

St. Luke's Catholic Primary School
Spring 2nd Half Term Newsletter 2017



Welcome back. I hope you all had a wonderful half term break.

Lent

The Season of Lent is a time when we are invited to look at our lives and reflect on the many gifts we receive from God and to perhaps think of what we can do to help others less fortunate than ourselves. During Lent the children will take part in fund raising activities to raise money for the Good Shepherd appeal, which helps people in our own area. We will also be supporting CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development), Willowbrook Hospice and Knowsley Food Bank, so any items of tinned/packet food would be appreciated.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 1st March, whole school mass at church at 9.15am.

Building Works Notice

This half term we will be having some building works carried out. This will include the school hall roof being replaced between the 27th February and 24th March. We will also be having a new exterior door and steps installed to the afterschool club, facing the trim trail. Work commences on the new door on 6th March and should last approximately 3 weeks. We would appreciate your extra co-operation and vigilance regarding health and safety when entering and leaving the school premises during this busy period. Please be assured that the safety of all of our school community has been considered and all necessary precautions will be in place to cause least disruption during this time.

Good Attendance Rewards

On **Tuesday 4th April**, there will be a bouncy castle/assault course Attendance Reward for all children above national average of 96.2%. We have listened to the children and this is something that they requested through school council. Our half termly attendance raffles continue to be popular as part of our continued efforts to improve attendance of all children.

Gym Club

We continue to benefit from a specialist gymnastics coach who delivers quality work with our pupils every Thursday in Gym lessons. Year 1 & 2 have the opportunity to take part in gymnastics lessons on Thursdays after school for 5 weeks commencing 2nd March 3.15 – 4.15 until 30th March. Cost is £10.00. We also have early morning Judo sessions which are proving very popular. We will certainly be ready for the 2020 Olympics.

Judo Club

Judo Sessions will start on Monday 27th February 8am – 8.45am. This will take place Monday mornings for 5 weeks for all pupils that have signed up to do Judo.

World Book Day



On **Thursday 2nd March** our school will be celebrating **World Book Day** throughout the school. Children are invited to dress as a character from their favourite book. They should bring an extract or the book to read to a book buddy on the day. Children not dressed as a character from the book should come to school in uniform. There will be a special dinner menu on this day which is attached £1.00 (free for reception – year 2 and all pupils eligible for free school meals).

After School

Club and Daycare

We currently have places available in After School Club which is open until 5.30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Places are also available in our Daycare facility. If you are interested in either of these excellent facilities please contact Mrs. Lankertis for After School Club and Mrs. McBain for Daycare.



Mothers' Day

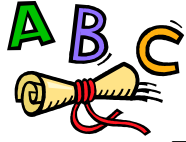
A day for relaxation and enjoyment for all our “mums” on **Sunday, 26th March**, wishing every mum, “Happy Mothers’ Day” from St. Luke’s School. It only happens one day a year so sit back and enjoy!

Stations of the Cross

In order to reflect on the true meaning of Easter, we follow the final footsteps of Jesus on this Earth through the Stations of the Cross. The children in the juniors will lead on this special assembly at **2 p.m. on Friday 7th April**. Please join us as we take time to reflect and pray. Parents who attend this service may take their children home at the end of the service.



Merit Prize Assembly



Our final assembly of the Spring Term takes place on **Friday 7th April at 9.15am**. At this assembly we present prizes to children from each class who have impressed their teacher through hard work, positive attitude, friendliness to others etc. If your child is selected, the class teacher will inform you and invite you to attend this special assembly.

Easter Bonnet Parade and Eggstravaganza!!



It is time to put your creative talents to use and display your skills at our annual Easter Bonnet Parade. The children from Nursery to Year 2 will be holding an Easter Bonnet Parade for parents on **Tuesday 6th April at 2.00 p.m.** Also the pupils in juniors are invited to enter a competition for the best decorated egg or 'Eggy' scene. These will be displayed in the hall and prizes given for creativity.

Easter Bingo

The Friends of St Luke's will be holding our annual Bingo on **Wednesday 5th April from 3.30pm in the school hall**. All families and their children are invited for "Eyes Down" at £1 per book.

Parents/Pupils Meeting

Our second Parents/Pupils meeting with teachers takes place on **Tuesday 28th March** for whole school. **Please remember that children will finish school at their normal time of 3.15pm.** You will be able to take home any children who have appointments during the school day if you wish. **On Friday 31st March, Nursery and Reception only, will be closed** to children in order for parents to have further opportunities to benefit from in depth discussions about their children's progress. Appointment slips will be sent out shortly.

Easter Holiday Reminder

In an effort to continue the drive to sustain attendance and punctuality please note that school will close at the normal time of **3.15 p.m. on Friday 7th April** for Easter and will re-open on **Tuesday 18th April**.

Non Uniform Days

Our next non uniform days will take place on:

Friday, 24th February

Friday 31st March

When the children will have the opportunity to wear their own clothes for a voluntary donation of **£1** towards school levy.



Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 21 st February	Communion meeting Year 4 – Church 3.30pm
Friday 24 th February	Non Uniform day
Monday 27 th February	Roofing work to begin on school hall. (duration 4 weeks)
Wednesday 1 st March	Ash Wednesday – Church Mass at 9.15am
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Whole School.
Monday 6 th March	Phonics meeting with parents – Year 1
Tuesday 7 th March	Rejoice assembly – Year 4 at 2.40pm
Friday 17 th March	St Patrick's Day Mass – Church at 9.15am
Wednesday 22 nd March	Rejoice assembly – Year 2 at 2.40pm
Tuesday 28 th March	Parent/Teacher Meetings
Tuesday 21 st March	Communion meeting Year 4 – Church 3.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd March	Football competition Year 5 & 6 (Selected pupils) St Edmund Arrowsmith 3.30pm
Friday 31 st March	School Closed for Nursery & Reception only (Parent/teacher meetings)
	Non- Uniform day
Tuesday 4 th April	Bouncy castle/Assault course reward for attenders above national average 96.2%
Wednesday 5 th April	Easter Bingo – 3.30pm all welcome
Thursday 6 th April	Easter Bonnet Parade Nursery – Year 2
	Eggy Scene – Year 3 - 6
Friday 7 th April	Merit Prize assembly – All year groups
	Stations of the Cross – 2pm School Hall

FRIDAY 7th APRIL SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR PUPILS AT 3.15PM

TUESDAY 18TH APRIL – Pupils return to school.

Thanking you for all of your continued support this term and I wish you a happy Easter in advance.

Mr. A Crist
Headteacher