



St Luke's Park Newsletter (18) 07/02/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Attendance

Children with 100% attendance from last week went into a draw on Monday morning. Names were pulled from the attendance bear's back pack and small prizes selected by the chosen winners. We will do this at Monday assembly each week as a way of promoting and celebrating great attendance.

Children are excited about helping us to think of a name for our new 'attendance bear' and I've been inundated with suggestions every time I have been out on the playground this week.

Please continue to do everything you can to ensure that children are at school to benefit from all the opportunities on offer to them.

SEND

Mrs Cato continues to meet with families and make phone calls as she gets to know the children at SLP. Do remember that you can get in touch with her on her email senco@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk if you would like to reach out for any support or advice about special educational needs.

Here is a link to the Essex Autism Support Offer <https://essexcc.pagetiger.com/autismupdatesum24/1>. There are a wealth of resources available, including support for parents and carers detailed from page 23 to 28

Swimming for Year 4

A letter about summer term swimming lessons for year four children will outline arrangements for this aspect of the curriculum in the summer term. We have been very lucky to secure support from the Parish to help fund this as the cost of coach hire is very high and their donation to our school has enabled us to keep costs to a minimum. A big, 'Thank You' to our governor, Mr Davis for helping us to apply for this funding.

Parents Evening

Parents evening slots will be live on Monday 10th February. You can book an appointment to discuss your child's progress and areas for development in their learning.

Have a lovely weekend,

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

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:

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

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

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners

Little Owls – Saoirse for individuality and Teddy for Compassion.

Squirrels – Harper for collaboration and Teddy resilience.

Hedgehogs – George for resilience and compassion, Whitney and Ariana for compassion

Badgers – Reggie and Harley for resilience.

Foxes – Amelie and Olivia for compassion

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

PTFA News

World book day events

The past few years we've had a **sponsored readathon** around World Book Day. Last year the children raised over £800 for the PTFA pot - to spend on activities or materials that develop a love of reading. We'll be asking children to read or listen to lots of books again this year from **Sunday 2nd March - Thursday 6th March**. Full details will be sent next week including how to set up your child's individual online sponsorship form and how to get involved in the challenge. With the funds raised last year - we've been able to fund an author to come to the school! Please get involved! We've also got a few costumes that you can rent and return for a small donation - we'll post these just before half term!

Easyfundraising update

We've now exceeded £1,000 **THANK YOU**. The easiest way to support our PTA is to sign up to easyfundraising! It's simple, shop with 8,000+ online retailers and we'll receive a free donation. This month only, with their Free £2 App-eal, if you register to support us via their app, we'll get £2, plus when 10+ of you register we'll unlock more bonus funding! Get the app now and choose to support St Luke's Park Primary PTFA - Essex. All money raised is spent on the children of the school and extra activities to help bring lots of fun and smiles.

Dates for your diary

We're working on some **adult events** - more info will be coming soon but in meantime please save the following dates to your diary:

Friday 21st March (Evening)

Friday 16th May (Evening)

Thanks as always for your continued support

Laura, Nicola, Liz, Ashlee, Claudia, Gemma, Kayleigh, Maria, Melanie & Sophie



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):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
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

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

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.

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