

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School
Autumn 1st Half Term Newsletter 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and managed to get a little sunshine at some point in the holidays. It is a pleasure to welcome back all the children with their eager faces, ready to start their new classes. A special welcome to our new families who join St. Luke's for the first time.



Child Care

If you want affordable quality child care from 8.30am – 5.30pm., Monday to Friday, then we can ensure your child is well looked after in a safe, secure environment. The cost for Daycare is £18 per day and for After School Club is £5 per day up until 4.30pm or £7 per night up until 5.30pm, including a snack. Please contact Mrs Lankertis or Mrs. Dooley for more information. Toast club starts at 8.30am – 8.50am costs 50p per slice. **Can I remind parents that no supervision is available until 8.30am and ask that children arrive no earlier for toast club. Please note: Parents are not permitted to park in the school car park.**

School Uniform

Well done to all our children on the high standard of uniform on their return to school. May I remind you that black shoes, **NOT TRAINERS** are needed for inside school and children are allowed to bring trainers to change into for outside play. Please help us to keep track of uniform by ensuring all items of clothing including PE kits are clearly marked with your child's name. Can I remind parents that all children should wear the St. Luke's jumper or cardigan with the school logo. This is now available in good quality knitted styles.

Now we are in the Autumn term, pupils are expected to wear the Autumn/Winter uniform of shirts and ties not polo shirts or summer dresses.

Uniform is only available to purchase from TopForm, unit 22, Sinclair Way, Prescott Business Park, Knowsley, L34 1PB, Telephone 0151 426 1813 or www.schooluniformknowsley.co.uk. However we do have a limited stock of school ties to purchase from the school office for a cost of £3.25

Phone Numbers

Please inform school immediately with any changes in contact phone numbers. It is essential we have up to date information to contact parents in the case of an emergency. If you get a new mobile phone please make us top of your list of people to tell of the change.

Homework

As we start a new academic year we ask for your support by ensuring your child completes all homework tasks on the due date. If you have any queries about homework, do not hesitate to speak to the class teacher. Don't believe a child who says "we never get homework"!!!



School Funding

You can help us to secure more school funding by applying for free school meals if you are in receipt of Housing benefit. The Government gives extra money to schools based on the number of children entitled to free school meals. It doesn't mean your child has to have free school meals, they can still bring a packed lunch, but it does mean that St. Luke's can access extra money for the school to spend on resources like computers and books. So please collect a form from the office if you think you may be eligible. As you are aware children up to and including Year 2 are entitled to free school meals already, however completing a free school meal form for those that are eligible would still be of great benefit to the school budget.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are seeing improvement in our attendance and we hope that this improves further throughout the year. **May I remind you that National Average expectation is 96.2% attendance.** Please note that 3.5 days absence this half term would put your child on track for only 90% attendance for the year. If for any reason your child is to be absent from school please inform the school office by 8.45 a.m. Punctuality is just as important as good attendance. Please be reminded that children are expected to be in their lines by 8.50 a.m in order for us to register and start lessons for 9.00 a.m prompt. Weekly attendance winners have the privilege of wearing own clothes the following Friday. If there

are any issues regarding your child's attendance that you think school may be able to support you with, please do not hesitate to ask.

Meet the Teacher Opportunity

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and get valuable information about the coming year from them, which will help you support your child further. This will be on Monday 19th September, after school. More information to follow.

Roald Dahl Day

On Tuesday 13th September, it is Roald Dahl day which marks 100 years since this famous author's birth. We will be celebrating in school on this day and we ask that your child comes to school with something to do with Roald Dahl. Your child could dress up as a character from one of his books, bring their favourite Roald Dahl book in with them or even bring an extract of the text in.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday, 11th October** to record your child's beautiful smiling face! Please ensure your child is in full school uniform.

If you have more than one child in the school they will be photographed as a family unless you request otherwise. More information to follow.

Robinwood Residential

Next years Robinwood residential will be Wednesday 12th July – Friday 14th July 2017. Interest and deposit letters will be given out soon.

Trim Trail

You may have noticed that we have had a new activity area installed on the playground, Your children have been given safety instructions and a supervised attempt on the equipment. Please note children are not allowed on this equipment before or after school.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding a Harvest Festival service in school on Friday 7th October. This will be in place of the normal Friday Celebration Assembly. The purpose of this will be to give thanks for our own food, and think of those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

In the past St Luke's families have been extremely generous in their support of the Knowsley Foodbank. As part of the Harvest Festival we would like to support the Foodbank once again, by asking families, staff and friends of the school to donate non-perishable food items. People are encouraged to bring in contributions up to and including Friday 7th October. We will display these as part of the service. We will then arrange for the donations to be passed to the Foodbank.

Suitable items include;

Tinned food, particularly tinned meat and rice pudding.

Packet food.

Cordial

Breakfast cereals

U.H.T. milk.

Please remember that fresh items or foods in packaging which can be easily damaged are not appropriate for the Foodbank.

Nuts

Can I please remind you that we have several pupils who have nut allergies and kindly ask that no products containing nuts in any way are brought into school.

Upcoming Non Uniform dates are: Friday 30th September & Friday 21st October

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13th September

Roald Dahl Day – Whole School

Communion Meeting – Y4 3.30pm - Church

Monday 19th September

Meet the teacher opportunity

Friday 7th October

Harvest Festival Celebrations

Tuesday 11th October

School Photographs

Tuesday 4th

Holy Communion meeting Y4 3.30pm - Church

Friday 21st October

Break up 3.15pm

Monday 31st October 2016 – Pupils return to school.

Thanking you for your continued support

Mr. A Crist
Headteacher