



# Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

## Welcome from Mr. P

I am delighted to welcome you to the new school year at St. Luke's C of E, as I write my first fortnightly newsletter to you all. It has been wonderful to meet all of our wonderful pupils and families, as well as welcome our new FS2 pupils. All of the children have settled quickly into their routines and have been excited about their refreshed learning environments. A huge thank you to all of our families for how smart the pupils look in their new uniforms and for adhering to the whole-school policy on jewellery – Individual/family photos will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> November. More important dates for the year can be found within this newsletter.

Once again, may I thank you all for your kind and welcoming words as I get to know you all out on the yard and I wish everyone a very happy and successful year ahead.

## After School Club

As part of my initial enhancements to develop the offer St. Luke's provides to working families, we have begun to trial providing an after-school club, with a view to it continuing depended upon pupil-family engagement. See the poster below for more information:

**St. Luke's C of E Primary School**

## After School Club

**MONDAY TO FRIDAY** YEARS **F2-Y6**

LED BY: **MRS. GREEN & MISS BURROWS**

**FOOTBALL CLUB COACHED BY WORKSOP TOWN FC**

**THIS HALF-TERM WE WILL PROVIDE:**

- Monday: BAKING**
- Tuesday: FOOTBALL CLUB**
- Wednesday: DANCE/GYM**
- Thursday: BASKETBALL**
- Friday: ARTS & CRAFTS**

*Activity club (Monday to Friday)*  
First session: 3.15pm - 4.15pm (£5)

*Teatime club (Monday to Thursday)*  
Full session: 3.15pm - 5.30pm (£10)

*Children who remain for the full session will receive a light tea from a selection of options.*

Sign up via Parent Mail & for more information, please contact:  
**OFFICE@ST-LUKES.NOTTS.SCH.UK**

## Facebook and communication

To further extend communication opportunities with yourselves, and to offer an insight into daily life at St. Luke's C of E, I have established a school Facebook page, as I had previously at Beckingham. This will be used to update you on events and your children's learning. We are currently using the current photo permissions which we have on file, however please do contact the office if you wish to make any changes and we can update your children's paperwork. You can find our page by searching: ***stlukesprimaryshireoaks***.

From after the October half-term, we will also be moving to a new system for completing the daily registers and dinner register. This system will also replace Parent Mail and other payment apps, meaning we will be able to send you text messages and e-mails much more easily. Further information to follow.

## Parent's meetings

Letters inviting parents to attend a meeting before October half-term will be coming out soon. Please could you make sure that you return slips as swiftly as possible. Appointments are made in the order that slips are returned. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss any questions you might have and discuss how well your child/ren have settled in to their new classes – it will also be an opportunity to take a look at your child/ren's books in the school hall, whilst you wait for your appointment.

## Jeans for Genes

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, the children are invited to wear jeans instead of their usual trousers, dress or skirt for a donation of £1 to support children with Genetic Disorders.

## Lone Walking & Collection Passwords

Over the coming week, I will be issuing a Microsoft form for all parents to complete. Please can you complete this form and identify a special word or phrase you would like someone, other than yourselves, to use when collecting your children at the end of the day. Thank you in anticipation.

Additionally, thank you to all the parents of the Y6 pupils who have signed and returned the new 'Lone Walking' permission policy. Just a gentle reminder that children under the age of 16 cannot collect St. Luke's pupils for safeguarding reasons.

## Asda Cash Pot

Parentkind – a charity that supports schools - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative.

To support our school, all you have to do is opt-in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our school, shop and scan in store or shop online at [Asda.com](https://www.asda.com).

Over the summer the computer room was decommissioned and I plan for the space to be transformed into a library using the money we fundraise over the coming year – we thank you for your support.



## Whole-school rewards and team points

We have a Team House Points System at St. Luke's as one of our many ways of recognising positive behaviour choices and success at school. Every child is given a House to support on entry to school and they remain a member of this team throughout their time at school. My plan is to re-establish the collective reward from pre-pandemic, meaning pupils will be incentivised to collect Tree Tokens in order for their house team to have the greatest total possible for a reward each half term. Rewards will include: Movie afternoons, craft and design afternoons, special visitors in and much more. Each House team's weekly total will be shared in Friday assembly.

## Friday Values Assemblies

Over the coming weeks, once I have become settled into school life, I plan to welcome parents each Friday to a special mentions/'Star of the Week' assembly to acknowledge individual pupils' success in line with our Golden Rules and whole school values. I look forward to welcoming you all into school on a Friday, very soon!

## Diary Dates

### September

- 10<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Headteacher Parent Coffee Meeting at 9am
- 13<sup>th</sup> – Y5 & Y6 swimming starts
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Via Road Safety Assembly/Workshops (All day)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Jeans for Genes day (£1 donation)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Return Flu vaccination letters
- 27<sup>th</sup> – Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9am

### October

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Red Card to Racism (Come to school wearing red)
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations
- 7<sup>th</sup> – No after school club due to staff training
- 10<sup>th</sup> – World Mental Health Day (Come to school wearing yellow)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Phonics Workshop @ 5pm (all welcome)
- 14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> – Scholastic Book Fair Week
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Parents' Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 9am Fire Engine Visit for KS1 (Workshop Fire Service)/Fireworks Assembly
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Harvest Festival in Church @ 2pm – All welcome (Bassetlaw Foodbank)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Last Day

### November

- 4<sup>th</sup> – Children Return
- 7<sup>th</sup> – Dogs Trust assembly & workshops
- 8<sup>th</sup> – Non Uniform Day – Exchange for Christmas Chocolate/Hamper Prizes
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Anti-Bullying week (Odd Socks all week)
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need £1 donation (Non-uniform Day)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Parent's maths / Calculation workshop @5pm (all welcome)
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Writes Individual/Family Photos
- 21<sup>st</sup> – EYFS Stay & Play: Phonics (Letter formation)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Non Uniform Day – Exchange for Christmas Chocolate/Hamper Prizes
- 29<sup>th</sup> – EYFS & KS1 to Pearl Thorpe

### December

- 4<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Craft afternoon (1 adult per family welcomed)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – KS1 & EYFS Nativity in Church (pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner Day/Party pm/Santa
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Progress Reports to parents
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Christingle in Church (pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day