



Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Readathon Week

We have had an incredible amount of support again this year for our sponsored 'Readathon' and an enormous thanks goes out to the PTFA members who have worked hard to come in and count up the reads. The class with the highest number of reads and the highest money raised will be announced next week.

Visiting Story Teller

We have all LOVED our World Book Day celebration today which involved a visit from 'The Mighty Pen'. After an assembly with everyone together, each class got to experience a workshop to truly inspire their own story telling. Thank you to all of those who contributed to readathon sponsorship last year as these funds are protected by the PTFA every year for events such as this.

Heathy Schools Award

We were extremely excited to learn this week that there was not just one but two Healthy Schools awards waiting for Miss Feagan and Chef Julie at the Healthy Schools Awards Ceremony this week! These awards acknowledge the tremendous effort going in at SLP to promote and celebrate healthy lifestyles. From the pasta-making world record last year; to the healthy plate competition; to the purchase of new books and gardening tools; to the tree planning on the field; to the sensory garden area supported by the PTFA; aaaaaaaand the grant which has been secured to develop a kitchen garden for classes to grow food which they can eat, there is so much in progress it is a really exciting time. We would not be able to offer these experiences without staff going 'above and beyond' in their roles. Thank you to Chef Julie, Miss Feagan and all of the teachers and support staff who are committed to ensuring that children develop healthy lifestyles.

Kitchen News

In addition to her hard work on the Healthy Schools Award, Chef Julie has been developing the new menus for the summer term. These are carefully put together to provide tasty and nutritious options every day. Chef Julie is expanding her offer to Key Stage 2 pupils with the introduction of a 'Baguette Bar' and has spoken with children about preferred fillings so that these can be made available. As this is a cold option, it is offered for KS2 (year 3-5) only.

Well Done Macy

Macy in yr 5 represented the school in the local cross country finals this week. This is a fantastic achievement and we are very proud of our first ever finalist!

Upcoming Events

The upcoming poetry recitals and year 4 shows (see dates section) will be ticketed. **Entry will not be permitted without a ticket.** Sign up will be available soon on Arbor and tickets issued prior to the event. We would like to raise money for new playground games so there will be an option to make a donation – please donate if you can as it makes all the difference to what we can offer the children.

Parents evening is also coming up soon – time slots will be released on Arbor soon for you to sign up.

Health Information

We have been made aware of a case of threadworms in the school. Click here <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/threadworms/> for information about this common childhood condition. Remember that keeping fingernails short and ensuring regular handwashing takes place can help prevent this from spreading.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Headteacher

Reminder:

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.

Good attendance and punctuality are key to ensuring children access the best education they deserve. **Please be aware that as a school we are obliged to follow rules on monitoring and reporting on attendance from government.**

We use a letter format from Essex County Council in order to meet our obligations in this area.

Please get in touch if we can do anything to support you in improving your child's attendance. If we invite you in for a meeting, please see this as an opportunity to access help and support from us if you need it.

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners:

Little Owls – Bobby for individuality & Bonnie for resilience

Squirrels – Zack for individuality & Leo for creativity

Hedgehogs – Whole class for creativity

Badgers – Albie & Piper for individuality

Foxes – Thea & Maisie for collaboration

Woodpeckers – Raphael for individuality & Amelia for perseverance

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

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 original ideas

Spring Term - Dates for your diary

Wb 2 nd March	'Readathon Week' Classes compete to see which class can get the most reading stars for the number of times they have read in a week. PTFA supported event. Sponsorship links available (this fundraising event supports the provision of a visiting author/performer each year in school)
6 th March	World Book Day Dress up – Please come in dressed as a character from a book. 'The Great Character Hunt' visiting story teller in school.
10 th March	'Wonder woman' Mothers' Day sale for children. Bring in £4 to purchase small gifts for the important woman in your life. PTFA event
13 th March	Year 5 Trip to The Science Museum
16 th March	NO KARATE CLUB
18 th March	Poetry recital to parents, year 3 and 5 only . Two shows, 9am and 2.30pm in the hall. Ticketed event.
20 th March	KS1 and EYFS poetry recital to parents. Two shows, 9am and 2.30pm in the hall. Ticketed event.
Wb 23rd March	No teacher-led clubs due to parents' evening
23 rd March and 24 th March	Bikeability -Group 1 – Bike and helmet required in school
23 rd March	Year 4 show (with Year 3 in the Chorus) Parents invited 9am in hall
23 rd March	Parents' evening 3.30-6.30
25 th and 26 th March	Bikeability -Group 2 – Bike and helmet required in school
26 th March	Year 4 show (with Year 3 in the Chorus) Parents invited - 9am in hall
26 th March	Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30
27 th March	PTFA Easter egg hunt 2pm
30 th March – 10 th April	Easter Holidays
13 th April	Return to school
4 th May	Bank Holiday
25 th May – 29 th May	Half Term
1 st June	Return to school

Cross Country finals at William de Ferrers



We are so incredibly proud of Macy from Woodpeckers class, who represented St Luke's Park at the Cross Country finals at William de Ferrers on Tuesday evening.

Macy ran a huge distance of 1500m and came 28th out of around 60 children. Her enthusiasm and determination was amazing - well done Macy!



ST TUITION

THURSDAY AFTERSCHOOL



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SESSIONS AVAILABLE

- English - Years 3 and 4
3:15pm - 4:15pm
- English - Year 5
4:20pm - 5:20pm
- Maths - Year 5
5:25pm - 6:25pm

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**St Luke's Park Primary PTFA
want to celebrate your**

Wonderful Women

Tuesday 10 March

£4 PER CHILD

PUPILS CAN SELECT A GIFT FOR ONE OF THE
WONDERFUL WOMEN IN THEIR LIVES FROM OUR
ST LUKE'S PARK PRIMARY PTFA GIFT SHOP
DURING SCHOOL HOURS

PLEASE BRING CASH IN A NAMED
ENVELOPE / WALLET

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

Update from your PTFA committee

What a week! Our annual reading challenge is now complete. Together the children have read over a thousand books and have raised over £2,400. We would like to extend a massive thank you to helping hands, Glenys, Sam and SJ who have been counting up all of the reading every day and giving the children their stars. We couldn't do this without your support.

The sponsorship pages will be open until Sunday for any last minute donations.

The class who raised the most will receive a prize along with the child, and the runner up in each class who read the most. The winners will be announced on Monday.

Today, was also our world book day celebration, and it was great to see so many of the children dressed up. We also hope they enjoyed their workshop: The Great Character Hunt which was funded by the PTFA.

Couple of reminders:

Our wonderful women stall will be open on Tuesday for the children to purchase a gift for one of the wonderful women in their lives. Please put £4 in a named envelope. Correct money only, no change will be given.

More news about our April clothes drive will be available soon so please keep saving clothes for us.

Don't forget to follow us on Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/st_lukes_park_primary_ptfa?igsh=bHBleHZubDJ1ejYw

and Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DuiEYkUY8/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Your 25/26 Committee - Liz, Kirsty, Nicola, Claudia, Sam, Bessie, Kayleigh and Sophie

Dinners – Week 3 commencing 9th March 2026

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main	Pizza Whirl (Puff Pastry whirl with tomato and cheese filling) (v)	*NEW* Creamy Carbonara (Pasta in white sauce mixed with chopped ham)	Local Butcher's Roast Chicken	NEW Beef Tortilla Chip Pie (mild Beef chili con carne sprinkled with cheese and tortilla crisps)	Bird's Eye Omega 3 Fish Fingers(GF)
Veg	Cheesy Pasta (Plain pasta topped with grated cheese) (v)	Macaroni Cheese (v)	Herby Quorn Fillet (ve)	Quorn Mince Tortilla Chip Pie (Quorn mince sprinkled with tortilla crisps)(v)	Vegetable Burger (v)
On the Side	½ jacket potato (ve) Baked Beans (ve)	Baguette (ve) Broccoli (ve)	Roast Potatoes (v) Yorkshire pudding Peas (ve) Carrots (ve) Gravy (optional)	Sunshine Rice (ve) Green Beans (ve)	NEW Oven Baked Chips (v) Baked Beans (ve)
Dessert	Yoghurt (v)	Chocolate Crispie Cake (v)	Fruit Platter (v)	Flapjack(v)	Fruit Platter (ve)

Available daily – Salad Cart, Mixed Yoghurt, Fresh Fruit and Water
(v) Vegetarian (ve) Vegan, (GF) Gluten Free



SCHOOL CLUBS AT ST. LUKE'S PARK



FOOTBALL - YEARS 1 - 5
TUESDAY AFTER SCHOOL

DANCE - YEARS 1 - 5
WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL



DANCE WILL START FROM THE 11TH MARCH THIS HALF TERM.



MULTISKILLS - YEARS 1 - 5
THURSDAY AFTER SCHOOL



For half termly costs and start/finish times, please visit our website.

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Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk





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HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CLUBS



Easter Half Term



Abacus School, Tresco Way, Wickford, SS12 9GJ

For children from reception to year 6

Week 1



Monday 30th March - Pic n Mix Monday
Easter themed crafts and activities, including brick building and a themed movie afternoon with popcorn. Children can bring scooters for some outside fun.



Tuesday 31st March - Bunny Bounce Day - Gymnastics
Lets get bouncing with coach Nina on the Gymnastics equipment and then on our fun Easter equipment, lots of bunny themed crafts and activities.



Wednesday 1st April - Fun on the Farm - Real farm animals
Once again we are joined by the brilliant Gemmas Farm who will be bringing a range of spring animals for children to hold and interact with. An amazing themed day with crafts and activities that will book up fast! Hope to see you there.



Thursday 2nd April - Easter Fun Day - Bunny visit
All things Easter! Make chocolate treats, lots of Crafting and a visit from the Easter Bunny to lead our Fun annual Egg Hunt!



Week 2



Tuesday 7th April - Under the Sea
Under the Sea - Always a favourite theme with sand art, under water 3D scenes and bubble fun.



Wednesday 8th April - Inflatable Fun day
Join us for a day of inflatable fun. Whatever the weather we will have a fun day jumping around and crafting too, a firm favourite that gets booked up!



Thursday 9th April - Spring Fairy Gardens and Netball
A day long project of creating a beautiful spring fairy garden to take home with gardening tips and outside fun with Netball coach Jo.



Friday 10th April - Pic n Mix Easter
Last session of the Easter Holidays where we will have a great choice of crafts and activities on offer as we wrap up the Easter sessions, Movie afternoon and Children can bring scooters for some outside fun too.



9am to 3pm - £24. 8.30am to 4pm - £30. Hot lunch option available each day for £3.50. Details on the booking form.

To book text or email 07929 044959
craftykatie10@gmail.com to request a booking link.
Ofsted registration number 2852869 Payment options include tax free childcare account



LOST PROPERTY!

We have a number of items in lost property which have remained unclaimed. We will be including photographs of some of these in our weekly newsletters. If you recognise any of these items, or you wish to look in our lost property box for any missing belongings, please speak to the school office.

Thank you.



Message from Chef Julie

Dear St Luke's Park Families

Please can I remind all packed lunch pupils a drink must be provided and spoons for their yoghurt, jelly etc. Thank you.

My macaroni cheese is proving to be a very popular dish so here is the recipe for you to try at home. This is child friendly so please involve your child.

Macaroni Cheese

100g Plain Flour

100g Butter

1ltr Semi Skimmed milk

Melt the butter in a saucepan.

Add flour to make a 'roux'.

Gently add milk and stir continuously until sauce is a required thickness.

You can add cooked bacon lardons, ham or any filling of your choice.

Have a great weekend.

Chef Julie

Message from our SENCO

Thank you very much for your kind donations of items for our Rainbow Room! We are still in need of the following items:

- Playdough/modelling clay
- Nursery age toys
- Fidget toys etc.

If you are able to donate any of these, we would be extremely grateful! Please do get in touch if you are able to help.