

A HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

## St. Luke's Catholic Primary School Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term Newsletter 2020

Welcome back to 2020 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, sponsored events and carol singing were a great success. 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.

### Swimming

**Year 5** Swimming starts Monday 20<sup>th</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 3<sup>rd</sup> February at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks.

**Year 3** Swimming starts Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks.

**Please note 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 will continue to benefit from specialist coaching in gymnastics every Friday starting 17<sup>th</sup> January at 3.15pm – 4.15pm. 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.) Breakfast Club starts from 8 am at a cost of £1.50 including cereals and breakfast items or from 8.30am at 50p a slice of toast.

### Robinwood Activity Holiday

The children in Y5 and Y6 will be visiting Robin Wood Activity Centre from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 where they will experience the joys of outdoor activities including zip wire, nightline, canoeing and a whole host of fun activities. The cost is £255 and the next instalment of £60 is due by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

### 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 2020

The deadline for Reception Applications for 2020 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 Monday 13<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 potential changes

Our next Non-Uniform Days will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January & Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February half term. The children will have the opportunity to wear their own clothes for a voluntary donation of £1 towards the School Levy.

This is something that St Luke's has done historically to collect the Archdiocese School Levy. I am aware that allowing children to wear own clothes so frequently may not actually suit everybody. I am hesitant to change the system mid year but I am proposing a one off own clothes day at beginning of next academic year to collect the £10 Levy per family. I am open to suggestions from families and there is now a suggestion box in the school office so please feel free to share any ideas or thoughts around this or any other issues. This is something I aim to keep in the school reception in order to improve opportunities for parents to share thoughts and ideas.

## Dates for your Diary

Friday 17th January	Year 3 Gymnastics
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming Year 5 starts at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks Reception Height and Weight measurements
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	National Puzzle Day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	Non-Uniform Day NSPCC Number & Assembly Day
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Swimming Year 4 starts at 10 am to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday for 2 weeks
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Religious Education Inspection
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 Rejoice Assembly 9.15am – School Hall
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Topic Showcase's (Religious Education) in classrooms 3.30pm
Monday 24 <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 6 table tennis & whole school Yoga
Tuesday's	Year 1 & 2 Multi-sports
Wednesday's	Year 5 & 6 football
Thursday's	Year 4 Multi-sports
Friday's	Year 3 gymnastics

**FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY: SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHILDREN AT 3.15PM**

**Monday 24<sup>TH</sup> February: Children return to school at the normal times.**

Thanking you for your continued support.

Mr. A Crist  
**Headteacher**