



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School December Newsletter



Tis the season to be Jolly!!!



Welcome to the season of great joy and good tidings as we busily prepare for that wonderful feast of Christmas. These last few weeks are full of opportunities for children to share in the joy of Christmas and for adults to exhaust themselves with all the seasonal preparations!!

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. If you are not sure whether school is open or not, please ring 477 8580 or you can check the school website

www.stluke.knowsley.sch.uk

There are two other ways you can find out if your child's school is closed. Tune your radio in to 105.4 Real Radio where presenters will be announcing school closures or visit websites www.realradionorthwest.co.uk or www.smoothradionorthwest.co.uk where they will display a list of schools affected by closures. Real Radio broadcasts across the North West on 105.4fm so it's a quick and easy way to listen to school closure details wherever you may be.



Also during extreme frost ice or snow is it not possible or safe to open up the cycle path access to the rear of the school.



St. Andrews Assembly

The children will celebrate with a special assembly on **Monday, 2nd December** as St. Andrew's feast day falls on Saturday this year.

Visit to Santa

The children in Reception Class, Years 1 and 2 are going on a special Christmas visit to Gulliver's World on **Tuesday, 3rd December**. The children will ride on the Santa Express, meet "the man himself", receive a special gift and have a fantastic time. Our thanks go to Queenie's Charity for subsidising this trip. **As the children will be outside all day they will need to wear school uniform with a warm coat, tights, gloves, hats etc.**



Class Mass

Year 6 will join the celebration of Mass in their classroom on **Wednesday, 4th December**.

Christmas Fayre

We shall be holding our annual Christmas Fayre on **Thursday, 5th December at 2.00 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 and providing a Panto. All these events are heavily subsidised by school funds so thank you for your support especially in the present economic climate.



Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children have been preparing for their first Confession which will take place on **Sunday, 8th December** in St. Luke's Church at 3.00 p.m. We keep these children in our thoughts and prayers as they receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time.

Bishop Tom Visits St. Luke's

Bishop Tom Williams will be visiting St. Luke's School on **Tuesday, 10th December** at 1.30 p.m. He will have a tour of the school followed by talks with children.

Rock the Baby

The Infant and Nursery departments are performing **Rock the Baby**. A beautiful Nativity that harnesses 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, 12th December at 2.00 p.m.** with a repeat performance on **Friday 13th 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.



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 and Whiston Hospital 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 **Tuesday, 17th December at 2.00 p.m.** in St. Luke's Church. Please join us on this special occasion

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties for the children take place on **Wednesday, 18th December**. Our resident Jamie Oliver will provide a party menu for all children at a cost of £1.70. Alternatively, children may bring their own packed lunch. Our grateful thanks go to the kitchen team who work extra hours in order that the children have a great party.



Please remember to return your reply slips promptly so that we can order supplies of food in advance. Again the cost of the parties is subsidised by fund raising by parents and staff. **Children may wear their own clothes for party day.**

Merit Prize Assembly



The final assembly of the year takes place on the last day of each term. 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

Own Clothes Day

The children are invited to wear their own clothes for their parties on **Wednesday, 18th December**. The "usual" own clothes day is on **Friday, 20th December** where children pay £1 to wear their own clothes.

Christmas Holidays

We finish 2013 on **Friday, 20th December at 1.30 p.m.** and re-open on **Monday, 6th January 2014.**



He's Behind you

Panto time comes to St. Luke's on **Monday 6th January** when the children will be entertained with "Sleeping Beauty".

Birthdays

We wish the following children who celebrate their special day this month, Happy Birthday!



Lucy Mulcahy, Mohamed Omar, Matthew Lockett, Ashley Nolasco, Demilee Yates, Christian Laoagan, Kian Palas, Mark Rivera, John Rivera, Jessica Starks, Logan Ellis, Kaci-Mai Price, Ben Sullivan, Jamie Lyon, Charlie Pollock, Meghan Anish, Alex Connor, Ben Innes, Emily Quinn.

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

Mrs. M. P. Clarke
Headteacher

