



St Luke's Park Newsletter (11) 6.12.2024

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Keyboard Performance

A quick reminder that Amy's keyboard students will perform on Monday 9th December 9-9.30am in the school hall. Please sign in at the front office for the 9am start.

Christmas Performances

We have a week of Christmas performances coming up. Please remember that hall space is extremely limited so we would ask you to leave buggies at home or outside before you enter the school.

New Intake Tours

I was extremely proud of our children who made our prospective new families so welcome on our second school tour this week. A big 'thank you' to the year four children who helped by signing parents in and by sharing their favourite things about St Luke's Park during my talk.

Reminder

School staff are human.

We have a fantastic, friendly and kind team of people who work very hard to do their best for your children. Please bear in mind that the way that you communicate does impact on the person receiving the email you send or phone call you make. Thank you to those of you who do take the time to consider this, we have lots and lots of extremely polite communications. However, there have been instances this term where the tone, or wording used, in some communications has been unpleasant for those receiving them.

Please consider this when you get in touch.

SEND

I would like to draw your attention to an offer from Essex Short Breaks which is now open to those on the diagnostic pathway for ASD. Short Breaks give parent carers and siblings of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities a break from their additional caring responsibilities, whilst enabling children and young people to meet friends, take part in activities, develop independence and have fun. Link here for more info: <https://www.essexsendiass.co.uk/assets/Files/Newsletter-Comms-Essex-Short-Breaks-Expanded-offer.pdf>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Lost Property

Please do come and check the trolley if you have any lost items. It is piled high with jumpers, cardigans and coats that all must belong to somebody!



Attendance



Good attendance and punctuality are key to ensuring children access the best education they deserve.

Please avoid booking holidays during term time.

Attendance is monitored regularly and you may receive a letter if we have a concern about your child's attendance. These letters are about finding ways to work together with you to maximise your child's attendance.

We want to do all we can to promote and support good attendance so that children make the most of all the opportunities open to them at school.

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:

KS1 Nativity	9am	10 th December &
	9am	12 th December
EYFS Nativity	2.30pm	10 th December &
	2.30pm	12 th December
Father Christmas Visit		13 th December
PTFA Disco		13 th December
Pantomime		16 th December
KS2 Carol Concert		18 th December

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

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

Class Dojo



Stars of the Week



This Week's Winners

Little Owls: Harriet and Sophia

Squirrels: Teddy L and Roman

Hedgehogs: Jessica and Lucy

Badgers: Ethan and Blakeley

Foxes: Hannah and Poppy

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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