



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (15) 17/01/2025

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP families,

### **Uniform including PE Kit**

Please see the uniform page on our website for details about the expected uniform in school. When everybody looks smart in their uniforms, this really can contribute to the sense of pride that the children have in their school. I have noticed a growing number of alternative jumpers and jogging bottoms on PE days especially. Please speak to us if you are struggling with uniform costs as we can find ways to help. Do speak to the senior member of staff on the door if there is a particular reason that you have needed to send your child in wearing something different.

### **New Staff**

Mrs Cato has settled in brilliantly and it feels like she has been part of the team for far longer than two weeks! She will be making contact with those of you who have children with special educational needs across this half term. If you would like to get in touch with her directly, please email [SENCO@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk](mailto:SENCO@stlukespark.essex.sch.uk)

We have also welcomed Mrs Linihan to reception class and Mrs Mackie to Key Stage Two this term and feel extremely lucky to have two such fantastic members of support staff on our team.

### **Attendance**

It can be tricky sometimes to decide whether your child is well enough for school. Please see this NHS guidance for really clear information about a wide range of conditions which commonly affect children. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

When children are frequently absent, this impacts on their academic progress but also has a social impact as children can feel disconnected from their friendship groups. Please be aware that we will be sending out attendance letters in the next week. You may be invited to a meeting or to schedule a phone call to discuss your child's attendance. These meetings are supportive and the main focus is always to find ways to improve attendance. Children can have low attendance for a huge variety of reasons and when we really understand the causes, we can work together to improve this.

### **Dogs on the Playground**

With our single entry and exit point for all children via the junior playground, we are busier in that area than in previous years. Because of this, we do have to ask that no dogs are brought onto the playground please. Many of you know that I do love dogs and really enjoy meeting your furry friends but please could you remain outside the gates with them. Many thanks.

### **Eco Club**

There will be no Eco club on Thursday 23rd January

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.

## Class Dojo

Email the office if you need your child's log in details shared again. Mrs Heard can pass this message on to teachers on your behalf.

## 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>Easter Hols</b>	<b>7<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> 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 – Nelly for respect, Isaac for resilience and Aurora for collaboration

Squirrels – Mia for collaboration and Max for individuality

Hedgehogs – Belle for individuality and Albie for collaboration

Badgers – Daisy and Isabella for collaboration

Foxes – Rosie for individuality and Riley for Resilience

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*

## 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.*

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