

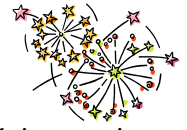


St. Luke's Catholic Primary School
Autumn 2nd Half Term Newsletter 2016

As we get nearer to the season of great joy and good tidings we will be busily preparing for the wonderful feast of Christmas through the season of Advent as well as our other preparations

Bonfire Night

We want everyone to have fun and enjoy the fireworks on Bonfire Night. We will be stressing the dangers of fireworks in school and ask for your help in getting over the important safety messages. Let's hope that everyone enjoys the celebrations and returns to school safe and sound!



Anti Bullying Week

As part of Anti Bullying week, we will be doing specific work with the children on issues around Bullying starting on **Monday 14th November**. The theme is 'Power for good'.

Friends of St Luke's meeting (PTA)

Thankyou to everyone who has taken part in supporting our school through the friends of St Luke's. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 9th November at 3.30pm in the Y5 class. **New members are very welcome as we try to make Christmas plans at this time of year.**

Christmas Fayre

We shall be holding our annual Christmas Fayre on **Friday, 2nd December at 3.30 p.m.** and we welcome all visitors including our very special guest, Father Christmas. Thank you to all families who donate items every year to support this major fund raising event. It is not too late to donate items. All money raised on such events as the Fayre, the Christmas Nativity, own clothes days etc goes back to the children through funding for school trips, Christmas parties etc. All these events are heavily subsidised by school funds so thank you for your support especially in the present economic climate.



Severe Weather

In the event of severe weather we will endeavour to keep the school open as long as it is safe to do so. We always keep in contact with Knowsley Education and local radio news if we have to close. We will text parents as early as possible if needed (**please ensure we have your current mobile telephone number to add to our system**). Also during extreme frost, ice or snow it is not possible or safe to open up the cycle path access to the rear of the school.



School Nurse drop in sessions

The school nurse is available to any parent who may need help and advice regarding health issues. The drop in sessions at school are on the last Thursday of every month from 2.30pm – 3.30pm. The dates for this ½ term are: Thursday 24th November and Thursday 15th December.

School Nativity

The **Infant and Nursery departments** are performing the annual nativity play. This is a beautiful way to harness all their energy into action packed songs, whilst reminding us of the birth of Jesus. This performance promises to be a sell out success, so don't forget to get your tickets. The play is on **Thursday, 15th December at 2.00 p.m.** with a repeat performance on **Friday, 16th December at 9.30 a.m.** I am sure there won't be a dry eye in the house as our little angels sing their hearts out.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children have been preparing for their first Confession which will take place on **Sunday, 11th December** in St. Luke's Church at 2.30 p.m. We keep these children in our thoughts and prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Class Mass

Fr. Peter will celebrate a class Mass with the children in Yr 5 on **Wednesday, 9th November** at 2.00 p.m. Parents of Yr 5 children are invited to attend this special Mass.

Rejoice Assembly

The children in Year 6 will be leading us in our Rejoice Assembly on **Friday 18th November at 2.30pm.**

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Our very own choir of angels will be visiting TESCO to entertain shoppers and bring good cheer to all during these final weeks. They will also be visiting Haven Lea to spread the warmth of Christmas through songs and carols.



Junior Carol Service

The Junior children will be retelling the story of Jesus' birth through carols and readings on **Monday, 19th December. at 2.00 p.m.** Please join us on this special occasion.

Christmas Dinner

Children will have the opportunity to have a traditional British Christmas dinner on **Wednesday, 21st December.** Our resident Jamie Oliver will provide the food and the friends of St Luke's (PTA) will provide the crackers and the fun.

Christmas Parties

Class Christmas parties will take place on Tuesday 20th December. This will also be a wear your own clothes for £1 day.

Merit Prize Assembly

The final assembly of the year takes place on Tuesday 20th December. At this assembly two children from each class receive a prize for good work. If your child is nominated by the class teacher, you will be invited to attend this special assembly.



Non Uniform Days

Our next non uniform days will take place on **Thursday 24th November and Tuesday 20th December.**

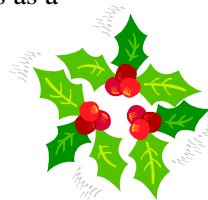
The children can wear their own clothes for a voluntary donation of **£1** towards the Catholic School Levy. This is instead of requesting this payment once a year in a lump sum from parents and gives the children the opportunity to do something they like. May I remind parents of the need to ensure that the clothes the children wear on non uniform days are suitable for school. Please ensure shoulders are covered and that footwear does not have high heels!

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 9 th November	Friends of St Luke's PTA meeting Y5 classroom at 3.30pm
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day 1 minute silence
Monday 14 th November	Anti Bullying week – whole school
Tuesday 15 th November	Group representation of Yr 6 children to decorate Prescot Centre Christmas tree.
Wednesday 16 th November	Y5 & Y6 representatives at SEA athletics 3.30pm – 5pm
Friday 18 th November	Y6 Rejoice assembly Y3 football tournament at Prescot Soccer Centre
Monday 21 st November	Other faiths week
Thursday 24 th November	Non-uniform day
Friday 25th November	INSET Day – pupils do not attend school on this day
Wednesday 30 th November	St Andrew's Mass – whole school
Friday 2 nd December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm
Wednesday 7 th December	Y4 Class mass
Thursday 8 th December	Parents/Teacher Meetings 1.30pm – 6.30pm
Sunday 11 ^h December	Reconciliation Mass for first communion participants Year 4 (in church) 2.30pm
Thursday 15 th December	Nativity Play for parents Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 at 2.00pm.
Friday 16 th December	Nativity Play for parents Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 at 9.30am.
Monday 19 th December	Junior Carol Service at 2pm – all welcome.
Tuesday 20 th December	Merit Prize assembly 9.15am (prize winner's parents to be invited) Christmas class parties pm (details to follow)
Wednesday 21 st December	Christmas service 10.30am (Church) we will be attending this as a whole school.

WEDNESDAY 21st December. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM

Wednesday 4th January – Pupils return to school.



May I take this opportunity to wish you all the joys of Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!!
Thanking you for your continued support

Mr. A Crist
Headteacher