



Executive Headteacher  
Mrs C Middleton

26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are two weeks into the summer term already! The children have settled in well and are embarking on new learning within their classes. Don't forget that your child's curriculum for the term can be found on the class page on the website ([www.st-lukes.notts.sch.uk](http://www.st-lukes.notts.sch.uk))

It has been an eventful with our visitors to the school grounds last week!



As we live in an increasingly digital society, we will be reducing the number of letters being sent out in paper form and will email them directly to parents/carers as well as uploading to the website. Please ensure we have the most up to date email address for you. If you do not have access to an electronic device then please let us know. If we reduce our paper costs, we can redirect our funds to further resources for the children.

A polite reminder that the school day begins at 8.45am. The staff team will be out on the school playground to greet the children from 8.40am to enable you to pass on any messages you may have ensuring a prompt start to the day.

We recognise how difficult it can be to get appointments for dentists and doctors at the moment, but can we please encourage you to make routine appointments for your children out of school hours/in school holidays where possible to minimise disruption to their learning.





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## News from the Classes

### Creswell Class

They have had a super start back in Creswell Class. It has been a very exciting week, where the children have been taking care of a baby dragon called 'Night Fury'. They were so excited and curious about how to take care of it. The children have enjoyed making a habitat for the dragon and they have been doing some super writing about how to look after it. Take a look at their incredible work.



### Elmton Class

Elmton Class have had a fantastic couple of weeks back at school. They have really enjoyed writing postcards about their adventures during the holidays and using exciting adjectives to describe them. In art, they have been learning about printing. They used a range of sponges to create their own printing pattern and then designed their own printing stamp. They used card and string to bring their designs to life and they are excited to create our own artwork. In maths, the children have enjoyed learning about mass, volume and capacity. They weighed a range of objects as well as using water to show how to measure the volume and capacity. Elmton Class have also loved their music lessons. They have been learning different songs about the sea, sun and pirates and they have created dance routines to go with them. The children have worked very hard this half term and they are proud of the work they have produced!





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## Rufford Class

It has been a very exciting time in Rufford Class as they are now responsible for some chicks! The children have been incubating eggs and 9 of these have hatched into chicks. They have to clean them out each day and make sure they have enough food and water. They also get to hold them too! As part of this, the children have been learning about chickens and their habitat, life cycle and diet alongside the meaning of responsibility and how we can help others. In other areas of the curriculum, the children have been learning about fractions in Maths, plants in Science and Walter Tull in History! They are also in the process of planning and writing their own mystery stories in English and are learning about water and rail safety in PSHE.



## Clumber Class

Clumber Class have enjoyed the first two weeks back of half term. They have been learning about the Egyptians. They have started to discuss and write their own Egyptian traditional tale. In Maths, they have been focusing on measuring skills. In Science, they have been conducting an investigation where they have been finding out if plants can grow without soil, water or light. Some of their plants with water and cotton wool have started to grow! In computing, the children have been developing their typing skills. In P.E, they have been learning how to sprint.





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In D.T, they have planned their own Egyptian shaduf – we can't wait to see the final products!

## Thoresby Class

Thoresby Class have had a fantastic half term so far! They have been identifying the features of haiku, tanka and cinquain poems, learning about their strict rules whilst trying to replicate them. In Maths, they have enjoyed learning more about decimals. The children could explain what decimals are, why they are used and could place them correctly on a number line whilst counting the intervals and recognising the patterns to accurately locate the missing decimal.

In Science, they have been learning more about electricity. The children have loved learning what common appliances use electricity and have been able to name its basic parts including a cell, battery, switch, cells, wires, bulbs and buzzers. Miss Browes has been extremely proud of the research Thoresby Class did to find out more information about different Ancient Civilisations and how well the children could place the Ancient Civilisations in chronological order.

## Sherwood Class

In Sherwood class this week, they have been investigating dissolving in science by experimenting with coffee. They are waiting to see if they can recover the coffee by evaporation. The children have also really enjoyed the start of their history topic looking at the development of Shireoaks. In particular, the railway and canal. If you have any local knowledge, old photographs then do let us know.

## Welbeck Class

The children have continued to focus on their class book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. They have been answering questions about the text and have started to discuss parts of the story that has taken them by surprise. They have linked their class book to their PSHE learning and started to identify stereotypes in the book and made predictions about what might happen next.

The class have also been extremely enthusiastic with their World War Two learning. This week, they listened to Neville Chamberlain's radio announcement declaring war on Germany and discussed the impact this would have had on British people hearing it. The children are so eager to learn more that they are researching facts at home to share with the class. If you have any family stories from WW2 times, then please let us know!





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Looking forward to meeting more of you in the coming days.

With my very best wishes,

Mrs Middleton & the St Luke's team

**Looking ahead:**

**May**

6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday – school closed.

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

27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 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

14<sup>th</sup> – Clumber Class trip

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

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**July**

3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 transition

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5<sup>th</sup> - Provisional date for Sports Day





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19<sup>th</sup> – Yr6 Celebration event

26<sup>th</sup> – Leaver's Service 2pm

Last Day of term

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

