

**St. Luke's Catholic Primary School**  
**Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term Newsletter 2018**



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 extend a special welcome to our new families who have joined St. Luke's for the first time.

### **Staffing Update**

May I take this opportunity to welcome Mrs Hughes (1:1 teaching assistant) and Mr Dilworth (PE Apprentice) to St Luke's team. I would also like to inform you that Mr Holleron has also recently decided to seek new challenges and will not be with us this year. We wish him well for the future and children will have an opportunity in the near future to wish Mr Holleron good luck and say their farewells. Miss Durie is currently taking responsibility for the year 3 class.

### **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](http://www.schooluniformknowsley.co.uk). However we do have a limited stock of school ties to purchase from the school office for a cost of £5.00

### **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.



### **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.

**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.

### **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 Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30pm and 4pm for parents with children in more than one class. More information to follow.

### **Robinwood**

Next year's Robinwood residential will be Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2018. Interest and deposit letters will be given out soon.

### **Family Learning Opportunities**

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

We are inviting all Parents and children of year 1 & year 2 to an Arts & Crafts taster session on:

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September – Year 1 & 2 Arts & Crafts taster 9am – 10am**

### **School Photographs**

The school photographer will be in school on **Wednesday, 3rd 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.

### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	E-Safety week
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Communion Meeting – Y4 3.30pm – Church
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Meet the teacher opportunity
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> , September	Family Learning – Reception Parents
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Mass of welcome for communicants 10am – Church
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Non uniform day
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Communion Meeting – Y4 3.30pm – Church
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photographs
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	St Luke's feast day mass 9.30am – church
	Topic showcase for parents 3.30pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Non uniform day & Break up 3.15pm

### **Afterschool Activities**

#### **3.15 – 4.10pm , Pupils to be collected at Reception**

Monday's	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Yoga Year 3 & 4 Table tennis
Tuesday's	Year 5 & 6 Football
Wednesday's	Year 5 & 6 Dance
Thursday's	Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics
Friday's	Year 3 & 4 Multisports

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October – School finishes at normal time.**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Pupils return to school.**

Thanking you for your continued support

Mr. A Crist