

Newsletter

29th April 2022

Attendance

W/B

93%

93%

91%

19/04 25/04

W/B

96%

95%

95%

99%

•

Our target is

96%

Mango (Nur)

Peach (Rec C)

Beech (1S)

Apple (Rec M) 93%

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a good week? Here in school has felt as busy as ever with the children working hard in every class, both on their learning, and also in displaying the school values.

We had a heart warming Collective Worship today, hearing the stories of Courage throughout the week. We reflected on: 'Be strong and very courageous... That you may be successful wherever you go, Joshua 1.7' The stories that we heard ranged from:

- Those that centered on being willing to take a risk that then enabled them to advance their learning.
- Having the courage to remain true to what they believed in, and not be swayed by the opinions of others.
- And also, having the courage to speak up and ask for help, whether with learning or for a behavioural issue, even if that felt hard to do.

Well done to the children of St. Luke's for 'walking' our values in their daily lives in school, so caringly and vividly.

Attendance

I must say something about Attendance this week. The class with the highest attendance was Willow with 99%. We then had both Cypress and Beech, tied with 98.9%! And then we also had in third position, Oak Class with 98.7% and then in fourth position, Birch class with 98.4%.

Stunningly high attendance—really impressive. This week, letters have also been sent to all of you whose child/children still have 100% attendance and also those of you who remain above 95%.

At the beginning of the year I wrote to you all about our foci in school this year on ensuring children are:

- Present to learn
- Ready to learn
- Wanting to learn
- Enabled to learn.

Attendance at these levels absolutely secures their presence, so thank you.

Key dates coming up this half term:

- Monday 2nd May: Bank Holiday, school closed
- Tuesday 3rd May: Ash class assembly at 9:15am—please note this is a NEW date rescheduled from last term
- Thursday 5th May: School closed for INSET on Polling Day
- Monday 9th May—Thursday 12th May: Year 6 have KS2 SATs week
- Thursday 19th May: **Beech class assembly** at 3:00pm. Parents of Beech class children welcome to attend.
- Friday 27th May—Queen's Platinum Jubilee Assembly and event (see above)
- Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June: Half term

Maple (1R) 98% 96% Ash (2R) 95% 95% Birch (2N) 97% 98% Lemon (3C) 95% 94% Oak (3B) 98% 99% 96% Aspen (4D) 98% Spruce (4A) 89% 86% 96% Cherry (5B) 94% Palm (5G) 99% 95% Cypress (6W) 94% 99% Willow (6L) 90% 99%

Value of the Week

Mango (Nur)	Adam
Apple (Rec M)	Jorge
Peach (Rec C)	Beatrice
Beech (1S)	Tasfiya
Maple (1R)	Zayne
Ash (2R)	Liyanna
Birch (2N)	Isa
Lemon (3C)	Ellia
Oak (3B)	Khadijah
Aspen (4D)	Ethan Y
Spruce (4A)	Linda
Cherry(5B)	Beatrice
Palm (5G)	Ore
Cypress (6W)	Ruby
Willow(6L)	Yosuf



House points

The last thing I wanted to share this week is that we are bringing back House points. One of the detriments of the Covid disruption is that these seem to have been lost somewhere. But we believe that sense of Team, beyond one's immediate classroom, is really valuable.

Previously, the Houses were just colours from the school's logo, but this time, we saw an opportunity in naming them after key people.

We decided that because we are a Church of England School we wanted to identify people who had clearly demonstrated, and spoken of, their Christian faith through their lives, whilst at the same time creating a legacy due to their contribution to society. We felt these people would be inspiring people who could worthily given their name to our houses.

After some reflection, consideration of the school's curriculum and research, we put a short list together and this week the children voted.

I am pleased to announce that the names of our houses going forward are now:

- 1. Lewis house—after CS Lewis, the author famous for his Narnia series.
- 2. **Rashford** house—after Marcus Rashford, who campaigns so strongly for support for young people impacted by poverty, as well as being a highly accomplished sports man.
- 3. **Parks** house—after Rosa Parks, the activist for civil rights.
- 4. **Nightingale** House—after Florence Nightingale; Nurse, social reformer and statistician.
- 5. **Luther King** House— Christian minister and civil rights legend.

Clearly we could have chosen a whole variety of people, but we hope you agree that these are 'fitting' to inspire and motivate our children, spanning a range of different forms of employment and accomplishments.

Next week, the children will be randomly allocated into the houses.

After that, we will start to award House Points for positive behaviours around the school. They will also enable us to put the children in teams for Sports days and other events in the future.

Each half term, the winning house, will have a 'treat' to celebrate how well they are doing.

I would like to finish by apologising for the children coming out of school late today. We were enjoying Collective Worship so much that time ran away with itself. I fully appreciate that it is not fair to keep you waiting, so thank you for your patience and I will try to avoid that happening going forward.

Please remember it is a 3 days weekend so we will look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 03 May.

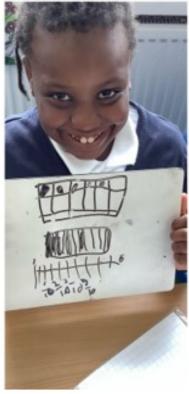
I would like to send particular wishes to all of our staff and families who will be celebrating Eid either on Sunday or Monday after enduring their fast.

And good wishes to you all for a very enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend. Stay safe and keep well,

Class catch-up

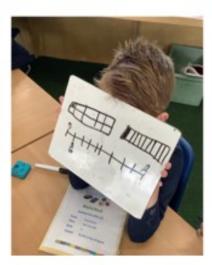
In Oak class this week we've been learning about fractions in maths. Here we are exploring different ways to represent tenths. We've all been working really hard and enjoying the challenge!















Class catch-up

Year 4 have been learning about Windrush generation. We have immersed ourselves in Calypso style carnival. The children have been creating their own masks and creating their own beats to calypso beats.





Additional links for you information	
Energy Kidz - Claim 10% off Half Term Holiday Clubs Enjoy half term with Energy Kidz! Use code: <u>EBMAYCAMP22</u> to claim your discount! Offer ends Sunday 15 th May	<u>Energy Kidz Flyer</u>
SEND Transition Event - For parents of Year 4 and 5 children with EHC plans	<u>SEND Event Flyer</u>
Set Up a Play Street with London Play START OR REBOOT YOUR PLAY STREET And get a FREE play starter fun pack – first five only!	<u>Play Street Flyer</u>
The Parental Engagement Schools and Family Team Fun Sheet - 32	Fun Sheet 32