



St. Luke's Catholic Primary School **Autumn 1st Half Term Newsletter 2023**

Dear Families,

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 the children, who have returned eager and ready to start in their new classes. May I also extend a special welcome to our new staff and families who have joined St. Luke's for the first time.

Meet the Teacher Meetings

Next Wednesday 13th September is your first opportunity to meet your child's new teacher. All parents are welcome to meet in their child's class at 3.30pm on this day. This is an informal group meeting in which teachers will share key information and dates regarding this academic year. Presentations will be posted on Class Dojo for those parents who are unable to attend afterwards.

Staffing Updates

May I take this opportunity to welcome Miss Quilliam as Year 2 teacher and Mrs Crist who is now SENDCo/Mentor at St Luke's. Also, huge congratulations to Mrs Hughes who is expecting a baby in the new year.

Attendance & Punctuality

May I remind parents that school starts at 8.45am and finishes at 3.15pm. Staff will be on duty from 8.40am. Any child arriving after 8.50am will have to arrive through main office. Any child arriving at school after 8.45am will be marked as late in the register.

Arriving on time allows all children to be well prepared to start their learning without interruptions and helps them practise good life habits. You may not be aware that missing 10% of sessions is categorised as persistent absence.

Child Care & Early Childcare Offer (ECO)

If you want affordable quality childcare 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. St Luke's offers the Early Childcare Offer for nursery aged children (up to 30 hours per week). Working parents who are eligible can find further information on the school website.

After School Club

£6 per day up until 5.30pm, including a snack. Please contact Mrs Bloor for more information.

Breakfast club

starts at 8.00am – 8.50am costs £1.00 per day. Can I remind parents that no supervision is available until 8.00am and ask that children arrive no earlier for toast club.

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 TRAINERS**. 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

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 – Wednesday & Thursday

Year 6 – Wednesday & Friday

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 eligible for 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 family, per year. **Instead** of paying £1 per month and wearing own clothes on the last Friday of each month that historically happened at St Luke's we will now collect the **£10** one off charge on **Friday 15th 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. The School Levy can be paid on ParentPay or cash through the school office.

Data Collection Sheet

Please see attached Data Sheet that needs to be completed in full and returned to school by **Friday 8th 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 attached and 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 & ParentPay

Class dojo, this school APP is used to communicate with Parents. All new starters will be issued login details from the class teacher. All new starters will be issued with ParentPay login details.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on morning of **Tuesday 3rd 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.

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 13th September

Friday 15th September

Tuesday 3rd October

19th – 27th October

Thursday 26th October

Friday 27th October

Monday 6th November

Meet the teacher – 3.30pm

Non uniform day/ School Levy payment £10 per family

School Photographs

Bikeability Sessions for Year 5 & 6 (information to follow)

Journey In Love parents meeting Year 6

Rejoice Assembly Year 3

Staff INSET Day – (Children do not attend school on this day)

Friday 27th October 2023 – School finishes at normal time.

Tuesday 7th November 2023 – Pupils return to school.

Thanking you for your continued support
Mr. A Crist