



## Newsletter

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## Attendance

Our target is 96%.

I am SO impressed by our classes with 97 and 98% with excellent attendance!

	W/B	W/B
	11/11	18/11
Mango (Nur)	94%	94%
Peach (Rec B)	94%	94%
Apple (Rec N)	95%	94%
Beech (1L)	97%	97%
Maple (1S)	95%	95%
Birch (2B)	97%	96%
Ash (2C)	96%	96%
Oak (3B)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	96%
Aspen (4D)	97%	97%
Spruce (4L)	97%	97%
Palm (5D)	93%	94%
Cherry (5S)	96%	96%
Willow (6G)	97%	97%
Cypress (6S)	96%	96%



For our value of partnership,  
Collective Worship on Monday  
25 November will be led by  
Lemon Class—Year 3C

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sharing the final one of our images this week with you, there have been 6 in total. This final one, has been designed by our children to reflect the Kingdom of God. The Bible talks in terms of God's 'Kingdom' having begun in human hearts through Jesus. The idea of the 'Kingdom of God' reflects God's ideal for human life in the world – a vision of life lived in the way God intended for human beings. Christians look forward to a time when God's rule is fulfilled at some future point, in a restored, transformed heaven and earth. Meanwhile, they seek to live this life as in God's Kingdom, following Jesus' example, inspired and empowered by God's Spirit.

I hope you agree that the children, inspired and supported by Sarah Piementa, have produced some beautiful work, that enable all of us to stop in our tracks every now and again, take stock and have a moment of reflection.

If you have not yet seen the originals, and you would like to, please don't hesitate in getting in touch and we'll be happy to show them to you.

Congratulations to all of our artists!

### Year 5/6 gymnasts

This week it was Year 5 and 6's turn to represent the school for gymnastics. They represented our school with pride showing great courage and partnership throughout the day. Khairun and Laura (who took the girls to the event) were really impressed with the level of skill that the girls presented. They had all put so much effort into their preparation for the event and supported each other brilliantly. The team finished the competition with the second highest score!! Congratulations to Dora Mei, Alisa, Chloe, Meriam and Sienna. We are very proud of you!



### Important update from the PTA regarding the Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre is on Tuesday 17th December, from 15:45 – 17:30. Entry is free and everyone is welcome! The PTA really need your help to make the event a success. Please come along to one of the following planning meetings if you can help in any way:

- Friday 27th November at 9am in the Community House
- Wednesday 29th November at 6pm in the Community House

We also really need you donations, please:

- Any unwanted or outgrown, good condition, children's toys and books;
- Any Christmas decorations you no longer need to decorate the hall;
- Donations of anything we can use as prizes on the day from new toys and books, unwanted gifts, toiletry sets, vouchers, boxes of chocolates or biscuits and any kind of (new and unopened) bottles for our bottle tombola!

Items can be left on Reception. On the day itself we would be very grateful for any baked goods for the cake stall and your time to help set up, run stalls and clear away at the end of the event.

We'll be sending home raffle tickets in the next few weeks. We have some great prizes to be won, including: A pair of tickets to The Murder Express immersive experience, theatre tickets to "Snail & the Whale" and "Billionaire Boy", a Cosy Camper sleepover party and lots more! If you are able to donate anything for the raffle or game stall prizes please speak to a member of the PTA. We also have a few spaces for external stalls which cost £15.00 per table – so come along and sell your crafts and gifts! Please note we are not accepting requests for stalls selling food, sweets or cakes.

All money raised will go towards the ongoing playground development. To date we have spent £19k on the climbing frame which is really taking shape. We apologise that the building work has taken longer than anticipated but we are pleased to say we are almost there now! The next phase of the project will see the installation of a grass maze, wooden animals for the children to climb on and a chalk wall. As always if you have any questions or would like to contact the PTA we can be reached on: [stlukesPTA@hotmail.com](mailto:stlukesPTA@hotmail.com)

### A look forward to our Winter Concert

As you know, this is scheduled to take place on Thursday 5 December at 2:30pm. I am pleased to be able to send you the programme for this event, with the names of the children performing in each section.

It bodes to be a magnificent event—with approximately a hundred children performing!

We hope you can join us, to see how the children are flourishing in their musical learning.

Thank you to Natalie Trew, for working hard, with the tutors, to pull our programme together.

### Winter readiness

As is customary at this time of year, the illnesses are doing the rounds, in particular—the flu and the sickness virus. On our school website, on the safeguarding page, we have put the latest guidance from the Department of Health.

Their advice is that children who have vomited or have serious diarrhea should be kept away from other children for 48 hours or until the symptoms have cleared to reduce the spread of infection. They continue to also encourage parents to make sure that their children are immunized against measles, mumps and rubella infection (MMR) as well as the flu.

We continue to advocate that there are two reasons to keep children away from school: a temperature that will not respond to medication or vomiting. We will look after them, and if we think they are unwell, we will call you.

Have a great weekend, Best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams

## Class catch-up

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
<p>Thank you to all the children who wore their Pj's last Friday in support of Children in Need the Early years raised a grand total of £112.00</p> <p>Next week we will be starting all of our Christmas festive activities with lots of craft, stories, decorating our classroom and learning the true meaning of Christmas and baby Jesus. Our songs for our singalong are coming along nicely so please remember to put the date in your diary Wednesday 11th December 11-11.30(am children and Fulltime) and 2.30-3.00 (for PM children and fulltime)</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend</p>	<p>Next week in Reception we will continue to practice our Nativity songs and lines. We will be making some Christmas decorations and Christmas cards. In Literacy/ RE, we will be retelling and role playing the Nativity story. In Maths we will be recognising and counting numbers to 20, using Christmas based activities. We will continue to work on our sentence writing, remembering to use finger spaces and full stops. We are collecting cardboard boxes, toilet roll holders and egg cartons for junk modelling so if you have any to donate we would be really grateful. Just a reminder to label all clothing, including scarves and hats. Have a lovely weekend!</p>	<p>Next week in English we will be writing our own version of 'When will it be spring?' We have designed our own main characters which are of an animal that hibernates. In maths we will be carrying on subtracting on a number line. We will be revisiting greater than, less than and equal to statements. We will assess how we got on with the unit on addition and subtraction, before moving onto shape the following week. In RE we will be looking at the question: Mary and Joseph - Why were they chosen? In science we will be looking at the features of winter and looking at the symbols we use for weather in geography. In art we will be making leaf rubbings. We are really looking forward to our weather and seasons workshop in geography on Thursday! Have a lovely weekend.</p>	<p>We've had yet another good week in Year 2. We've been reading and retelling our new book 'Into the forest' and calculating change in Maths. Next week we will be moving on to multiplication and division in maths. We will continue to explore our text 'Into the forest'. In Science we will be thinking of different ways to persuade people to use less energy. We'll be discussing our similarities and differences and what makes us unique in our PSHE lessons. Don't forget our Geography trip on the Thames Clipper on Thursday. Have a great weekend!</p>
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
<p>Year 3 have been beginning to get ready for roles in the nativity, class mass and music performances - all children will have the opportunity to perform in stages throughout the year. We have really enjoyed our new class book 'Varjak Paw' and using our skills of making predictions and clarifying as we read. Help support your child at home with writing by checking they are joining letters together and able to use exciting adjectives in a list, separated by commas. In maths, can your child multiply and divide using their times tables knowledge?</p>	<p>We have had a good week. Looking ahead to next week, in Maths we will be looking at division and exploring inverse within multiplication and division. we will use strategies we have already learnt, to help us solve calculations. In English, we will be editing and publishing our stories. In R.E, we will compare peace in Christianity and other religions. Please note, on Tuesday 26th, Year 4 will be hosting a reading afternoon from 3pm until 3:30. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy reading in class. This is a good opportunity for you to come and ask any questions you have surrounding reading with your child at home.</p>	<p>Year 5 have turned into budding scientists! This week we have continued to explore forces, experimenting with air resistance. Ask your child about what qualities make a good parachute. In English, we are continuing to read 'A Christmas carol'. The children have been looking at the ghost of Christmas past and present and inferring their characteristics. We will continue to explore the ghosts and create our own ghost of Christmas yet to come. In Maths, the children have been learning about multiplication, factors and common factors. Next week we will continue with multiplication and start division. We hope you have a restful weekend.</p>	<p>Next week in Year 6 we will be creating our own jungle adventure stories and will be delighted to have Julia a drama teacher from George Green joining us on Thursday, in maths we will be completing our unit on fractions and beginning to work on geometry and coordinates. We will continue to ask questions about life in Brazil particularly the impact of deforestation and the 'conflict' the tribes there have faced. We will also be using HTML to design and code our own webpages. Have a great weekend! Team Year 6.</p>

### Community House News

**Coffee Morning** on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

**Keep Fit:** on Wednesdays 9.00am-10.00am in school. Crèche available on site.

**ESOL Life Skills Course:** on every Thursday, to develop your English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life. Assessments to take place on Thursday 10th and 17th October between 1.00pm-3.00pm in the Community House

**Employability Course:** Tuesdays 9:00am-11.30am. This course is in preparation to returning to work. Building skills and confidence. Assessments to take place on Tuesday

### Christingle Service in aid of The Children's Society

On December 6th we will be taking representatives from our school to Westminster Abbey as part of a Christingle Service. We have been asked to raise £300 to support the work of the Children's Society and therefore will be encouraging our children to fund raise to support those less fortunate than ourselves as part of our continued commitment to reducing the effects of poverty. If you and your children are able

We listen. We support. We act.  
Because no child should feel alone.



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