



St Luke's
Primary School

Aspire, Believe, Achieve!

Spring Term
Week 1
Friday 10th Jan 2020

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

Welcome back to another term at St Luke's. We hope that you all had a good break over Christmas and enjoyed a happy New Year.

Please remember that the gates to the playground are not opened until 8:45 a.m. Before this time, **children are the responsibility of parents/carers** except for those using Skoolz Out Breakfast Club or Y6 prefects. It is not acceptable for **children to be left without an adult in the entrance hall/outside of school.**

Did you get a new phone for Christmas? Has your phone number changed? Please let the school office know if your details have changed. If you are not receiving regular text messages from school, then we do not have your correct number!



We need your help!!!!
Are you entitled to Free School Meals?
It can make a huge difference to our School Budget if you are!

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018, your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please contact school if you think you are eligible or we need is your full name, date of birth and National Insurance or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) reference number. Thank you!

To celebrate the New Year, we are having a special menu on **Thursday 16th January**. There will be:

- **Pizzas, Burgers and Spiral fries**
- **Sandwiches**
- **Ice-cream and fruit**

If you would like your child to have a school meal, contact the school office and send the money in an envelope.



If you are sending money into school, please remember to use named envelopes with the amount and what the money is for.

Envelopes are available from the School Office.

However, to take the hassle out of sending money into school, why not consider paying online, lots of parents already use this option. If you want to find out more, there are drop-in sessions on:



Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th January
(9:00 a.m. or 3:00 p.m.)



Stars of the week



R	Jaylan	Ravijeet
Y1	Jenelle	Ekam
Y2	Varad	Mujib
Y3	Anna	Yasmin
Y4	Mahrosh	Sahejdeep
Y5	Manvir	Rosa
Y6	Jessica	Aleksandra



Good Citizens of the Week

Who knows how to care for themselves and others?

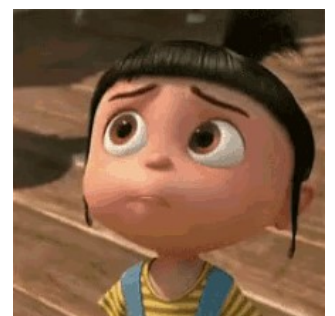


R	Gurleen	Keerath
Y1	Gina	Sonya
Y2	Amrita	Sahib
Y3	Nimrit	Laiba
Y4	Faith	Jind
Y5	Jasmeet	Marcin
Y6	Jevonte	Emily

Have you been late this week?

26 children have signed in late this week which is not a great start to the New Year!
Please think about the impact being late has on your child.

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



Attendance Awards

	Infants	%
1st	Yellow	99.2
2nd	Blue	93.1
3rd	Purple	92.5
	Juniors	%
1st	Ruby & Amber	100
2nd	Pearl	99.2
3rd	Sapphire	98

Overall

95.1

Not a great start to the New year and new term!



This week there are **at least 15** children who are absent from school because they are on holiday. **These have not been authorised!** This is awful and is seriously affecting our excellent attendance.

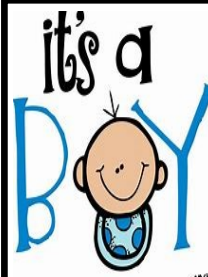
Headteacher's Award

Well done to all of the children who have returned to school; everyone looks smart and refreshed, ready to work hard this term!



Golden Ticket tea party starts again this afternoon.

Winners will be in next week's newsletter!



Staff News

Congratulations to Mrs Bryan on the birth of her little boy, Jacob. He was born on 29th December, 7lb 11.

Mrs Bryan's Maternity Leave is being covered by Mrs Williams and Mrs Barnard, who are both working full-time for the Spring term.

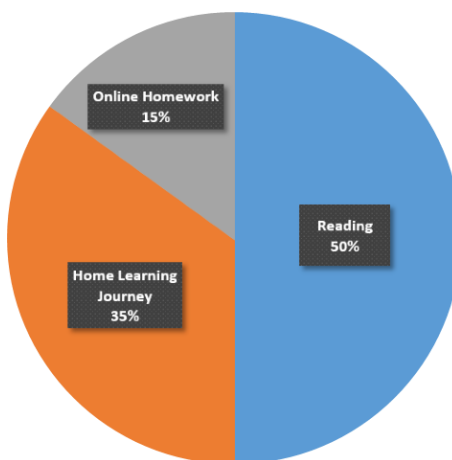
What's on next week?

Monday 13th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family Worship @ 9:00 a.m. • Year 5 & 6 Brass Tuition (remember your instruments)
Tuesday 14th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Stay & Play • p.m. Sportshall Athletics team participating in City Finals @ WV Aldersley • Tuition for all Year 6 children begins (3:30 - 4:30 p.m.)
Wednesday 15th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Learning Together Session (a separate letter has been sent to parents/carers) • 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Baby Stay and Play
Thursday 16th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Swimming for Year 4 - remember your swimming kit and towel! • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Storytime
Friday 17th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Tweenies Group

Homework Update

It has been a term since our new Homework format was introduced and as we highlighted at the beginning, this is a trial and there have been some tweaks made already. Lots of our children absolutely love it and we have seen an increase in children completing creative tasks and writing based on the wider curriculum which has been great!

We do recognise that some parents have raised concerns particularly about the online homework therefore teachers have spoken with children about the importance of dividing their time between the different kinds of homework and this pie chart will help you support your children about what homework they should be doing and how long spent on each. It is not all about online homework!



Bringing and collecting children from school!

Please remember that the gates to the main school car park are closed from:

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.
3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

Parents/carers are not allowed to drive onto the car park during these times.

This is for the safety of our children!



Can I please remind parents/carers that we expect the same level of behaviour from adults as we would do of any children in our school. This includes the language we use and how we treat one another.

TAKING CHILDREN OUT OF SCHOOL DURING TERM TIME

Due to the increasing number of parents/carers asking to take children out of school during term time, any parents considering taking children out of school will now be required to **attend a meeting with either Mrs Grennan or Mrs Smith and our Attendance Officer**. No holidays or tickets should be booked before this! **Government Legislation does not allow us to permit holidays during term time**. Children have 13 weeks of holiday from school each year, including a long summer break. This allows time for family holidays, including visiting family abroad for events such as weddings, etc. The City Council will fine parents if there is evidence that your child has been on holiday, etc and **your child's place at our school could also be at risk**. **Children have been off-registered due to being absent from school for an unauthorised period of time**. Please think carefully about taking your child out during term time—it has a major impact on your child's learning and progress and as you can see, our attendance.

