



St Luke's Park Newsletter (10) 29.11.2024

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

Christmas Shows

As we approach the Christmas period, children have been busy rehearsing for their shows or carol concerts and we are looking forward to seeing lots of you at the performances.

Christmas Calm

At this time of year, children's routines can feel quite different and this can lead to children finding harder to be in the 'green zone' or relaxed, calm and regulated. We teach strategies such as breathing techniques or movement breaks to help children to calm down within school - perhaps ask your child what works for them so that you can remind them of their preferred strategy if you start to see the signs that they are finding it hard to regulate at home or when you are out and about over the festive period.

SEN Support

For families with children who have special educational needs, I would like to draw your attention to the Essex SEND IASS website. To quote their own description: Essex SEND IASS provides free, confidential and impartial information, advice and support about Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) for children and young people (0-25), parents and carers. Find them here: <https://www.essexsendiass.co.uk>

Attendance Reminder

Please be aware that ten unauthorised sessions of absence over the course of ten weeks is the threshold for penalty fines to be issued. This ten weeks is a rolling block of time (ie not per term etc) and therefore an unauthorised holiday plus a handful of unauthorised days off would quickly add up to this threshold for referring to Essex and a penalty fine being issued. Arrivals after 9.10am in the morning (over 30mins after the registers are taken) are counted as a 'missed session'. Please be aware of these attendance rules & refer to the policy on our website if you need any further clarification. Good attendance benefits children both academically and socially. Please speak to us if you need support in this area.

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:

New Intake Tour		5th December
KS1 Nativity	9am	10th December &
	9am	12th December
EYFS Nativity	2.30pm	10th December &
	2.30pm	12th December
PTFA Disco		13th December
Pantomime		16th December
KS2 Carol Concert		18th 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: Betsy and Hercules

Squirrels: Adrija and Edison

Hedgehogs: Charlie and Teddy

Badgers: Poppy E and Isabella

Foxes: Noah, Amelie and Freya

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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