# St Luke's Pre-School

Giving children the wish to learn Since 1966



## What we did in March

The Gruffalo and others ran around Friston Way Park, counted and spelt with pennies for Sport Relief 2016 we collected 1, 2 and 5 pennies and used them to spell out 'St. Luke's Pre-school. Sport Relief 2016'. The pennies grew to be £23.10p, just as the children will be monsters' tomorrow ... running the world!



We celebrated - Mothers Day and Mrs Hill's 31st (with a little bit of experience) birthday. Peppa Pig decorated her *eqq*cellent Easter basket.







At our Easter Play we fed the Hungry Caterpillar, put Grumpy Grandad in the longboat and sent him over. Were naughty pirates jumping on the plank and mermaids escaping from Jaws.



This months phonetics are: Weeks Commencing 18th & 25th April—O 2nd & 9th May—P



And we slept, built and rebuilt towers, used rolling pins as telescopes, made lightsabers with Modroc, made a meal fit for a queen from playdough, defied gravity and lots and lots more.



### Fundraising

Thank you so much for your support, we have raised over £220 from the Easter/Spring Play activities.

50th Celebration Draw— do you or someone you know run a business and are able to donate a prize? Have you got any unwanted gifts / buys taking up space? If so we are starting to collect prizes, all donations gratefully received, "every little helps".

### Staff News

Mrs. Hill is the oldest (and wisest!)

Miss Gadd has decided to move on to fresh challenges and although she will be missed, we wish her the best of luck and thank her for her time at St. Luke's.

#### Carpark Reminder

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 CLOSED. For those that have to drive to pre-school, please park considerately (not blocking drives) on the road.



Al the news, weather warnings, event reminders and dates for your dairy, search for St Luke's Preschool (Rochester) Happy Birthday to: Apr: Lottie & Olivia both 3 May: Joseph 3 & Ade 4

### The importance of reading

Your child is not too young to learn to read yet and can set them off in the right direction. Make sure that your child is familiar with language and books so that they can see how enjoyable reading is. Some of the things you can do include:

•Reading aloud to your child, talking about the words and pictures, and sharing ideas about the book

 Reading yourself: Children who see adults reading, and enjoying reading, are much more likely to want to read themselves

• Making sure your child is surrounded by books: You don't need hundreds of books at home, but make regular trips to the library or bookshop, not just to borrow books but to spend time together browsing and learning to make choices. In this way, reading becomes a habit.

•Most importantly, talk to your child. Spend time with them, doing simple activities (cooking, making something, building a model). As you talk about what you're doing, you are helping them to learn new words. Later, when they see words written down, they have already heard them and know what they mean.

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

#### No Nuts!!

No nuts! This is an allergy issue. We don't want to have to call ambulances. This includes Nutella, nak'd bars, cereal bars etc. Please ensure you check labels.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 18th April— Pre-School re-opens for afternoon children

Tuesday 19th April—Morning children return

**Tuesday 3rd May**—Sponsored event for morning and afternoon children

Monday 30th May to the Friday 3rd June — Half term

**Tuesday 14th June**—Sports Day at Medway Park (Gillingham)

Sunday 3rd July—Dragon Boat race at Mote Park Maidstone

**Saturday 9th July**—50th birthday celebration, including fete and Graduation Day

#### Fat & Sugar free muffins

#### Ingredients

2 bananas, very ripe 4 eggs (or egg whites/substitute) Berries of choice

#### Method

- Preheat oven to 375°F (190°C).
- Mash bananas.
- Whisk in the eggs.
- Spray down your mini muffin tin. Add a few berries to each compartment.
- Pour your banana egg mixture on top.
- Bake for about 12 minutes.
- Cool slightly, remove and devour!

