



St Luke's Park Newsletter (24) 28/03/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

We have a princess in our midst! Emmy in year 4 is this year's Wickford Town Carnival Princess. Read on to find out what she will be doing this weekend in celebration of mothers' day.

School Dinner Booking

In the summer term, we will be trialling a new school dinner booking system so that all school lunch choices are made on the day.

Following the Easter Holiday break, school dinners will not need to be pre-booked.

Menus will be available to look at on our website alongside allergen information.

What it means for your child

During registration, teachers will record who wishes to order a school dinner (and whether they would like the main or vegetarian meal) and who has a packed lunch for that day. These numbers will go straight to the kitchen so that Chef Julie can begin to prepare meals.

What it means for you.

Rather than selecting a meal and booking this in advance, you will now only need to ensure your child's lunch account is in credit. The cost of the meal taken will then be deducted from your account.

We hope that this change will give families greater flexibility to book lunches when they wish, and reduce the administration around school dinner booking.

You will notice the parent app looking different while we change over to this new system. Please do not panic, all of your previous menu choices for next week have been printed and recorded.

Staff Carpark

Parents are not permitted to use the staff carpark. This area is for staff car parking and deliveries to the school only with the exception of blue badge holders. Please do not drive into the staff carpark at any time.

School Photographs

Our new school photographer has a secure online system for viewing and payment of school photographs. These steps are outlined on the diary dates section below. Class and whole school pictures will be taken on Monday next week. Say cheese!!!!

Lockdown Practice

We ran a successful 'Lockdown' drill this morning so that children know what to do if we ever need to take the decision to secure children in classrooms. I spoke with children in assembly and then approx. 30 mins later we had a practice. Children are obviously curious as to why we practise this and giving the example of an unsafe dog on the site helped them to understand the importance of responding quickly. Children were FANTASTIC with every classroom calm and secured extremely quickly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

In one of her duties as the Wickford Town Carnival Princess, Emmy in year 4 will be on a stall in Wickford market on Saturday offering children to make paper flowers for mothers' day 10am-1pm.



She will be in her carnival dress and would love to see some of her school friends if you are able to pop down.

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 – Leo for collaboration, Aurora for individuality and Hallie for resilience.

Squirrels – Nellie for resilience and Florence for individuality.

Hedgehogs – Nathaniel, Oliver, George and Faizah for individuality.

Badgers – Issac for collaboration and Archie for respect

Foxes – Fletcher and Mila for individuality

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

School Photographs – Uniform for Monday 31st March

Please can all children come into school in full school uniform on Monday ready for our whole school and class photographs.

If your child has PE on Monday, please send them into school in uniform. The children will still do PE on Monday and do not need their PE Kit.

Thank you.

Spring Term - Dates for your diary

31 st March	Class Photos and Year group Photo Register in 3 easy steps in less than a minute: 1. Head to www.carmeljaneshop.co.uk 2. Enter your unique code: JR6MR8BWE8 3. Include your child's full school register name.
1 st April	Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance – 2pm
3 rd April 9am	Year 3 and 4 Easter Performance – 9am
4 th April	Last day of term PTFA Easter Egg Hunt 8pm Bingo Runwell Social Club (Adults only)
7th April to 21st April	Easter Holidays
21st April	Bank Holiday
22 nd April	Pupils return to school 8.30am
25 th April	Year 4 Only - Swimming lessons Friday 25th April - Friday 11th July 2025 inclusive
2 nd May	Science Fair – Classrooms and Hall – 2pm
2 nd May	8pm - Bingo Runwell Social Club 20:00 (Adults only)
5 th May	Bank Holiday
16 th May	7.30pm Royal Tiger Dinner & Dance (Adults only)
23 rd May	Last day of term
26th May – 30th May	Half Term
2nd June	Inset Day – Non-Pupil Day
Summer Term	
3 rd June	Pupils return to school 8.30am
9 th June	Year 1 - Phonics screening check Year 4 – Multiplication check
10 th June	PTFA – Father's Day stall
25 th June	Sports Day – 9am
27 th June	PTA Summer Event – 6pm - Families
2 nd July	Reserve Sport Day
4 th July	8pm - Bingo Runwell Social Club 20:00 (Adults only)
11 th July	Year 4 Final swimming lesson

21 st July	End of term work viewing Summer Walk – 2pm
22 nd July	Last Day of Term End of term Talent Show and Colour Run (TBC)
23 rd July	Summer Holidays Begin

For a full list of upcoming dates and times please refer to the calendar on the school website
<https://www.stlukesparkprimary.com/diary/list/>

Crafty Katie

St Lukes Park Primary

CRAFT CLUB

Fun weekly themed crafts and activities often to include Sand art, wooden crafts, foam crafts, sequins, modelling, brick build, and more
Club runs straight from class and finishes at 4.15 pm. Collection is from the school main entrance.

Tuesday's - for all year groups

Tues 22nd April till Tues 20th May - 5 week block

Cost is £30 for the half term

You can join mid term if spaces are available.

To book: Text or call Katie on 07929 044959



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Karate Club

If you would like to enrol your child for karate class after the Easter break, please contact the instructor Chris via text message

on: 07887 898159

You will then be redirected for enrolment via the YKA web site online bookings page for more info and payment details.

web site: www.yoseikan.co.uk

PTFA News

Update from your PTFA Committee

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What a fantastic first Wonder Women event! The children had so much fun and really enjoyed choosing their gifts. They really took their time and were all so polite. Thanks for supporting this event - we raised £90 for the PTFA pot. Planning is already underway for our Marvellous Men event in June!

Thanks to everyone that submitted their ideas and feedback for the PTFA. We'll be reviewing all your ideas as a committee - watch this space! Congratulations to Sarah-Jane Fox who was the winner for a family of 4 ticket to The Green Barn Farm Easter Event. We hope you have a lovely day.

WE NEED YOUR HELP. We sadly had to cancel our Race Night fundraiser due to poor ticket sales. Our Royal Tiger fundraiser event on the 16th May is also now at risk of cancellation. These events are so key to raising funds for the PTFA to spend on the children of the school. Royal Tiger are very kindly giving a significant contribution to the PTFA for this event, so it would be a real shame if we couldn't go ahead. We'll be meeting as a Committee on the 1st April to review this event, so please spread the word and book a table for you and your friends and family - deposit is only £10pp.

For just £30pp you'll get a 2 course set menu and disco. We've set it up based on a table size of your choice - so can you book for as small as a table of 2 or enjoy the evening with friends and family - with tables of 4/6/8 and 10 available! For more info and to buy tickets please visit our sum up store. <https://st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.com/>

PTFA events - Dates for your diaries:

4 Apr Easter Egg Hunt (in school event - children only)

4 Apr Bingo Runwell Social Club 20:00 (Adults)

30 Apr Clothing Recycling Drive (info to follow shortly)

2 May Bingo Runwell Social Club 20:00 (Adults)

16 May Royal Tiger Dinner & Dance 19:30 (Adults)

10 Jun Marvellous Men (in school event - children only)

27 June Summer Family Event 18:00 (Families)

4 July Bingo Runwell Social Club 20:00 (Adults)

If you've any questions or suggestions for the PTFA team, get in touch at stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com.

We're also on Facebook - St Luke's Park PTFA and Instagram [st_lukes_park_ptfa](#)

Thanks, Laura, Nicola, Liz, Claudia, Ashlee, Kayleigh, Melanie and Maria.

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Raise a £100 donation for our PTA when you book with TUI!

Ends 31st March

