



St Luke's Park Newsletter (13) 20.12.2024

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Pantomime

It was wonderful to see such happy, smiling (and slightly tired) children on their return from the pantomime visit on Monday. Teachers have told me how proud they were of children's super behaviour during the trip to see Jack and The Beanstalk, well done all!

Christmas Fun!

We enjoyed a wonderful performance from our choir and year three and four classes on Wednesday evening. I was really proud of all those involved who overcame pre-show nerves to perform so beautifully. Many thanks to those who came along, it was amazing to have such a superb turn out.

Thank You

Many thanks to those who made donations linked to the festive performances this year. We understand that it is an expensive time of year and are hugely grateful to you for your generosity. We have raised a staggering £570 so far which we will use to purchase furniture to give our library area a bit more of a wow factor. If you have not yet had the opportunity to make a donation and would like to, there will be another link sent out today.

Visiting Teacher

We will have the lovely Mrs Anderson with us in January for a four week placement based in Squirrels class, working under the guidance of Mrs Botwright and Miss Feagan. I know that all of the children will make her very welcome.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas break, and look forward to seeing you on Monday 6th January 2025!

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

- Owls – Nelly and Olivia W
- Squirrels – Ivy-Taylor and Matilda
- Hedgehogs – Jordan and The Whole Class
- Badgers – Freya and Masie
- Foxes – The Whole Class

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



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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