



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (16) 24/01/2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

### **Staffing Structure**

Our senior leadership team of the school is as follows:

Ms Kendall-Hobbs: Headteacher and safeguarding lead (in school on a Monday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Mrs Cato: SENCO (in school on a Wednesday, Thursday & Friday)

Mrs Botwright: KS1 Lead (in school on a Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday)

Mr Loughnane: KS2 Lead and designated deputy safeguarding lead (in school all week)

As always, please direct queries to your child's teacher in the first instance. The senior staff above can also be contacted if necessary, via the school office.

### **Reading**

Please read with your child every day so that they have the opportunity to practise their developing skills with you. Reading develops children's vocabulary, awareness of the world and imagination. It is so important and such a privilege to be part of a child's reading development. Everything that you do at home to support reading is valuable. Please continue to make this a priority in your homes.

### **Curriculum**

Just a quick reminder that the 'Curriculum' page of our website has detailed overviews for each year group in school (as well as the planned curriculum for years 5 and 6). If you have particular knowledge or expertise in any aspects of our curriculum and could volunteer your time/skills then please do let us know.

### **Digital Cameras**

Another call for any old digital cameras that we could make use of in school. If you have an old one you could donate, please pop it into the office.

### **World Book Day**

Children will be invited to come in dressed as a book character if they wish to on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will combine this with our spring walk (departing school 2pm) as we did last year to enable the children to show off their costumes during a walk around our local area. We would love for parents to join us in this (dressing up optional!). The PTFA will be organising some events around World Book Day too, further details to follow.

Have a lovely weekend,

Ms Kendall-Hobbs

## PTFA News

### PTFA News

The PTFA will have a regular weekly newsletter slot here to share information and event reminders.

There are plans for World Book Day events, Easter events and summer event fundraising among other things.

Please support the work of this wonderful group who work so hard to raise funds for the benefit of all of the children.

Watch this space!

## 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:

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

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

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



## 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.

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners

Little Owls – Zack and Coby  
Squirrels – Roman and Christian  
Hedgehogs – Ettie and George  
Badgers – Henry and David  
Foxes – Savannah and Alyssa

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*

## 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.

### Message from Coolmilk

Dear Parent / Guardian,

If you have not yet placed this term's school milk order there is still time to do so by visiting [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com) logging into your online account and selecting 'make a payment'. If you have not yet registered your child but wish to do so, please visit [www.coolmilk.com/register](http://www.coolmilk.com/register). For any questions related to our milk scheme, please contact Cool Milk directly at [www.coolmilk.com/contact](http://www.coolmilk.com/contact)

Kind regards,

**The Cool Milk Team**  
**0800 321 3248**  
**[www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)**



## 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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