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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are at half term already!

Last week, our Year 6 children approached the statutory tests in a mature manner and Miss Tomlinson and Mrs Dilks were proud of them all. Plans are in place for their final half term, before they make their transition to Year 7. This year, we have children moving to Valley, Portland and Meden.

As we look ahead, Mr Bell will be running a 'welcome to St Luke's session' for all of our new starter families after half term. This will be followed with a series of visits, so that the children are familiar with school before they officially start with us in September. We do have further spaces available, so please spread the word!

## **Attendance**

We are seeing a positive 'difference' to the start of the day. Children are arriving promptly, and it is enabling school to make a swifter start to the day – so thank you for your support.

## **Summer 2 After School Plans**

Please book your place and support the after-school provision.

Monday – Gymnastics/dance

Tuesday – Hockey

Wednesday – Football

Thursday – Soft Archery

Friday – Arts & Crafts

## **Looking Ahead**

Monday 17th June marks the beginning of 'National School Sports Week!' Inspired by the Euros and Paralympics, we are going to be completing a range of activities for 60 minutes a day. If there are any parents who coach football outside of school and would be willing to volunteer their time to prepare some coaching football sessions for the children aged 4-11, then Miss Browes would love to hear from you! Please email the school office and Miss Browes will contact you. Thank you!





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## News from the Classes

### Creswell Class

This week the class have been reading a traditional tale called 'The Enormous Turnip'. They have enjoyed retelling the story through role-play and have also enjoyed retelling the story through their writing.

In maths, they have been creating shape pictures using 2D shapes. The children have been so creative with their designs.

The Great Sunflower Competition - This week, each tree team planted some sunflower seeds, and they decided it would be good if they turned it into a competition. The children have noticed this week that shoots are beginning to pop out of two of the teams! Mr Bell will keep posting progress of this on the class webpage.



### Elmton Class

Elmton Class have worked extremely hard over the last couple of weeks, and they should be very proud of themselves. The children have been practising their phonics sounds, in preparation for their 'Phonics Screening' test next half term. In maths, they have been learning about multiplication and division. They have learnt how to make arrays, how to double bigger numbers and how making equal groups, by sharing and grouping. In English, they have written setting descriptions using lots of exciting adjectives to describe a range of gardens, relating to their class book. In art, they have learnt about an artist called Henri Matisse and they had a go at creating their own artwork, using his techniques and style. In PSHE,





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they have continued their learning about feelings, thinking how their feelings can affect other people's actions and their own.

## Rufford Class

Rufford Class have been busy working hard on their spellings and have learnt lots of new spelling rules over the past few weeks. They have also done some super important work around mental health and have been talking about how to maintain positive mental health, including activities such as talking to friends or listening to music. They have been finishing lots of topics for this half term, now able to tell the time using the analogue clock in Maths and discuss the life of 'Walter Tull' in History. They have been learning about germination and are coming to the end of their experiment testing what plants need in order to survive - well done to each group for successfully growing a new plant!



## Clumber Class

Clumber have had a fantastic half term. They have really enjoyed their Egyptian topic. They created their own instructions for how to mummify a Pharaoh. They have also consolidated their learning in science by creating their own book about plants! The children included the key features and what plants need to grow. In Maths, they have created their own shop and practised calculating change. In PSHE, they have been discussing what makes an identity, how are we different and what makes us special? In PE, they have been practising throwing and running as part of their athletics.





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### Thoresby Class

Thoresby Class have identified the features of a setting description, looking at the powerful vocabulary used and describing the five features of what they would expect to see, hear, touch, smell and taste if they were at the setting they described.

In addition to this, they have been working exceptionally hard with practising their fluency, pace and recall of multiplication sums up to 12 in preparation for the Multiplication Check on Wednesday 5th June.

### Sherwood Class

Sherwood Class have been busy designing and baking their own bread. They have taste tested lots of different bread varieties and chosen their favourite flavours. They had a fabulous time baking the bread rolls and seeing the results. Everyone has worked really hard in Maths over the last couple of weeks learning how to read co-ordinate grids and plot points accurately. In English, everyone has created their own advert for a new food item and have thought of some very catchy slogans. The children were really looking forward to their walk down the canal to finish off their history topic on the local area!

### Welbeck Class

What a busy couple of weeks they have had in Welbeck Class! The children worked incredibly hard during SATs week and Miss Tomlinson was incredibly proud at the children's attitude towards the tests. In class, they have continued their learning about World War Two. They have learnt about rationing and have been busy designing and building safety shelters. The children have really enjoyed this topic!

They are coming to the end of our orienteering topic in PE. The children have learnt to create maps, set instructions for their peers and to work as part of a team to correctly complete the course. They have also recently completed their water safety learning during their swimming lessons. The children wore clothes/pyjamas to learn skills for keeping themselves and others safe when around water.

At the start of next half term, some of the children in Welbeck Class will be going on residential to Willersley Castle. The children staying behind will have a fantastic





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time with the children remaining from Y5 and will complete a unit of work based on an exciting new topic.

As always, we are here to work in partnership for the children so if you any queries or issues please do not hesitate to contact one of the team.

With my very best wishes for an enjoyable half term break,

Mrs Middleton & the St Luke's team

## Looking ahead:

### May

#### **24<sup>th</sup> Inset Day**

27th – 31st Half term

### **June**

3<sup>rd</sup> - Return to school.

Two-week window Year 4 statutory multiplication check

Residential for Sherwood & Welbeck

10<sup>th</sup> – Statutory Phonics Testing Year 1 all week

11<sup>th</sup> – Finance Committee of Governors meeting.

14<sup>th</sup> – Clumber Class trip

17<sup>th</sup> – Sports Week

Full Governors meeting

19<sup>th</sup> - Big Transition for named Y6.

New Reception Starters meeting 4pm

20<sup>th</sup> – Big Transition for named Y6.

24<sup>th</sup> – Class Photos.

### **July**

3rd – Year 6 transition & Whole School Class swap day.





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- 4th – Year 6 transition
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Provisional date for Sports Day
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Pride at St Luke's
- 16<sup>th</sup> – Creswell Class trip
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Yr. 6 Celebration event - NEW DATE
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Leaver's Service 2pm in Church.
- Last Day of term

Notts County Council publish the school holiday patterns for forthcoming years – take a look on the County Council website.

