

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School
Autumn 1st Half Term Newsletter 2017

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 of the children, who have returned eager and ready to start in their new classes. May I also make a special welcome to our new families who have joined St. Luke's for the first time.



Child Care & Early Childcare Offer (ECO)

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 St Luke's now offers the Early Childcare Offer for nursery aged children (upto 30 hours per week). Working parents who are eligible can find further information on the school website.

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, Prescot 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 Thursday 14th September, after school. More information to follow.

Robinwood

Next years Robinwood residential will be Wednesday 18th July – Friday 20th July 2018. Interest and deposit letters will be given out soon.

Roald Dahl Day

On Wednesday 13th September, it is Roald Dahl day which marks 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. Children can wear yellow if they do not have a costume as this was Roald Dahl's favourite colour.

Family Learning Opportunities

We are inviting all Parents of Reception children to join us in our family learning experience. We have three upcoming sessions as follows:

Thursday 14th September – Early Years Number 9.15am – 10.15am – School Hall

Thursday 21st September – Early Years Craft Workshop 2-3pm

Thursday 28th September – Early Years Letters & Sounds 2-3pm

Why not come along to school and work with your child, where you will get the chance to have some fun together and play some number games to support their learning and development through the early years. If you are interested, please contact Miss Riley on 0151 477 8580. **(There will be sessions throughout the year for other year groups).**

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday, 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.

Message from Father Peter (Journey in faith sessions)

For anybody interested in becoming a Catholic or exploring their faith further. Father Peter is holding 'Journey in faith' sessions in the presbytery starting **Wednesday, 4th October 7pm – 8pm. For more information contact Father Peter on 0151 426 6795.**

Harvest Festival

We will be holding a Harvest Festival service in school on Friday 6th October at 2.30 pm. 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 6th 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.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12th September

Wednesday 13th September

Thursday 14th September

Thursday 14th, 21st & 28th September

Sunday 24th September

Tuesday 26th September

Friday 29th September

Tuesday 3rd October

Friday 6th October

Wednesday 11th October

Thursday 12th October

Wednesday 18th October

Friday 20th October

Communion Meeting – Y4 3.30pm – Church

Roald Dahl Day – Whole School

Friends of St Luke's meeting 3.30pm – all parents welcome

Meet the teacher opportunity

Family Learning – Reception Parents

Mass of welcome 10am – Church

Year 6 class mass – 2pm, parents invited to attend

Non uniform day

Communion Meeting

Harvest Festival Celebrations 2.30pm

School Photographs

Mad Science after school club begins for 8 weeks 3.15 – 4.15pm

St Luke's feast day mass 9.30am – church

Topic showcase for parents 3.30pm

Non uniform day & Break up 3.15pm

Monday 30th October 2017 – Pupils return to school.

Thanking you for your continued support

Mr. A Crist
Headteacher