



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School
Autumn 1st Half Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents,

Welcome Back

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer break and managed to get a little sunshine at some point in the holidays. It is a pleasure to welcome back all of the children, who have returned eager and ready to start in their new classes after such challenging times. May I also extend a special welcome to our new families who have joined St. Luke's for the first time.

Thank you for all your support and patience whilst we have got used to our new staggered start/finish times. **Please follow us on facebook by searching St Luke Primary School and identifying by school logo as seen on top of this page. Information can also be found on our school website.**

Unfortunately we are currently unable to invite parents onto school premises or into school as much as we would like to. Hopefully we will be back to normal as soon as possible.

Staffing Update

May I take this opportunity to welcome Miss Sutton into Year 1 who is covering maternity leave for Mrs Friend. We would also like to say a fond farewell to Mrs Dooley who has retired from St Luke's after 25 years service.

Child Care & Early Childcare Offer (ECO)

If you want affordable quality child care from 8.30am – 5.30pm., Monday to Friday, then we can ensure your child is well looked after in a safe, secure environment. The cost for Daycare is £18 per day.

After School Club

£5 per day up until 4.30pm or £7 per night up until 5.30pm, including a snack. Please contact Mrs Lankertis for more information.

Breakfast club

starts at 8.00am – 8.50am costs £1.50 or 8.30am – 8.50am costs 50p. Can I remind parents that no supervision is available until 8.00am and ask that children arrive no earlier for toast club.

Please note St Luke's now offers the Early Childcare Offer for nursery aged children (upto 30 hours per week). Working parents who are eligible can find further information on the school website.

School Uniform

Well done to all our children on the high standard of uniform on their return to school. May I remind you that black shoes, **NOT TRAINER**. Please help us to keep track of uniform by ensuring all items of clothing including PE kits are clearly marked with your child's name. Can I remind parents that all children should wear the St. Luke's jumper or cardigan with the school logo. This is now available in good quality knitted styles. Now we are in the autumn term, pupils are expected to wear the Autumn/Winter uniform of shirts and ties not polo shirts or summer dresses.

Uniform is only available to purchase from TopForm, unit 22, Sinclair Way, Prescot Business Park, Knowsley, L34 1PB, Telephone 0151 426 1813 or www.schooluniformknowsley.co.uk. However we do have a limited stock of school ties to purchase from the school office for a cost of £5.00

P.E Kit & Days

Due to principal of lessening items coming to and from school. Your child will be allowed to come to school wearing their school PE kit on the day that they have PE and will wear for the day. PE kit is pale blue T- Shirt with school badge and Navy blue shorts. If the weather is cold they can wear navy blue tracksuit bottoms and school jumper or cardigan over their PE kits. These are available to purchase from uniform shop detailed above. Please see below for your child's PE days

Year 1 – Thursday & Friday

Year 2 – Tuesday & Wednesday

Year 3 – Monday & Friday

Year 4 – Monday & Thursday

Year 5 – Tuesday & Friday

Year 6 – Wednesday & Thursday

School Funding

You can help us to secure more school funding by applying for free school meals if you are in receipt of Housing benefit. The Government gives extra money to schools based on the number of children entitled to free school meals. It doesn't mean your child has to have free school meals, they can still bring a packed lunch, but it does mean that St. Luke's can access extra money for the school to spend on resources like computers and books. So please collect a form from the office if you think you may be eligible. As you are aware children up to and including Year 2 are entitled to free school meals already, however completing a free school meal form for those that are eligible would still be of great benefit to the school budget.

School Levy

Archdiocese school levy is charged to the school at £10 per child, per year. We are making changes to how this is collected this year. **Instead** of paying £1 per month and wearing own clothes on the last Friday of each month, we will now collect the **£10** one off charge on **Friday 25th September**. Children can wear their own clothes on this day. **Children can also wear their own clothes when it is their birthday if they would like to.** This is a special day for the children and everyone will know it is their birthday and can congratulate them.

Data Collection Sheet

Please see attached Data Sheet that needs to be completed in full and returned to school by Friday 11th September. It is essential we have up to date information to contact parents in the case of an emergency. If you get a new mobile phone please make us top of your list of people to tell of the change.

Privacy Notice

Please see refer to school website to familiarise yourself with school privacy notice, this is to be sent out every year to inform you on how we handle your data.

Class Dojo

You may hear your children talking about class dojo, this APP has been introduced to your child this week and we will be sending you further information next week with regards to how this new APP will be used with regards to setting homework and communication with parents and teachers etc.

Robinwood

Next year's Robinwood residential will be Wednesday 7th July – Friday 9th July 2021. Interest and deposit letters will be given out soon.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on **Tuesday 6th October** to record your child's beautiful smiling face! Please ensure your child is in full school uniform. If you have more than one child in the school they will be photographed as a family unless you request otherwise. More information to follow.

COVID-19 Symptoms and response guidance

If you develop symptoms of Covid-19 which are, new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of or change or in normal sense of taste or smell. If you develop these symptoms however mild or you have received a positive coronavirus test result, then you should immediately self- isolate for at least 10 days from when your symptoms started. If you live with others, all other household members who remain well must stay at home for and not leave the house for 14 days. If you have any symptoms of Covid-19, you should arrange a test by visiting [nhs.uk](https://www.nhs.uk) or contact 119 via telephone if you do not have internet access.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25 th September	Non uniform day/ School Levy payment
Tuesday 6 th October	School Photographs
Wednesday 14 th October	Wellbeing Wednesday

Afterschool Activities

All afterschool activities have been postponed until further notice

Thursday 22nd October 2020 – School finishes at normal time.

Monday 2nd November 2020 – Pupils return to school.

Thanking you for your continued support

Mr. A Crist