



Welcome to the first edition of St Luke's News of the 2019-20 academic year. Welcome back to all of you, we hope that you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the new school year. Also, a big welcome to any new families that have joined our school.

### Changes for 2019-20!

We are aware that sometimes, homework can be a cause of stress in the home. Therefore, we are trialling a new style of homework from September 2019! We have invested in a range of online educational resources which will challenge your children, improve their basic skills, provide them with instant feedback and be fun!

In addition, we are introducing 'Knowledge Organisers'. Your children learn about a wide range of topics during their time at our school and we hope that the 'Knowledge Organisers' will help families to be more involved with your child's learning across the curriculum.

**HOMEWORK**

**MATHS**

 [www.trockstars.com/login](http://www.trockstars.com/login) 

 [www.educationcity.com/](http://www.educationcity.com/) 

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**ENGLISH**

 **Reading Record**—

- Read, read, read!
- Practise spellings
- Revise SPaG
- Answer questions about your book

 **Year Group Texts**

- *Holes*
- *Lean and the Place Between*
- *Day of the Dead*
- *Tales from Outer Suburbia*
- *The Wolves and the Carpenter*

 **Bug Club**

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk) 

Knowledge Organisers will include:

- Information and facts
- Key vocabulary
- Online resources
- Suggested activities that your child (and your family) can do!

Children will still be provided with a Home Learning Journey in which they are invited to record any reading, maths, English and topic work that they complete. These can be handed to the classteacher at any time.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to your child's teacher, Thank you.

**St Luke's Primary School** **KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER**

**Rome to Rio**

**KEY VOCABULARY**

**Climate**— the general temperature and precipitation of an area.

**Trade**— involves the transfer of goods/ services from one area or person to another.

**Currency**— the money used in a particular country.

**Export**— goods or services that are sent to another country for sale.

**Import**— goods or services that are brought into a country from abroad for sale.

**Vegetation**— plants that are grown in a particular area.

**Timezone**— a timezone is a region of the globe that observe a uniform standard time for legal, commercial and social purposes.

**Sustainability**— the avoidance of the depletion of natural resources.



**The Amazon Rainforest**

The **Amazon rainforest**, also known in English as **Amazonia** or the **Amazon Jungle**, is a moist broadleaf forest in the Amazon biome that covers most of the Amazon basin of South America.

Deforestation— is the conversion of forested areas to non-forested areas. The main sources of deforestation in the Amazon are human settlement and development of the land.

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**WATCH**



**VISIT**

 Birmingham Botanical Gardens  
[www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/](http://www.birminghambotanicalgardens.org.uk/)

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**ASK**

What animals live in the rainforest?  
What important things grow in the rainforest that we use in our lives?

**CREATE**

Can you create a picture/3D model of the Amazon Rainforest? 



## School Dinners

**School Dinners for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children are FREE!** However, we still need parents to claim for Free School Meals as this is important for our Pupil Premium Funding.

**For children in Year 3 to Year 6, school dinners must be paid for unless you are entitled to Free School Meals.**

**For those that need to pay, dinners are either:**

- £12.50 per week (£2.50 per day)
- £8.00 per week (£1.60 per day) *Flexible Charging (please see below for information)*

### Flexible Charging Scheme

**We are continuing to offer the Flexible Charging Scheme for those parents/carers who qualify. This is for parents/carers who narrowly miss the threshold for Free School Meals. Please contact school to for more information or check to see if you are eligible.**

**Is your child entitled to Free School Meals or Pupil Premium funding?**

**Please contact school if you think you may be eligible as this is important for our Pupil Premium Funding.**

### Online payments—SIMS Agora

**Parents/carers are able to pay for school meals, visits, clubs, uniform and much more online. If you are interested in this, please ask to speak to Mrs Ferguson who will set up this facility for you.**



### Children's morning snack

**We sell toast, yoghurt and raisins - £1.00 for the week. Please send snack money on a Monday morning. Thank you**



Would you like to be a School Council representative this year?

**If so, then you need to start working on your campaign!**

### What do you need to do?

You need to design a poster and it must include:

- Your name
- Your class
- Why you would like to be a School Council rep?
- One thing that you will try to improve at our school if elected
- A charity that you would like our school to support and why.

### Important Dates!

Monday 16th September 2019: Posters to be handed in

**Wb 16th September: Elections to take place**

Friday 20th September: School Council Representatives announced

## School Uniform and PE Kit



Is your child wearing the correct uniform and PE Kit? School jumpers/sweatshirts/cardigans are Navy Blue (not black). Letters will be going home to those parents who are not supporting our uniform policy.

Merits will be awarded to children who look smart and have correct uniform. Are your child's clothes and shoes labelled? Please ensure that your child's uniform and PE kit have their names in!

**Please help us to reduce lost property! Thank you.**



## Celebrating birthdays

It is always nice to celebrate a child's birthday in school but could we please ask parents to only send in sealed packets of sweets as we have several children with food allergies. **No cakes or other food items please.** Thank you for your cooperation.



# Stars of the week



NA	NA
Dante	Conor
Gagan	Gurekam
Rio	Vikram
Skye	Priya
Ritik	Rosa
Sulove	Armani

## Good Citizens of the Week

*Who has helped the class get off to a great start?*



NA	NA
Riya	Sandra
Ruben	Ishita
Rajkiran	Yasmin
Mannat	Harsimran
Ethan	Zara
Kushleen	Armaandeeep

### Headteacher's Award

All the children have come back to school exceptionally smart and have brilliantly behaved - so thank you!



'Golden tickets' winners will start from next Friday!

## Attendance Awards

	Infants	%
1st	Purple	100
2nd	Orange	96.7
3rd	Yellow	95.6
Juniors		
1st	Ruby & Amethyst	100
2nd	Sapphire, Emerald & Diamond	98.9
3rd	Pearl	97.8



**Overall: 97.7%**

**A great start  
to the term!**

Remember our attendance target for each week is 97%. Help us to try and achieve this!



**Have you been late this week?**

**15 children have signed in late in the 1st week back. Remember!** Try leaving home 10mins earlier and aim to be at school by **8:45 a.m.**

All children should be in class for registration at :

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

**Punctuality is going to be monitored very closely!**

## School Times

The gates to the playground will be opened at 8:40 a.m. If a child arrives at school before this time, there is no staff supervision and the child remains the responsibility of the parent/carer.

Children will be allowed to enter their classrooms / entrances at 8:45 a.m. **All children should be in their classrooms by 8:55 a.m. which is the official start of the school day.** Please note: Gates will be closed before this time. Any children not in their classroom at 8:55 a.m. for registration will need to go through the main entrance and will be marked as late.



## Sending money into school!

Please send any money to your child's classroom where a written record is kept.

**No money will be accepted at the school office.**



At St Luke's Church of England (Aided) Primary School, we value the feedback we receive from our parents/carers. Thank you to those parents/carers who completed and returned the evaluation forms that were enclosed with your child's report in July 2019. From the evaluation forms that were returned, responses were analysed and the results are as follows and comments made to any issues highlighted:

Academic year: 2018/2019 (87 returned)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / Not answered
My child enjoys school.	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%
My child is making progress.	75%	24%	1%	0%	0%
I feel that my child is safe and well cared for at school.	90%	10%	0%	0%	0%
I feel that my child's behaviour and discipline is good at St Luke's.	85%	15%	0%	0%	0%
I the parent/carer have an important role to play in my child's Education.	73%	22%	2.5%	0%	2.5%
I value the distinctive Christian character of the school.	66%	26%	2.5%	0%	4.5%
I feel that Worship and Religious Education teaching are important aspects of the school.	66%	33%	1%	0%	0%
I am happy with my child's report.	71%	28%	1%	0%	0%

*With regards to how our school could improve, the issues raised are found below:*

#### **Issue: Parents workshops**

One parent asked if more events could be scheduled after school to support working parents. **We appreciate we have many working parents and will look into arranging some workshops which can be held after school. However, Learning Together sessions will continue to take place during the school day.**

#### **Issue: Children's Targets**

A parent was concerned that they needed information about targets that their child was not achieving. **We hold three formal sessions throughout the year where parents/carers can make appointments to discuss their child's progress and targets. In addition, our Learning Together sessions give parents the opportunity to see how their child is performing in lessons. If staff feel that a child is struggling with their targets, teachers will discuss their concerns with parents/carers as and when required. There is also a range of information related to children's targets and Age Related Expectations, which can be found on the school website.**

#### **Issue: After School Clubs**

One parent asked if we can run English and maths clubs after school. **We run homework clubs for all year groups all year as well as some maths and English clubs for specific groups.**

#### **Issue: Confidence**

One parent suggested that we can improve our school by developing more confidence. **Children are encouraged to have an open mind and are taught that learning takes place in many different ways. The majority of visitors to our school comment on how confident many of our children are. However, if a parent is concerned that their child needs more help with developing their confidence then please ask to speak with your child's class teacher so that we can agree how best to support your child's learning together.**

**The majority of comments related to thanking the staff for their hard work and commitment, for the support given to their children and for the experiences that their children have at St Luke's.**

**We'd like to share these comments from parents/carers with you (please see the next page).**

I am happy with this school because my child is very happy in this school.

My son loves school from start to finish he has been eager to go. Thank you for being an amazing school

I don't have to say anything. I'm happy for my child's report. Thank you for being so caring. Teachers are friendly and nice to the children. Children feel happy and comfortable at school.

I am happy that my child is progressing very well.

Our son has had 8 fabulous years in St Luke's. BEST SCHOOL EVER!

Great report. Thank you for all your time and effort. Proud to be part of an amazing school.

I am grateful also to Rev. Espin-Bradley for his great Praise Assemblies and for the teaching about the bible that children in school receive.

I'm very pleased with my daughters progress. Thank you for all your time and effort. Amazing school x

I am happy the way my son was treated and how the school helped him in his transition to his new school. Thank you to all of the staff who have been a part of our son's learning journey.

Thank you to the year 1 teachers for recognising my son's achievements in phonics and moving him into a more challenging group. My child enjoys attending school and we are very happy here.

My son has made good progress in Year 4 and I thank the teachers in Year 4.

My daughter has made great progress, thank you! Proud to be a part of an amazing school x

My daughter really like to go to school. She fully enjoys it.

We recommend this school to other parents.

Very grateful to the staff at St Luke's for all of their hard work. Our daughter has learnt so much and grown in confidence in the space of a year!

Thank you for all the teachers and staff at St Luke's for all the love and support for my daughter.

Thank you once again for such a lovely report and yes once again it bought a tear to my eye! I am so proud of my daughter and her development this year. A huge thank you to all the wonderful staff: always going that extra mile for all the children. Mrs Grennan, you and your team are fantastic! ..... Here's to 2019-2020.

St Luke's School already doing well. I am happy that my children are going to this school. Thank you so much.

Keep doing what you do, This school is amazing!

No comment... I just want to say thank you to all the teachers who have helped my daughter to improve throughout the year. Thank you.

Thanks

Our daughter is very happy at St Luke's. Her confidence has grown this year and she has really enjoyed her time in Year 4. A huge thank you to all the staff who have helped her throughout the year. They always go above and beyond. Thank you.

I am very happy.

Thank you so much for your hard work.

Another fantastic year. I would like to thank the staff of Year 1 and Year 5 who have supported our son and daughter this year. They will miss you next year.

Thank you. Great work as always.

All is very good.

Thank you so much for the hard work.

A big thank you to all the staff this year! We appreciate all the hard work invested in the children to create such a positive learning experience.

I am very happy with the school staff and head teacher. All staff are good. Thanks to all.

Thank you for all the efforts you have taken for our children. All teachers are very helpful, encouraging and enthusiastic.

Thank you St Luke's

**Thank you to everyone for your comments and continued support. We are continually striving to improve St Luke's and value your suggestions and comments.**

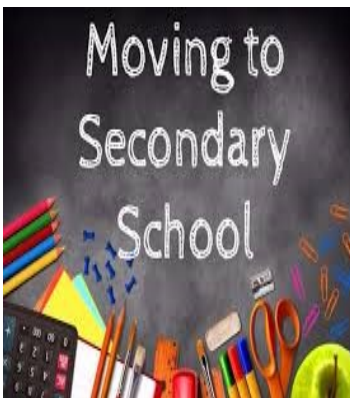
## News for Parents/Carers!

### St Luke's School website



We are continually updating our school website with information about our school and what's going on. There is a calendar, information about the curriculum and lots more. If you would like to find out information about your child's new year group, class and teacher—please visit our newly improved website: <https://www.stlukesprimary.co.uk/meet-the-teacher>

We are also continuing to hold Learning Together Sessions and a range of workshops: see Key Events for date or our school facebook page or school website! <https://www.stlukesprimary.co.uk/sessions-for-parents>



Although the new year has only just started, we are aware that Year 6 parents/carers have received information about moving to Secondary School in September 2020! We are organising a meeting for any interested Year 6 Parents/Carers regarding 'Transferring to Secondary School in September 2020' on Tuesday 17th September @ 3:30 p.m. This session will explain the process, how to complete the online forms and an opportunity for you to ask questions!

Do we have an up-to-date mobile number for you? If you are not receiving regular text messages and a link to the weekly newsletter, then please see the office staff asap!



Please consider following the [St Luke's Facebook page](#) as this is continually updated with information and news about what us happening at our school! Search for: [St Luke's CE Aided Primary School](#).

Rev Espin-Bradley will continue to lead our monthly Family Worship. These will usually be held on the 1st Monday morning of every month from 9:00 a.m. All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us. Our 1st Family Worship of 2019-20 is next week, **Monday 9th September @ 9:00 a.m.** We hope that you will be able to join us!

