

St Luke's Pre-School

Giving children the wish
to learn Since 1966



What we did in February

In support of the British Heart foundation's 'Wear it. Beat it' campaign, we learned how to keep our hearts healthy (through exercise and a balanced diet), came to school dressed in red and donated generously to the Medway Foodbank; enjoyed a Valentine lunch with our parents/carers (a huge 'thank you' to all the parents/carers who made the inaugural lunch a great success).



As part of this term's theme, 'Stories and Rhymes,' listened to 'The Cat in the Hat,' discovered the initial sound in words and stood amazed at all the words we found to rhyme with cat. We also made pancakes.

Staff News

Ms. Gadd is presently absent from pre-school due to illness: we wish her a speedy recovery and return to work.

Mrs. Cox was absent from work on Monday because she:

- (a) got lost in
- (b) was still running in

The Brighton Half Marathon which started in the morning of Sunday 28th Feb. We salute you Mrs. Cox.

This month's phonetics are:

Weeks Commencing
7th & 14th March—M
21st & 28th March—N



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

Sports Relief 2016

Official wristbands are now on sale for £1.

Fun Run Friday 18th March - Sport Relief Big Fun Run **THE MORNING SESSION WILL START AT Friston Way park AND NOT AT THE PRE-SCHOOL** for a couple of laps (walk, run, crawl ... in fancy dress if you want) around the park. All parents/carers are welcome and everyone is encouraged to meet at the park by 9:30. The staff will be there to meet you from 9:15. Drinks and snacks for the children will be supplied. We will be there about 30 - 45 minutes, then the staff will return to pre-school with the children (those who haven't been carried home exhausted by their parents/carers from the park) where the pre-school day will continue as normal.



Please ensure the children are suitably dressed for the walk back and please ensure you bring their lunch boxes with you to the park – these will be brought back to school by a member of staff.

The afternoon children are welcome to join us at the park.

All children (morning and afternoon) are invited to start collecting and bring in on **Tuesday 15th or Friday 18th March**, 1 pennies, 2 pennies and 5 ps – the forgotten small change weighing down your purses or pockets. We raised over £50 in just 1 pennies in 2012!

Independence Day

Please encourage your child to become more independent in readiness for starting infant school, like trying to put on their own coats, shoes etc. They'll need to be doing this for real in September!

Happy Birthday to:

Aria & Cassie are 4
Lacey is 3

Easter Play



The Easter play will take place on the **22nd March**, we would love to see as many parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbours... be fantastic to fill the pews!

Wanted: Prize donations for the Easter Play Draw - Smellies, Planters, Easter Eggs and/or anything else that is prize worthy.

The children have chosen the theme for this year's play: Pirates & Mermaids. If you can provide a pirate or mermaid / merman costume for your child, that would be most appreciated.

Please be on the lookout for tickets, these will be on sale shortly.

Calling all bakers, we desperately need Easter/Spring themed cakes/biscuits for the Easter Play to be brought in on the day. If there are any keen bakers that would like to contribute could they let Vicky or Lisa know or indeed a member of staff to pass on the message.



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

Parent Rota

The white board has dates for parents, grandparents, aunts/uncles or carers to enjoy some quality time with their child at pre-school and see who and what he or she plays with.

Dates for your diary

Friday 11th March - Dress up day, in return for a chocolate treat for the Easter Play fundraiser.

Friday 18th March - Sport Relief Big Fun Run—
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Monday 14th March - Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 22nd March - Easter Play (morning children)

Friday 25th March - Good Friday: Closed

Monday 28th March - Easter Monday: Closed

Friday 1st April - Spring term ends

Monday 18th April—Advance notice of building works and car park closure - the building works to the Church entrance are scheduled to start during the Easter holidays. When the pre-school re-opens the car park will be very busy and parking space very limited. For those that have to drive to pre-school, please park considerately (not blocking drives) on the road.

Spiced French Toast

- 4 tbsp. butter
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- 100 mls milk
- 2 Eggs, beaten
- 4 Hot Cross Buns split in half



Mix 3 tbsp of the butter with half the cinnamon and mash together. Beat together the egg, milk and remaining cinnamon. Sandwich 2 slices of hot cross bun together with half the cinnamon butter and repeat with the remaining two slices.

Dip in the egg mix and leave to soak for a few seconds. Heat the butter in a frying pan until foaming. Cook the hot cross buns for 1-2 mins each side until light golden (you may need to do this in two batches). Press down on them as you cook. Serve each portion topped with a scoop of ice cream and a drizzle of maple syrup, if you like.