



**St. Luke's Catholic Primary School**  
**Autumn 2nd Half Term Newsletter 2019**

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.

**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 11<sup>th</sup> November**. The theme is 'Choose Respect'.

**Christmas Fayre**

We shall be holding our annual Christmas Fayre on **Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 and fun event. Details of the requested donated items will follow shortly. 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 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, 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 p.m.** with a repeat performance on **Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am**. 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, 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6 on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November** at 11.00 am and Yr 5 on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December** at 11.00 a.m. Parents of Yr6 and 5 children are invited to attend these special Masses.

**Christmas Dinner**

Children will have the opportunity to have a traditional British Christmas dinner on **Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15 am. At this assembly, two children from each class receive a prize for good work. If your child is nominated the class teacher, you will be invited to attend this special assembly.



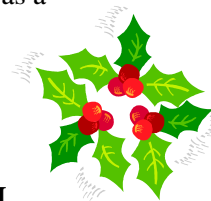
## Non Uniform Days

Our next non uniform days will take place on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December. Christmas Jumper Day is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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

Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Class Mass at 11.00 am Family learning 1.30 pm Gymnastics club 3.15 – 4.15 pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti Bullying week – whole school (theme ‘Choose Respect’)
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	2 <sup>nd</sup> Robinwood payment £55
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform day
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre 3.30pm
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent’s evening 1.30 pm – 6.30 pm
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wizard Of Oz 10.00 am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Play for parents Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 at 2.00pm.
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Play for parents Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 at 9.30am.
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reconciliation service for first communion participants Year 4 (in church) 2.30pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Merit Prize assembly 9.15 am (prize winner’s parents to be invited) Christmas class parties and <b>non-uniform day</b> pm (details to follow)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas service 9.30am (Church) we will be attending this as a whole school. Whole school Christmas dinner day. <b>(Children are encouraged to wear a Christmas Jumper on this day)</b>
	<b>FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> December. SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 1.30PM</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020</b>	<b>INSET Day - (Children do not attend)</b>
	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Pupils return to school</b>



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

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