



# St Luke's Park Newsletter (6)25.10.2024

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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear SLP Families,

### **Parents Evening**

Well done for a very successful first half term. We are looking forward to sharing information with you about your children's progress at parents evenings after half term. The online booking system will go live shortly so please book a slot to speak with your child's teacher.

### **School Meals**

In order to cover the costs of meal production and staffing our kitchen, the price per meal will increase to £2.60 in January.

Please continue to book meals in advance as it is difficult for Chef Julie to add additional meals 'on the day' if you have forgotten to book. She works to a tight budget and is always on a drive to keep waste to an absolute minimum so it can be quite tricky to add last minute bookings. Many thanks for your understanding. Please see the note below from the lovely Chef Julie 😊

### **Buddies**

We have introduced a buddy system, pairing our Little Owls with friends in year 3 to be their 'buddies' in school. Children have met their buddies and are looking forward to doing activities with them over the rest of the year. This is a really lovely way to make links across our school community and children have been very excited to take part.

### **Pumpkins**

I do hope you have a lovely break – remember that if your child would like to bring in a carved pumpkin to display on the first day back, these can be put on the wooden benches in the playground. Include your child's name and class on their pumpkins please!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, Ms Kendall-Hobbs

Dear St Luke's Park Families.

Well what a fabulous first half term we have had here at St Luke's Park. We welcomed lots of new children from other schools as well as our new intake in Reception and I would just like to say how impressed I have been with how they have settled into the routine of St Luke's Park dinner service and how quickly they have picked up going through servery and how polite they all are. Well done everyone.

I have been working hard behind the scenes and have just released our new Autumn/Winter menu via ParentMail. This menu will run until April 2025 where after Easter I will launch our Spring/Summer menu. A copy is available via the office should you wish a paper copy.

I would just like to mention a few 'housekeeping' rules around bookings of school dinners. For those families new to St Luke's Park I am a lone worker and I order everything in fresh weekly from local companies. This is where booking your child's meal before close of school every Tuesday is very important as we collate all the dinner numbers and I place my food orders every Thursday to these numbers ready for Monday delivery. So, if you have not booked a school dinner by close of school every Tuesday then please can you provide your child with a packed lunch for the following week. As our school community grows myself and School Administration's time is valuable so NO weekly reminders will be sent out. If at the start of the school day your child hasn't booked a school meal for that day the school Office will call and a packed lunch will need to be provided by 12.00.

I am always available at the start of the school day welcoming the children in to school should you have any queries you would like to discuss with me.

*Julie Willis*

Julie Willis

Catering Manager



## Attendance



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

Please avoid booking holidays during term time.

## School Dinners

Chef Julie will share a special 'Jingle Week' menu for December at the start of next half term. The traditional Christmas dinner on the Wednesday of this week will be charged at a slightly higher price which will be communicated next half term

From January, the cost of a school meal will rise to £2.60.

Children in reception, year one and year two will continue to be entitled to a 'universal free school meals' and this increase will only apply to those children in years 3 and 4 who are not entitled to a free school meal.

## 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:

Pumpkin Carving Comp	On arrival to school	4 <sup>th</sup> November
Brockfield House Q&A		6pm 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Parents' Evening	3.30-6.30	7 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Flu Vaccinations		12 <sup>th</sup> November
Children In Need		15 <sup>th</sup> November
New Intake Tour		27 <sup>th</sup> November
KS1 Nativity	9am	10 <sup>th</sup> December & 9am 12 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS Nativity	2.30pm	10 <sup>th</sup> December & 2.30pm 12 <sup>th</sup> December
PTFA Disco		13 <sup>th</sup> December
Pantomime		16 <sup>th</sup> December
KS2 Carol Concert		18 <sup>th</sup> 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/>

## Stars of the Week



### This Week's Winners

**Little Owls: Sofia and Jaxon**

**Squirrels: Harper and Parker**

**Hedgehogs: Oliver W, Jordan, Charlie, Teddy**

**Badgers: Avia, David**

**Foxes: Olivia, Macy, Zach**

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*



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The St Luke's Park Primary PTFA





**St Luke's Park PTFA  
Christmas Disco  
Friday 13th Dec 2024**

**Tickets on sale w/c 4th November**

As the school community has grown, this year there will be

2 x Christmas Discos:

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

**Disco 2 = 17:15-18:30**

Each disco is open to all classes, so simply choose the time that works for you!

Tickets will be £3pp (kids 2 and under are free)

Children must be accompanied by a grown up.

Maximum 2 grown ups per pupil, siblings welcome. We may open up tickets to extended families nearer the time.

Tickets will be capped for each event due to the hall capacity, however there's plenty of space for all children to attend across the two time slots.

Tickets must be purchased in advance and cannot be purchased on the day. We may have to merge the discos if ticket sales are low.

