

## St Luke's Pre-school

Giving children the wish  
to learn since 1966



## Upcoming Events

Happy New Year to all our  
children, parents & carers!

**Thursday 22nd January at 9.30am** is our first committee meeting of 2015. Without the committee there wouldn't be a pre-school and we really do rely on your support. We know that not everyone is able to offer practical help or services, but it is just as important to have parents and carers present to simply listen and or offer suggestions. It's also a great way to find out what is going on behind the scenes and feel involved even if you're not able to pitch in with doing anything in particular. At this meeting we will briefly discuss the successful elements of our christmas events, which raised over £600 for the school, then start looking at fundraising ideas and events to be held nearer easter.

On **Friday 6th of February**, staff and children will be showing their support for the British Heart Foundation and their



'Wear it, Beat it' campaign, by coming to school dressed in red.

Locally, on **Saturday 7th February** the Medway Dragons rugby club are holding a season launch and training session at the Garrison Stadium in Gillingham. They offer fun and fitness whilst learning to play tag rugby from 3-7 years, handball, netball and rugby league from 8 years to age 70+. If you'd like to join in or have some more information see Mr Bains!

 Find us on  
**Facebook**

All the news, weather warnings, event reminders, dates for your diary and lots of useful resources. Search 'St Lukes preschool (Rochester)' and make sure you return your facebook consent letter.

This months sounds are

I, J, K

**WANTED!**

Your 'Parents First  
Questionnaire' responses!

Happy Birthday

Adam and Wojtek  
are both 3 this month!

## Payments

### 1. Government funding

Children are funded from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (cut off dates are 31<sup>st</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> August and 31<sup>st</sup> December).

### 2. Private payment

We accept cash or cheques with a bankers card only, no company cheques please. Should any cheque be returned, you will be liable for any charges incurred.

### 3. Absence

It is your responsibility to inform us if your child will be absent. All fees are still due during illness and for any other absence. Any special circumstances please let staff know.

### 4. Leaving St Luke's

For non-funded children, at least 4 weeks written notice is requested if your child is to leave pre-school for any reason. If this is not possible, then 2 weeks fees will be requested from the time of notification. We reserve the right to share information regarding non-payment of fees with other Early Years Providers.

## Term Date Reminder!

Half term: Mon 16th to Fri 20th  
Feb

Spring term ends Wednesday  
1st April

Summer Term starts Mon 20th  
April, PM session only, Tuesday  
21st for AM sessions

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## Last month we...

★Celebrated the holiday and learnt about cash handling and the importance of giving by buying over 100 gifts for our loved ones at our own christmas shop!

★We took part in a festive play and sang and performed all our parts beautifully. We learnt about technical hiccups and that the show must always go on.

★We stitched some stockings, saw a magician, danced, ate party food and had a great time celebrating the end of term with all our friends!

★Some of us even had breakfast with a jolly man wearing red!



## Bad weather policy

St Luke's will try to remain open whatever the weather. However if it does become necessary to close the school for health and safety reasons you can find out in the following ways:

First check our facebook page or [www.bbc.co.uk/radiokent](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radiokent) or [www.heart.co.uk/kent](http://www.heart.co.uk/kent) or by listening to those stations on 96.7 fm and 103.1fm respectively.

Try calling the school on 01634 819809, if possible the voicemail will be updated with closure information.

It is up to parents and carers to decide if it is safe to make the journey to school or not in bad weather but if you do not attend your regular sessions please let us know.

If the weather becomes bad during the day you will be contacted by the school. You are welcome to collect your child early if you decide to.