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*know, love, serve; God, Ourselves & Others*

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Newsletter 2

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the Meet the Teacher sessions; we will be adding PowerPoints from these sessions to the school website over the next couple of weeks, along with curriculum maps so that you can see what the children are covering.

Two new initiatives, covered in the Meet the Teacher sessions, this year are Mathletics and Accelerated Reader.

Mathletics is a web-based software that allows children to learn and practise Maths content. In the front of their jotters they will have a login and password that can be used to access their accounts at [www.mathletics.com/signin](http://www.mathletics.com/signin). In their account, they can play a range of Maths games and compete against (but not chat to) other children from their class and across the world. They will also receive weekly homework through this website; homework that they will have to complete before having further access to the other areas of the site. We are hoping that this will help our children continue to improve their Maths performance and give parents, who want to give their children more homework, an additional source to the family talk homework introduced last year. More information on Mathletics can be found on our website under the Curriculum tab [www.stlukesschool.co.uk/information/curriculum](http://www.stlukesschool.co.uk/information/curriculum)

Accelerated Reader is a reading management system that allows us to accurately measure and track not just the words that the children can read but also their understanding of the content (comprehension). We will be working with the children extensively this year to develop a love of reading which we hope will simultaneously increase the amount they are reading and their reading attainment. In Key Stage 1 the children will be introduced to the AR books through guided reading while Key Stage 2 children will be bringing them home. You will be able to tell if a book is an AR book because it will have a label with a numerical value on the spine ranging from 0.0 to 13.0 (War and Peace being 10.1). Once a child has finished reading a book they can do a quiz on the book, in school, and they will get points and points mean ... More information can be found at [www.readforpleasure.co.uk](http://www.readforpleasure.co.uk) which will also allow you to take an example quiz. A link to this site will also be added to our curriculum page soon. If your child is waiting to do a quiz they should still be coming home with a book (different to the one they are waiting to quiz on) every day.


## School Council 2018/19

Thank you to all the children who put their names forward for the School Council elections this week it is fantastic to see so many of you wanting to give up your time to make changes to the school for the better!

Our elected members this year are:

Class 3	Poppy and Archie
Class 4	Poppy and Alec
Class 5	Poppy and Alfie R
Class 6	Elsie and Liam
Class 7	Nicola and Ellis
Class 8	Ella-May and Tommy
Class 9	Aimee and Ethan
Class 10	Rose and Callum
Class 11	Flora and Edie

### Bronze Sports Mark for St Luke's Church School




We are delighted to announce that we, St Luke's Church School, have achieved the School Games Bronze Mark Award for the 2017/18 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport along with hard working staff who give them these opportunities.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of: participation, competition, workforce and clubs. We are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

We look forward to applying for the Silver Mark in 2019!



		Event	Parents Invited
September	19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Community Challenge Parents Meeting 15:15	Year 6
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Individual School Photos	
	24 <sup>th</sup>	Fundraising for Brainwave *NEW*	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Safety in the Home Presentation *NEW*	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	KSI Trip to Layer Marney *NEW*	
	25 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 Trip to Sutton Hoo	
	26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Cyber Safety Presentation *NEW*	
October	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Open Morning for Perspective Parents	
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Open Morning for Perspective Parents	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for Perspective Parents	
	5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Training - No children at school	
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Red, White and Blue Day - Celebration of end of WWI - NON-UNIFORM	
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Late Parents Evening - 17:30 – 20:00	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Early Parents Evening - 15:20 – 18:00	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Coffee Morning - 9:00	All parents welcome
	Sat 13 <sup>th</sup>	Family Camp Out	
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccine Day	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Service - 14:00	Year 5
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 & 6 Cross Country	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Trip to Colchester Castle *NEW*	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Disco	
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Holiday		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Drop 'n' Shop - breakfast.twilight@stlukesschool.co.uk		
November	8 <sup>th</sup>	School Quiz – Community Learning Team - Evening	More information to follow
	9 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Music Festival TBC	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Assemblies	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Football Tournament - 11:30	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 War Memorial	More information to follow
	16 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Training - No children at school	
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Drop 'n' Shop - breakfast.twilight@stlukesschool.co.uk	
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	PTFA Winter Market - 17:00 – 20:00	All parents welcome
December	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Chimes Assembly	
	4 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 PTFA Movie Night - 15:30	
	6 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KSI Story Evening - 15:30	
	10 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KSI Dress Rehearsal	
	11 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KSI Christmas Production PM - 14:00	Ticket arrangements to follow
	12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KSI Christmas Production AM - 9:30	
	12 <sup>th</sup>	Panto – Jack and the Beanstalk	More information to follow
	12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS Christmas Party	
	17 <sup>th</sup>	LKS2 Christmas Party	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	UKS2 Christmas Party	
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Christingle - 11:30	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Dinner	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	KSI Christmas Party	
	19 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Singing Around the Christmas Tree – 14:45	All parents welcome
20 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Christmas Holiday		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Drop 'n' Shop - breakfast.twilight@stlukesschool.co.uk		

EYFS - Reception  
Sunshine Class

KSI - Years 1 & 2  
Classes 3, 4 & 5

LKS2 - Year 3 & 4  
Classes 6, 7 & 8

UKS2 - Years 5 & 6  
Classes 9, 10 & 11

## Charity Fundraising

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September

*Brainwave believes in a world where every child with disabilities reaches their potential*

“This year Run the Ring, a VW enthusiast group, have chosen to support Brainwave Children’s Charity by carrying out various fundraising events. The main event will be a HUGE VW Convoy, of up to 1,000 vehicles, around the M25 on Sunday 23 September. They are aiming to beat 2017’s total of more than 600 vehicles in attendance and over £25,000 raised for Scotty’s Little Soldiers.

This year Run the Ring have extended their fundraising efforts and have decided to include a ‘Playground Ringers’ event. Children are being asked to either run, walk, or be pushed around a “lap” of the playground or field for a small contribution to the Charity. A donation of just £1 from every child would make such a difference to Brainwave and help us to support more children with disabilities and additional needs to achieve greater independence. Whether that’s helping a child to learn to walk or sit, communicate verbally or through signing, or self-help skills such as feeding or dressing independently.”

If you wish to support Brainwave we will be collecting on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> as part of the children’s golden mile after individual photos.



Red, White and Blue Day

Monday 8th October 2018

Red, White and Blue Day is to mark the end of World War One. We will be having a day of themed activities including making bunting, paper spitfires and traditional games. All children are invited to wear red, white and blue for a donation of £1.

Every penny raised goes towards grants projects which help soldiers, sailors, airmen or service families; i.e. by providing therapeutic holidays for bereaved service families, by providing a scheme for soldiers on operations to record bedtime stories for their children.

Look out for posters going up around the school!



Race for Life

The Race for Life Team have written to us, thanking the children for the donation last year of £1,294 to help beat cancer sooner. We are grateful for your regular generosity in all of our fundraising events.