

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term Newsletter 2019

Welcome back to 2019 and a Happy New Year to all our families. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and Santa brought everything your heart desired!



### THANKS

A huge "thank you" to all our families who supported our many fundraising activities during Christmas. The Christmas Fayre was a great success and raised £534.00. All monies raised help us to provide extras for the children like gifts and parties and also enable us to subsidise school trips, which in turn helps us to keep reduced costs for families. We also contribute to local and national charities on behalf of the children of St. Luke's. So once again, a huge THANK YOU!

### Attendance

A big "Well done" and thank you to all our children and families for their excellent efforts with attendance and being punctual last term. The benefits of your efforts continue to have great impact on our children and school. Well done to the certificate and prize winners for your excellent achievements.

### Staffing News

Please join us in welcoming Mr King to our Teaching Staff this term. Mr King will be working as part of the Year 6 Team and covering lots of classes PPA in the first instance. Welcome to Mr O'Brien, who is our new PE apprentice.

We offer a fond farewell and thank you to Miss Bauress who we congratulate on securing a learning mentor post in a Liverpool school and good luck to Miss Heneghan who has started her maternity leave as we await exciting news from her soon.

We would also like to share some good news for Miss Riley who is now Mrs Piercy, as she got married over the Christmas period and is also looking forward to being a new mum in June.

### Swimming

**Year 5** Swimming starts Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks – towel, full swimming costume (no bikini's) and bathing cap required for people with long hair.

**Year 4** Swimming starts Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks.

**Year 3** Swimming starts Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks.

**Please not Year 3's slot is the first Monday back after half term. (Letters to follow).**

### Inhalers

If your child has an inhaler, or any other medication which must be kept in school, could you please check that it is still in date? We cannot allow children to use an inhaler/medication that is past its 'use by' date.

### Gymnastics Classes

The children in Yr 3 and Yr 4 will continue to benefit from specialist coaching in gymnastics every Thursday afternoon. The children learn many skills including balances, rolls and jumps.



### Child Care

We continue to offer child care places for all children including Nursery up to 5.30 p.m. each school day. These facilities have been OFSTED inspected and judged as 'good with many excellent elements'. If you would like your child looked after by professional, qualified staff from Monday to Friday, then please contact school for details. Child care rates at St Luke's are extremely competitive and non-profit making in order to serve our families' needs. (Places available.) Toast Club starts from 8.30 am, 50p a slice.

### Robinwood Activity Holiday

The children in Y5 and Y6 will be visiting Robin Wood Activity Centre from Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 where they will experience the joys of outdoor activities including zip wire, nightline, canoeing and a whole host of fun activities. The cost is £250 and the next instalment of £50 is due on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

## Packed Lunches



Please remember that school does not check the contents of packed lunch boxes and we can only advise parents on what constitutes a healthy lunch. The Health Team recommend a few sandwiches, a piece of fruit and yoghurt with water as a drink. Please be aware that some of our children have nut allergies when you are preparing packed lunches for your child.

## Reception Applications for September 2019

The deadline for Reception Applications for 2019 is 15<sup>th</sup> January. If you have not already done so, you need to return your application by this date to Knowsley School Admissions Section or hand it to a member of the school office staff who will issue you with a receipt. Applications delivered through the school office will therefore need to be returned to school by this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January. Applications can also be submitted online [www.knowsley.gov.uk](http://www.knowsley.gov.uk)

## 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, including updating us of any changes in numbers or addresses) If you are unsure whether school is open or not, please ring 477 8580 or you can check the school website: [www.stluke.knowsley.sch.uk](http://www.stluke.knowsley.sch.uk) 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.



## Non-Uniform Day

Our next Non-Uniform Days will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January & Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March due to the February half term. The children will have the opportunity to wear their own clothes for a voluntary donation of £1 towards the School Levy.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 11th January	After school Dance Club starts, Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	Gym and Gym Club start for Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Everton Tournament Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Friends of St. Luke's - 3.15 pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Dance Class Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 at Church - 9.15 am
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Gym and Gym Club Year 3 and Year 4
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Swimming Year 5 starts at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Year 4 starts at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 - Road Safety
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming Year 3 starts at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks <b>(please note this is the first Monday back after half term break).</b>

## After School Clubs

Monday's	Year 5 and Year 6 boys football
Tuesday's	Year 4 to Year 6 Girls' football
Wednesday's	Year 3 to Year 6 Multisports
Thursday's	Year 3 and Year 4 Gymnastics
Friday's	Year 1 and Year 2 Dance

**FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHILDREN AT 3.15PM**

**Monday 25<sup>TH</sup> February: Children return to school at the normal times.**

Thanking you for your continued support.

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Headteacher