



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (19) 13/02/2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Happy half term! This one has certainly whizzed by.

### **World Book Day**

We will celebrate on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> when children are invited to dress as a character from a book. We will do our 'Spring Walk' around the local area at 2pm on this day too so that children can show off their costumes!

### **Water bottles**

Please ensure that your child's water bottle contains **water only**. Drinking squash throughout the day is harmful to children's teeth and we are working hard to promote healthy choices in school. Squash or juice drinks can be given as part of a packed lunch but not in the classroom water bottle please.

### **Uniform**

Please remember that PE kit items should not be branded, and trainers should be plain black or white please.

### **Book Bingo**

As a half term challenge, children are invited to enter the Book Bingo challenge by reading to different people or in different places. Please support our efforts to raise the profile of reading and add to the fun and enjoyment that children get from books. I would LOVE to see your pictures of children doing these challenges, please ping them to my Class Dojo messenger. I'll get in touch if I would like your permission for particular pictures to be shared in the newsletter after half term.

Our PTFA are supporting our reading drive by once again running a sponsored read in the week after half term. See their section of the newsletter for further details.

### **Maths Challenge**

We are developing children's knowledge of maths in the 'real world' and there is a maths challenge set by Mr Loughnane for you to have a go at at home. Please see the 'Maths Eyes' letter sent today on parent mail.

Have a lovely half term,

Ms Kendall-Hobbs



## Attendance

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.

## Reminders

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

<b>Half Term</b>	<b>17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>
<b>World Book Day event (details tbc)</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Spring walk 2pm on World Book Day event</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Author visit - Justin Coe</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Parents' Evening 1</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>Parents' Evening 2</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> March</b>
<b>World Poetry Day Showcase (KS1 – times tbc)</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> March</b>
<b>Year 3 and 4 Performance</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> April 2pm</b>
<b>Year 3 and 4 Performance</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April 9am</b>
<b>PTFA Easter Egg Hunt</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Easter Hols</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>April</b>	
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> April</b>

**For a full list of upcoming dates and times please refer to**

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners

Little Owls – Elouise for respect and Lola for individuality.  
Squirrels – Courtney for collaboration and Penelope for compassion.

Hedgehogs – Max and Sadie for individuality, Pippa for compassion and Ella for resilience.

Badgers – Dawson and Connor for collaboration.

Foxes – Jackson for respect and Oakley for collaboration.

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*

# 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 25<sup>TH</sup> February till Tues 1<sup>st</sup> April - 6 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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# PTFA News

An update from your PTFA

A big thanks to those that came to the monthly bingo evening that Runwell Social Club put on last Friday. We managed to raise almost £30 for the PTFA pot from the bingo dabbers and a few unexpected kind donations from winners! Their next Bingo evening is Friday 7th March 8pm. We hope you can make it. It's a fun evening and non members of Runwell Club are welcome. Please spread the word to your friends and family!

Our annual sponsored Readathon is back and starts Sunday 2nd March to Thursday 6th March. The children will receive a star for each book or chapter read/listened to during the challenge with prizes up for grabs for the most stars per class. Last year we raised £800, so this year with more children in the school - we're hoping to raise £1000. We've joined SuperKind so the kids can have their own online sponsorship page that links to our PTFA readathon page. Full details are on the attachments to this newsletter. Please help the children set up their online pages and start getting sponsors for their efforts now. We've managed to fund the author visits to the school last year and for this year from this challenge!

We also have some costumes that may be useful for the 7th March World Book day event. These will be available to rent for a small donation on our sumup store shortly.

Don't forget to save the following dates in your diaries for our adult events. More info to come soon.

Friday 21st March Evening

Friday 16th May Evening

Thanks as always for your support

Your PTFA Committee. Laura, Nicola, Liz, Ashlee, Claudia, Gemma, Kayleigh, Maria, Melanie and Sophie.

You can get in touch with us at [stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com](mailto:stlukesparkptfa@gmail.com)



## How you can support us for free



Download the easyfundraising app



Sign up as our supporter



Once registered, we'll get a £2 donation!

## NHS Pharmacy First Service

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<b><u>Common condition</u></b>	<b><u>Patient eligibility</u></b>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

\*NHS Pharmacy First Service: In pharmacies in England only. Subject to availability. Treatment is subject to suitability assessment. Normal NHS prescription charge rules apply.



## Recycle to Read Batteries Collection

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school is recycling batteries to protect the planet (and for a chance to win book vouchers for the school).

We need your help - plus your child could win some fantastic eco-inspired prizes too!

### How can you help?

1. Hunt out used batteries at home. We are collecting AA, AAA, C, D, 9V and button batteries.
2. Tape over the contacts of lithium (Li) and button batteries (see below).
3. Put them in a tied plastic bag (preferably reused)
4. Take them to the school's collection point.
5. Enter the prize draw at [jointhepod.org/win](https://jointhepod.org/win)

### Safety first:

Not only is storing and recycling batteries safely great for the environment, it can also help reduce risks associated with batteries:

- Batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed, please keep batteries out of reach of small children and pets.
- Lithium and button batteries need to be taped so their contacts don't touch, as they could short circuit if they do.

*Use sticky tape over the contacts (top and bottom of batteries). Button batteries can be placed in a line between two sections of sticky tape. Lithium batteries can look like any battery, but they will have lithium (Li) written on them.*

Many thanks for your support and happy battery hunting!

To find out more, head to: [jointhepod.org/batteries](https://jointhepod.org/batteries)

Miss Feagan



## **Batteries list**

### ***Batteries we CAN accept:***

We are collecting common household batteries:

- AAA, AA, C, D, 9V and button batteries

*Any batteries marked with the word lithium (Li) should have their contacts (e.g. top and tail) taped over.*

### ***Batteries we CANNOT accept:***

- Damaged or leaking batteries
- Very dirty batteries
- Car Batteries
- Industrial Batteries
- Batteries with connecting wires (unless taped to the side of the battery)

*Although we're not asking for them, we will collect things like; mobile phone and similar device specific batteries, as well as laptop and power tool batteries, if they are put in your collection box.*

### **Safety First:**

Batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed, please keep batteries out of the reach of small children and pets.