



St Luke's Park Newsletter (14) 10/01/2025

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Welcome Back

What a lovely, positive and calm start to the term. Thank you to parents and families for helping prepare children so well for their return to school this term.

Winter Coats

It is extremely cold at the moment so please ensure that children have adequate warm layers to wear outside during playtime and lunchtime. As always, please ensure that all items are clearly labelled with children's names.

Road Safety

Please be aware that the roads around the St Luke's development are still under Countryside's ownership and not yet under the highways department with Essex. The road onto the development is not gritted and due to the shape of the road, and lack of a clear curb, this can become extremely difficult to drive on in icy conditions.

Mr Davis, one of our governors, has made contact with Countryside to establish when we could expect this road to be gritted and they have shared that they do not intend to do this.

Therefore, please drive slowly when entering and exiting the estate. If you would like to contact the development manager at Countryside directly, then her name is Melanie Sumner and her email is melanie.sumner@vistry.co.uk

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

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:

New Intake Tour (reception 2025-26)	8th Jan 9.30am
Teacher Led clubs begin again	13th Jan
Half Term	17th to 21st Feb
World Book Day event (details tbc)	7th March
Parents' Evening 1	13th March
Parents' Evening 2	19th March
World Poetry Day Showcase (all classes – times tbc)	21st March
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

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

Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners

Little Owls – Callie for resilience and Emmie for creativity

Squirrels – Matilda for individuality

Hedgehogs – Elliot and Jessica for individuality and Oliver for responsibility

Badgers – Harley for responsibility and Arthur for collaboration

Foxes – Emmie and Michelle for creativity

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.



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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