



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (9) 22.11.2024

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

### **Attendance**

We have been analysing our attendance figures closely over the past week and letters will be coming out to inform you if your child's attendance is at a level which concerns us. You may be invited in to a meeting to discuss this in order to see if there is support we can offer in order to improve this. At this point of the year, a short period of illness can really impact a child's overall attendance percentage and in these cases we monitor carefully to ensure that there is an improving picture as the year progresses.

Attached to this newsletter is a summary sheet which outlines the national thresholds for penalty fines or prosecution relating to unauthorised absences.

On this note, INSET days for next year have been agreed by governors.

These will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of September 2025, **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025 (giving you a long weekend in the middle of the first half term which I hope you will consider using for a short break if you do want to book 'term time' days away)** and finally 20<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

### **Online Safety**

As we approach the Christmas period and things get very busy at home, this can be a time where children are more likely to have periods of time online. Please be aware of the risks of seemingly child-friendly platforms. In games like Roblox, children can be contacted by strangers online. The NSPCC has advice specific to this game here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/roblox/> and The Two Johns

(former police officers and e-safety specialists) have a parent area with lots of good advice

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>.

To quote from the Internet Watch Foundation: 'All parents and carers need to be aware of the risks of online child sexual abuse and the scale of the issue affecting children today.' They have produced a downloadable guide for parents and carers accessible here: <https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

### **Children in Need**

Many thanks for your donations, we raised £172 for this fantastic cause. Well done everyone!

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.

## Class Dojo



## 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>New Intake Tour</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> November &amp; 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>KS1 Nativity</b>	<b>9am 10<sup>th</sup> December &amp; 9am 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>EYFS Nativity</b>	<b>2.30pm 10<sup>th</sup> December &amp; 2.30pm 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>PTFA Disco</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>Pantomime</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>
<b>KS2 Carol Concert</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</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:** Zack, Olivia L

**Squirrels:** Lily, Penelope A-B

**Hedgehogs:** Toby K, Ariana

**Badgers:** Freya, Reggie

**Foxes:** Macy, Zack

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*



Pre-paid  
ticket event

**St Luke's Park PTFA**

**Christmas Disco**

**Friday 13th Dec 2024**

**LAST CHANCE!**

**TICKET SALES CLOSE 25TH NOV**

visit: [st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.com](https://st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.com)

**Disco 1 = 15:45-17:00**

~~Disco 2 = 17:15-18:30~~ (SOLD OUT)

Tickets **£3pp aged 3+**

(kids 2 and under are free)

**Children must be accompanied  
by a grown-up with ticket.**

Full info can be found at:

[st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.com](https://st-lukes-park-primary-ptfa.sumupstore.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.*

### **Safety First:**

Batteries can cause serious injury or death if swallowed, please keep batteries out of the reach of small children and pets.



# **ASDA** CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

## Ends 30<sup>th</sup> November

Help us raise money for the PTFA by shopping in ASDA– even if you just sign up and shop once, we'll get £1! Read on to find out more!

Current  
total  
**£213**

Every time you shop with ASDA using your Asda Rewards app before 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024 - **ASDA will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop** to our PTFA pot.

PLUS - every time somebody opts-in to our Cashpot, **ASDA will give an additional £1** to our Cashpot.

**Step 1:** Download the ASDA Rewards app and opt-into Cashpot for Schools

**Step 2:** Add our school to your Cashpot - search using postcode **SS11 7LH**

**Step 3: Shop in-store** across ASDA & George and scan your ASDA Rewards app at the checkout OR **shopping online?** Simply log into ASDA.com using the same details as your ASDA Rewards account

**Please join today and start shopping!** Thanks for your support, The St Luke's Park Primary PTFA



## easyfundraising

**Help us raise money for the PTFA pot at no extra cost to you!**

**Current  
total  
£706**

There are so many Black Friday sales starting - **please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online.**

Over 7,000 brands will donate to us, including all the big names like eBay, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, Expedia, M&S, Just Eat, Uswitch and many more! This means you can raise FREE donations for us no matter what you're buying. It doesn't cost you anymore – just a few extra clicks when you shop online.

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started!

Find our cause on easyfundraising page by searching for **St Luke's Park Primary PTFA - Essex**

Thank you!

The St Luke's Park Primary PTFA

