

St. Luke's



Pre-school

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## DEAR PARENTS ....

Welcome back. It never ceases to amaze me how quickly the months fly by when you are having fun! We have been very busy learning essential life skills, creating and performing beautiful works of art ... A big well done & thank you to everyone who entered the Easter bonnet competition: the entries were very creative, making the work of the judges more difficult than expected. And a big well done and thank you to Angela and her helpers and everyone who supported the wonderful Eggstravaganza on the final day of term. I hope you all enjoyed your break over Easter and are ready for another busy term ahead.



Eggstravaganza

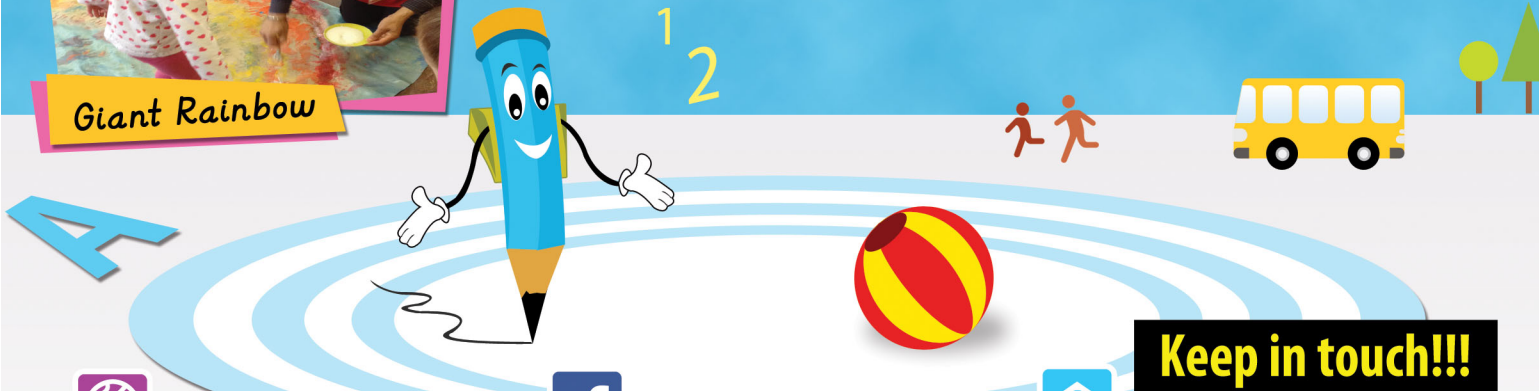
Happy Birthday!!!  
Lottie & Aliona  
Are 4 This Month  
and Josh is 3

## WHAT WE DID LAST MONTH ....

We honed our listening skills: when Adam's mum came in and let us look in her ear: and when Nicky Underwood came in and we sang and clapped the syllables in our names. For 'Red Nose Day' we: learnt about Hadja from Sierra Leone and talked about the similarities and differences between us her, and her family and community; and helped raise £65 by wearing red noses and something red, as well as telling jokes. We climbed up and down steps, chased each other's tails in a game of foxes and farmers, developed our writing skills by drawing large and small circles and vertical and horizontal lines, created a giant rainbow with our hand and footprints, took selfies, put our fairy doors in the fairy garden, brought a tear or two to our mummies' eyes with our Mother's Day gifts and made our parents cry again at our 'Easter Play' - where we put Grumpy Grandad in the longboat and sent him over, were naughty pirates jumping on the plank and mermaids escaping from Jaws - learnt the meaning of 'more' and 'fewer,' saw gravity defied (sadly!) as Mr B held an upturned glass of water over Thomas' mum's head ... and (as always) we were magic!



Giant Rainbow



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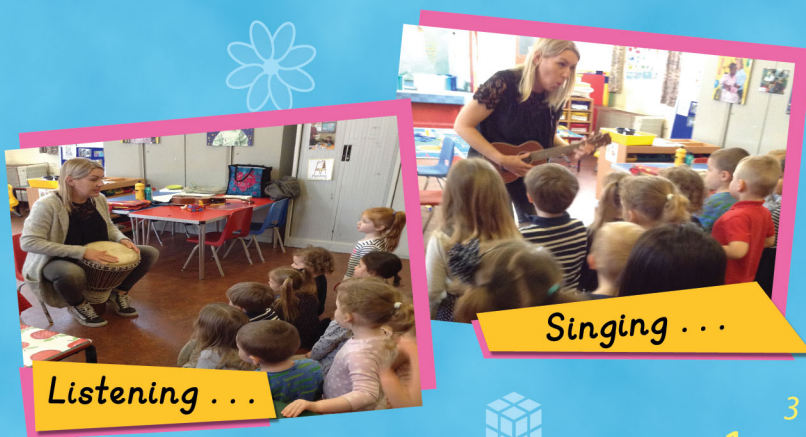
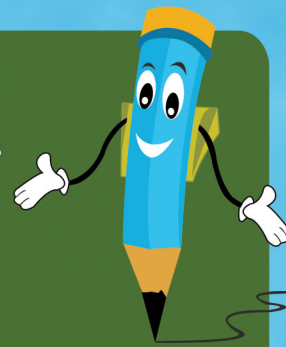
## 30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE

From Sept 2017 the Government will be increasing free childcare from 15 to 30 hours a week for those who meet the eligibility criteria, which includes all parents living in the household working and earning approx £110 depending on your age(s): in a one parent family, the parent must be working and in a two parent, both must be working. More information is available @

[www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/childcare/30-hours-free](http://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/childcare/30-hours-free) (Dorset is trialling the scheme) &/or @

[www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/600592/30\\_hours\\_free\\_childcare\\_eligibility.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/600592/30_hours_free_childcare_eligibility.pdf)

To help us plan for Sept (number of places, staffing requirements etc) please see complete the '30 hours eligibility survey.'



Listening ...

Singing ...



Learning ...

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 2nd May - Sponsored Event

Friday 26th May - Term Ends

Monday 5th June - Terms Starts

Tuesday 13th June - Sports Day  
(In case of rain postponed to Tues 20th)



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