



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (17) 31/01/2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

### **PTFA**

Please see the PTFA news section for this week's update. It is exciting to be developing these stronger links with Runwell social club and wonderful that they are keen to support us.

There are some great logo designs coming in - what a lovely opportunity to do something creative that will promote our fab PTFA.

### **Attendance**

We continue to regularly monitor attendance. Please be aware that we will be submitting information for penalty fines from Essex if your child has had ten unauthorised sessions (5 days, each half day is a session) over the preceding ten weeks. This may be a holiday or a series of 'odd' days for which a satisfactory reason has not been provided. Arrival to school after 9.10 counts as a missed session as this is half an hour after registers close and beyond the time that a late mark is given.

In order to promote good attendance, we will be introducing an incentive system in school. Those children with 100% attendance in the previous week will gain entry to a 'prize draw' in my Monday assembly. Names will go into a hat and those drawn will win a prize.

### **Punctuality**

Children must arrive at school between 8.30-8.40am. Gates will close at 8.40am because this is the time the register is taken. Those arriving through the office are marked as late to school. I know that there are times when traffic or family emergencies mean that you might be delayed, however this should not become the norm please.

### **Events Coming Up**

We have parents' evenings coming up in March, bookings will open on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** via the online system.

Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book for our World Book Day event on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**, with our 'Spring Walk' taking place at 2pm. Please join us if you can.

There will be an opportunity for some poetry performances from our KS1 children on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March**. Details on timings to be shared soon.

We also have our first year 3 & 4 performance coming up this term on **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of April**. We wanted to create a point in the year for our lower key stage 2 children to work together on a performance to parents. These events are a brilliant opportunity for children to develop their skills of reading, singing, acting and team work. If your child comes home with lines to learn, please support them in this - and do record this reading in their reading record too as it all helps.

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](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>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 (all classes – 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 the calendar on the school website**

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

## Stars of the Week



### **This Week's Winners**

Little Owls – Britney for compassion and Jaxson for resilience  
Squirrels – Adrija for resilience, Harry for individuality and Tommy for individuality

Hedgehogs – Jack for resilience, Charlie for compassion and Esme for courage

Badgers – Poppy for compassion and Joe for resilience

Foxes – Mila for compassion and Isabella for courage

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

Hi.

We'll be using the section to keep you updated on all things PTFA.

We've some really exciting plans in the pipeline that we're just finalising including adult events and kids events. We'll update as soon as we can.

Little reminder that our logo competition is open till the 14th Feb. Please drop all entries to the school office before then - there's a Smyths voucher up for grabs for the winning design!

Our friends at Runwell Social Club have agreed to help us with fundraising - they'll be donating all profits from the sale of the bingo dabbers to the PTFA fund for their bingo events. Their next one is the 7th Feb 8pm, please come along (but don't bring your dabbers ;). We hope to do some more events with them in the next few months.

Lastly, a huge thanks to everyone that's signed up and is using easyfundraising. We've raised so far a whopping £986!!

Sign up free at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa)

Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us for FREE every time you use easyfundraising to shop with them.

More info on events to come soon!

Thanks for your continued support.

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

## 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](http://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](http://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:**

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