to dictate how much homework your child should be doing or which of the websites we have provided your child should access as all of our children are different and approach homework and learning in different ways. Research shows that excessive amounts of time spent on homework increases stress and can have a negative impact on children's (and parent's) mental health. Your children are extremely busy learning all day at school, it is important that they have some time to relax and enjoy physical and social activities: **Happy children = Happy Learners!**

We hope that yesterday's session and this information helps—the feedback from the children is that they love the new style of homework which is great to hear! There will be another session for Reception parents/carers soon, so please watch this space! If you have any more questions, please ask your child's teacher or see the information about homework on the school website <https://www.stlukesprimary.co.uk/homework> or our Social media page.

Thank you.



Stars of the week



R	Japji	Roshan
Y1	Samir	Sonya
Y2	Gugulethu	Remaya
Y3	Riya	Mylo
Y4	Faith	Maheen
Y5	Tia	Satnaam
Y6	Jotveer	Krishan



Good Citizens of the Week

Who acts with compassion?



R	Avnoor	Safiya
Y1	Ranbir	Simranjeet
Y2	Dania	Ishita
Y3	Hammid	Raheen
Y4	Sarnjeet	Marika
Y5	Ojaswi	Yasmin
Y6	Krishan	Ekamjot

Have you been late this week?

25 children have signed in late this week, this is not a good start to the day for your child!

Names of parents whose children who have been regularly late have been sent to the Council Attendance Officer.

All children should be in class for registration at :

- 8:45 a.m. for a.m. Nursery / 12:30 p.m. for p.m. Nursery
- 8:55 a.m. for Reception to Year 6



Attendance Awards

	Infants	%
1st	Orange	99.3
2nd	Purple	98.3
3rd	Red	97.3
	Juniors	%
1st	Ruby	100
2nd	Amber	98.7
3rd	Amethyst & Diamond	97.4

Overall
97%

Well done!



We
achieved
our target
of 97%!

Headteacher's Award

A huge well done to lots of our children who have embraced our new style of homework. We are only a few weeks in and yet, we have seen some brilliant examples of homework covering all different subjects and topics. Keep it up!

See the school website for details!

School Council

Meet our new School Council representatives!

Year 1: Kripal & Taanvi

Year 2: Daniella & Ravi

Year 3: Manjot & Saara

Year 4: Harsimran & Harleen

Year 5: Jordan & Rihanna

Year 6: Amandeep P & Jessica



Last week's Golden Tea Party winners were SeRae (Y1), Moses (Y4), Kushleen (Y6) & Amandeep (Y6)

What's on next week?

Monday 30th Sept	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery children start (every day) • Year 5 & 6 Brass Tuition (remember your instruments) • After-school clubs start this week!
Tuesday 1st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Stay & Play
Wednesday 2nd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Baby Stay and Play
Thursday 3rd October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y2 visit to Legoland Discovery • Y6 Swimming (Remember your kit!) • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Story time (preschool children) • 2:30 p.m. Meeting for any existing Volunteers or anyone who is interesting in becoming a volunteer!
Friday 4th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN—Staff INSET



Thank you to everyone who supported us with the Book Bus, it was a huge success and those who went onto the bus had a lovely time! The Bookbus driver sent us an email and I wanted to share it with you all: I am the Bookbus driver from yesterday and I just wanted to take the time to say how much I enjoyed the day. Everyone was so welcoming and friendly and I come away with nothing but positive thoughts about St Luke's. The children were amazing. Without exception they were friendly and polite and with a wonderful quiet confidence. For such young people the conversations I had were fantastic. Whatever journey awaits them in life they are so well prepared. The staff were so helpful and work had obviously been done beforehand in preparation as the system seemed to run flawlessly. They were so welcoming and ever so helpful so please thank them.

And finally can I say a thank you to the parentsthey seemed so supportive and nourishing for their children. Obviously they were willing to dig deep for their kids, £1776 I believe was the amount taken - a record for me, but the way they talked to each other and helped each other out was wonderful to see. From the little I saw of your school I was hugely impressed and I wish you all well for the future. I hope you'll invite the Bookbus back, and I hope it will be me driving it. I was shattered by the time I got home, but had a huge smile on my face. Thank you, Stuart!

Our Collective Worship theme next week is about Friendship, another of our Key Christian Values.



Advance Notice: We will be celebrating Harvest during our Family Worship on Monday 7th October at 9:00 a.m. We are collecting for The Well, Wolverhampton Food Bank. They really need: Sugar, tea, coffee, crisps, tins, noodles. Thank you, as always, for your generosity.



Reminder: School is closed to all children on Friday 4th October 2019 due to staff training!