



St Luke's Park Newsletter (01) 20.09.2024

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear St Luke's Park Families,

Thank you to those of you who shared views on the morning drop off arrangements and for your lovely comments following the introduction of the new system. It's great to see the return of a calm and positive start to the day at drop off.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our information sharing meetings focused on reading for EYFS/KS1 and multiplication for KS2 classes last week. We have some dates coming up for maths courses for parents of children in all year groups about how to support your children at home. These are free, practical, and fun courses run by an experienced teacher. I really would urge you to attend if you can, we had such overwhelmingly positive feedback from parents last year that we have signed up again across all age groups. Sign up information will come to you by Parentmail soon.

Thank you for your patience while we have worked to get Class Dojo back up and running at the start of this term. For those new to the school, this is an online programme that we use in school to award points for children making great choices during the school day and also as an informal messenger service. There will be a QR code for sign up in your child's book bag if you have not already seen this. You can contact your child's teacher directly using Dojo messenger for informal messages but contact regarding pick ups, absence or medical need must go through the school office please. Dojo is checked sporadically throughout the day between 8-4 but as teachers are busy teaching during the day please be aware that your message may not be picked up immediately.

Reading books have been sent out across all classes, the expectation is that you hear your child read daily for at least ten minutes and record this in their reading record. We expect that children will read and re-read their books in order to develop that 'grown-up' reading style with automatic decoding and engaging expression. Once this is developed, then do use the questions within the books to guide questions about the text to ensure a full understanding. Please also record other books that you read at home, or that you have read to your child. Reading is such a joy and we want to foster a love of books - listening to stories is so important in developing children's love of books and we enjoy hearing about what they are reading with you.

I would like to remind you that for any queries relating to your children to please make their class teacher your first port of call. Teachers are available at the end of each day, every day, after seeing children to parents and you can have a brief chat or arrange a time for a longer discussion if appropriate. Alternately arrange If, after discussing with the class teacher, you wish to speak to me then please make contact via the school office and I will arrange a time to discuss with you. My regular working days are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and in those days where I am not in school there are two senior leaders in the form of Mrs Park (EYFS teacher and Key Stage lead) Mr Loughnane (Year 3 Teacher and Key Stage Lead) who can help. Currently I am in school all week while we begin the term.

You will see some new faces in the office during October as experienced colleagues from across the academy trust support the work of the school office team while we await the start of our newly appointed office manager. Mrs Hawkes will be in on Tuesdays and Thursdays throughout October and Mrs Tavenner will continue to support as well.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Lost Personal Property!

There has been a number of items appear in lost property already. Please ensure all uniform is labelled with your child's name so it can be easily reunited with them.

A trolley of items looking for their owners will be wheeled out on a Friday at pick up so please come and have a look.



Attendance



Good attendance and punctuality are key to ensuring children access the best education they deserve.

Please avoid booking holidays during term time.

Class Dojo

We seem to be up and running and logs ins will come out again for those not yet signed up. I have been advised by parents that **uninstalling** and then **reinstalling** the app fixes any issues.

Class names have the year included to reduce the risk of confusion.



Reminders

All absences need to be reported each day before 9am by phoning the main school number or emailing admin@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk

If you have arranged for somebody else to collect your child, please ensure that you tell your class teacher or inform the main office who will pass the message on.

Upcoming Dates to remember:

Meet the teachers	27.09.2024
Phonics drop in for year 1 parents	30.09.2024
Inset Days	03-04.10.2024
EYFS/KS1 Harvest Festival	11.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (EYFS parents)	11.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (KS2 parents)	14.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (KS1 parents)	17.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (EYFS parents)	18.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (KS2 parents)	21.10.2024
Multiply Maths course (KS1 parents)	24.10.2024
October Half Term	28.10.2024 – 01.11.2024

For a full list of upcoming dates and times please refer to the calendar on the school website

<https://www.stlukesparkprimary.com/diary/list/>

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners

Squirrels: Belle and Harmony

Hedgehogs: Elliot and Paige

Badgers: Aria and Harley

Foxes: Elizabeth, Poppy and Emmy

Last Week's Winners

Squirrels: Stanley, Holland and Brayan

Hedgehogs: Esme, Nathaniel, Charlie, Teddy and Jordan

Badgers: Thea and Elliot

Foxes: Hannah

Well done for setting such a good example with your kind and positive choices 😊

Little Owls will start joining in with our Praise Assemblies after half term when classroom routines are settled. All of the children in Little Owls get a huge 'Well Done' for settling to school life so beautifully.

Certificates are awarded in line with our school values for:

Individuality

I am unique and special: nobody is exactly like me

Respect

I accept that people's thoughts, feelings and rights are important

Resilience

I recover quickly from difficulties because I believe in myself

Responsibility

I know I must make good choices and do my job

Courage

I am brave enough to do the right thing

Compassion

I care about those who are suffering

Collaboration

I work as part of a team to achieve the best results

Creativity

I use my imagination and have

Are you mad about photography (or just animal-mad) and want to share your best photo?

We are extending our competition closing date to Friday 4th October.

The RSPCA ran a photography competition for children under 12 over the summer and we thought we could do the same here at St Luke's Park Primary School.

We have had some amazing entries so far but if you didn't manage to take any photos, don't worry, we have decided to extend the closing date.

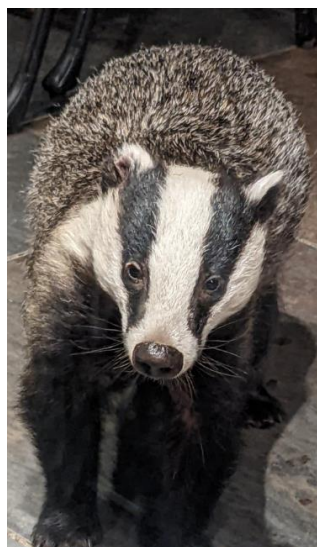
So, we are looking for fab photos of the animals or pets – beautiful or funny images that tell a story about an animal and show their characteristics. But most of all, it's about celebrating animals and showing what you like about them and why you think they're interesting.

There will be a winner and runner up from each class and their entries will be displayed in the school for us all to enjoy.

Please either print off your photo and hand it to your teacher (please put your name and class on the entry) or send it in on a Dojo message before the closing date of **Friday 4th October**. Tell us a bit about the photo with a sentence or two – where you took it, why you like the animal/pet or why you chose this photo.

Here are some photos of my happy badgers that visit my garden regularly and like to eat all the peanuts. This is Max, my cheeky hamster who likes playing peek-a boo and a very busy bee that I sat and watched whilst I was out walking on my holidays.

Good luck everyone. Miss Feagan



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Eligibility Criteria:

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Either Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit).
- OR, be in employment, able to attend the sessions and earning less than £23,500 per year
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Can't be an Asylum Seeker
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

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