



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

As we settle into the rhythm of the new school year, I'm delighted to share some of the exciting happenings and achievements that have been brightening our days at St. Luke's since we last spoke.

First and foremost, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all who attended my recent 'Meet the new Headteacher' coffee morning. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect with many of you, share our vision for the school, and hear your thoughts and ideas. Your warm welcome and enthusiasm have truly made me feel part of this vibrant community.

In our commitment to developing well-rounded individuals, we've kicked off some exciting extracurricular activities. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils have taken to the water as swimming lessons have begun. It's been wonderful to hear how their confidence grows with each splash and stroke! Meanwhile, the sounds of Africa have been echoing through our halls as Year 4 have started their African drumming lessons with Tommy each Thursday. The rhythmic beats and infectious energy have brought a new dimension to our musical offerings.

Safety and safeguarding are always at the forefront of our minds, and we recently hosted a day of Road Safety workshops and an assembly, led by VIA. These sessions provided invaluable lessons on staying safe, while navigating our streets. The pupils engaged enthusiastically, asking thoughtful questions and demonstrating a mature understanding of the importance of road safety. Let us hope they can showcase their new skills as you walk to and from school each day.

As we look ahead, I'm filled with optimism for the term to come. The energy and dedication I've witnessed from our pupils, staff, and parents alike are truly inspiring. Together, we're creating a nurturing environment where every child can flourish and reach their full potential.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community. Here's to many more exciting adventures and achievements in the weeks and months ahead!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Following the success of our recent coffee morning, I would like to welcome you into school again, on Friday 27th September for a Macmillan coffee morning. If you would like to attend, please complete the Microsoft form which has been sent out by Parent Mail. This time, as the event is for charity, tea, coffee, cake and biscuits will be available, for a small cost to raise money for charity. I hope to see you then!



Cauliflower Cards (actually nothing to do with cauliflowers!!)

As the nights draw in and the weather begins to turn, we are starting to plan ahead for Christmas. This year, we are pleased to offer the Christmas card printing service from Cauliflower Cards. Cauliflower Cards provide a service allowing your child's art work to be professionally printed into a high quality, personal and unique Christmas cards, wrapping paper or gifts for you to give to family and friends. We, as a school, will receive a small proportion of the money raised, which helps us to providing additional treats and experiences for the children. All classes have created a card design using different medium and demonstrating progression of their artistic skills. Designs (alongside a separate letter) have been sent home today for viewing and hopefully, ordering!

After School Club

WOW! What a great success after school club has been. It has been so wonderful to see Mrs. Green and Miss Burrows so busy with the children as they partake in so many great activities, including football, cookery, arts and crafts, gymnastics and basketball. Given the popularity and the positive attendance figures, it's clear that we can confirm that after-school club will be remaining as a permanent feature of life at St. Luke's Primary School. We are now keen to explore the possibility of a breakfast club. The questionnaire has been sent out and we hope to begin this from the middle of next week.



Speaking with the teacher

Please ensure that you keep any conversations with your child's class teacher each morning as brief as possible. It is imperative, especially as the weather becomes increasingly cold and wet, that we get the children in and settled to learn as swiftly as possible. If you need to speak about something that might take a little longer, please either catch them after school or book an appointment via the school office. Thank you.

Red Card to Racism!

This coming Friday 4th October is Red Card to Racism Day. On this day, we would love to welcome the children to school wearing red. Over the month of October, to celebrate Black History Month, the children will be studying inspirational figures from Black History and this event is a terrific way to kick start the month as we show racism the red card!

Entry via the main gate

Please can I politely request, that if you are visiting the school during school hours, that you access the reception area via the car park gate, rather than the pedestrian gate which we have used historically. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr. Bell does Phonics!

On Thursday 10th October, we would love to welcome you to school from 5pm for a workshop with Mr. Bell – our phonics and early reading lead – to gain an insight into our phonics scheme. The session will focus on how you can support your children at home with phonics and early reading and offer you an opportunity to ask any reading/phonics related questions! We hope to see as many of you as possible. A Microsoft form will be headed your way soon to indicate your attendance.

Star of the Week

It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into school today as we kickstarted our new 'Star of the Week' assemblies. I am so incredibly proud of how well the children have settled back into school and how they are able to live up to our new school values with such ease. Well done all!

Young Voices is BACK!

Mr. Bell and Miss Phillipson are already dusting off their dancing shoes and readying their vocal chords for the weekly Young Voices club. This year, it will run over a lunchtime on a Tuesday from 12pm – 12.30pm. Young Voices will take place at Sheffield Arena on Tuesday 28th January.

Diary Dates

September

20th – Return Flu vaccination letters

27th – Macmillan Coffee Morning at 9am

October

4th – Red Card to Racism (Come to school wearing red)

7th – Flu Vaccinations

7th – No after school club due to staff training

10th – World Mental Health Day (Come to school wearing yellow)

10th – Whole School Phonics Workshop @ 5pm (all welcome)

14th to 18th – Scholastic Book Fair Week

14th – Harvest Festival Week for Bassetlaw Foodbank

15th – Parents' Evening

16th – Parents' Evening

17th – 9am Fire Engine Visit for KS1 (Workshop Fire Service)/Fireworks Assembly

18th – Last Day

November

4th – Children Return

7th – Dogs Trust assembly & workshops

8th – Non Uniform Day – Exchange for Christmas Chocolate/Hamper Prizes

11th – Anti-Bullying week (Odd Socks all week)

11th – Remembrance Assembly

15th – Children in Need £1 donation (Non-uniform Day)

19th – Parent's maths / Calculation workshop @5pm (all welcome)

19th – Wrates Individual/Family Photos

21st – EYFS Stay & Play: Phonics (Letter formation)

22nd – Non Uniform Day – Exchange for Christmas Chocolate/Hamper Prizes

29th – EYFS & KS1 to Pearl Thorpe

December

4th – KS2 Carols by Candlelight and Christmas Fayre 3:30pm – 5:30pm

11th – Christmas Craft afternoon (1 adult per family welcomed)

12th – KS1 & EYFS Nativity (Times to be confirmed)

18th – Christmas Dinner Day/Party pm/Santa

19th – Progress Reports to parents

19th – Christingle

20th – Last day

January

6th – INSET Day

7th – Children Return

For all INSET dates and holiday dates, please visit the parents tab of the website and select Term Dates/Opening hours – Thank you!