

## St Luke's Pre-School

Giving children the wish  
to learn Since 1966



# Happy New Year!!

### Welcome to 2016

Welcome back to a new year at St Luke's pre-school, we hope you all had an enjoyable festive period. We would like to thank everyone who attended the Christmas play, bought raffle tickets and/or donated prizes. We would also like to thank everyone who helped to set up Santa's Grotto and shop.



### Fundraising

#### Christmas fundraising made an amazing £798!

Thank you to everyone that contributed to our success; It's covered the cost of the magician for the Christmas party and a new Rocket for the children. The rest will be well spent on craft materials, new toys and equipment for the children.

#### Important Reminder!

**Starting Primary School Sept 2016?** If your child was born between 1st Sept 2011 and 31st Aug 2012, then now is the time to apply for a school place. Closing date for admissions is 15th Jan 2016.

Apply online [www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions](http://www.medway.gov.uk/onlineadmissions)

There are a couple of useful booklets in the lobby for reference

#### This months phonetics are:

Weeks Commencing

4th & 11th – I

19th & 26th – J



*At the news, weather warnings,  
event reminders and dates for your dairy,  
search for St Luke's Preschool (Rochester)*

#### Happy Birthday to:

Adam, Ridhwaan and  
Wojciech are 4

Charlie K is 3

## Bad Weather Policy



In the event of adverse weather, the pre-school will endeavour to remain open during normal school hours.

However, it will be left to the discretion of parents to decide if it is safe for them to make the journey into school or not.

If it is necessary to close the school, for health and safety reasons, a message will be posted on [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk) - Parents can create an account and receive alerts for your child's school - visit the website and select the 'Register for alerts' option. **PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS**

Additionally, you can: check:

- ◆ our website [www.stlukespre-school.co.uk](http://www.stlukespre-school.co.uk) [www.bbc.co.uk/radiokent](http://www.bbc.co.uk/radiokent) (listen on 96.7 & 104.2FM)
- ◆ [www.heart.co.uk/kent](http://www.heart.co.uk/kent) (listen on 103.1 & 104.2FM);
- ◆ telephone the pre-school on 01634 819809 (Mrs Perkins will try to update the pre-school's telephone message if she can safely make it to the pre-school)
- ◆ Facebook.



If the weather becomes adverse during the school day, parents may contact the school for further information or may decide to pick up their children early for safety reasons. If the school has to close early, you will be telephoned.

## Water Bottles

As part of our Healthy Eating campaign we have purchased more water bottles for the children printed with the St. Luke's teddy logo. These will be available to purchase for £1 each. All bottles are marked with the child's name and children are encouraged to take a drink at any time. Bottles are refilled when running low.

The bottles need to be collected at the end of each session, washed at home and returned to pre-school at the beginning of the next session.

Lastly, a reminder that the bottles should be filled with water only please (no squash).

## Dates for the diary

Thursday 21st January 2016— Committee Meeting

Monday 15th—Friday 19th February—Half Term

Tuesday 15th March Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 22nd March—Easter Play (morning children)

Friday 25th March — Good Friday: Closed

Monday 28th March—Easter Monday: Closed

### Can't make it to school?

**Call us.** Please let us know if your child will be absent by calling 01634 819 809 on the day

### Not via Facebook!

Messages left on Facebook page may not reach staff members.

**Tell us** If you know you are going to be away head of time, just left the staff know when you see them or leave a message on the answerphone

## Committee Meeting

Our next committee meeting will be held on **Thursday 21st January at 9.30am** in the small hall at St Luke's. Everyone is welcome to attend (even if you are not a member of the committee). We will be discussing plans for Easter and also for our 50th Anniversary celebrations to be held in July – this promises to be a really BIG event and we would welcome any thoughts, ideas and contributions to make this a really special occasion.

## Fat Free, healthier Brownies

250g, cooked beetroot  
200g plain chocolate  
1 cup plain flour  
1/2 cup brown sugar



Puree the beetroot with a blender, melt the chocolate, combine with the beetroot and mix. Add the sugar and flour, mix well. Press into a lined tin and cooked for about 20 minutes at 180 / gas mark 4

# 50th Anniversary



2016 is an exciting year for St Luke's Pre-School. It's our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!! We have come a long way since we began in 1966. This is due to the dedication of the staff, committee members, parents/carers and pupils. Without your continued help, we would not be the fantastic Pre-School we have become; we will continue to strive for excellence.

**In preparation of our celebratory event, we will be holding a committee meeting on Thursday 21st January at 9.30am.** We look forward to you coming to help plan our party in July. We need everyone's ideas and help, no matter how small it may seem.

Do you remember there used to be a Medway Carnival? St Luke's had their own floats! These two show Mrs. Hill on the St Luke's Community Play Group float, each year there were different themes, these are a 'Celebration of Europe' and 'Circus', the later has children sat round the carousel.

2016, is going to be FUN.

