



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

This week our pupils have been engaging in important discussions and activities surrounding equality and diversity. We've marked Red Card to Racism, taking a stand against discrimination and promoting equality. This initiative dovetailed beautifully with our celebration of Black History Month, during which our children explored the lives and contributions of inspirational black figures from history. The children have really enjoyed learning about historical figures such as Nelson Mandela, Jesse Owens, Rosa Parks, Mae Jemison, Gandhi, Harriet Tubman and Malala.

I'm thrilled to report that our school community's generosity knows no bounds. Your purchase of your children's Christmas card designs has raised an impressive £160 for our school fund, from your purchases. This money will be put to good use, enhancing the learning experiences we offer. Even more remarkably, our Macmillan coffee morning and chocolate hamper raffle raised a staggering £390 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Your kindness will make a real difference to those facing cancer, and I couldn't be prouder of our school family.

Also, this week and in exciting news, we've begun trialling a breakfast club to assess its viability for St. Luke's. We're always looking for ways to support our families and ensure our pupils start their day in the best possible way.

Finally, I'm delighted to report that our weekly celebration assemblies are in full swing and proving to be a great success. These gatherings provide a wonderful opportunity to showcase how our pupils embody our new school values. It's heart-warming to see our children recognised for their efforts and achievements, and to witness the positive impact this recognition has on their confidence and motivation. It's even better to have you all there to share in their recognition!

As we continue through this term, I'm filled with pride at the compassion, creativity, and enthusiasm our pupils display daily. Your ongoing support as parents and carers is invaluable, and together, we're creating a vibrant, nurturing environment where our children can flourish. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education - here's to many more successes together!

Odd Socks for Anti-Bullying Week

On Monday 11th November, we would love to welcome the whole school to come wearing **odd socks!** We would love it even more if the children wore odd socks all week to express themselves and celebrate their originality and what makes them so unique. To acknowledge this week, we are running a whole school competition for children to design their very own individual sock puppet at home, to bring in and share over that week – these will be displayed in school, alongside other work from the week! We cannot wait to see your sock puppets!!!!



Yellow for Mental Health

On Thursday 10th October, we invite the whole school to partake in a non-uniform day by wearing something yellow to celebrate World Mental Health Day.

The teachers have planned an entire day of activities across school to help pupils develop strategies to support mental health and also promote hobbies and interests to help well-being. Some of the activities which the children will be taking part in include: cooking and baking, craft activities, Yoga and relaxing techniques, sport, reading for pleasure and in one class they are having a Spa Day by making their own face masks!!! We hope that children will recognise the activities, interests and hobbies available to them, away from computers and screens, as a means of destressing. Keep an eye out on our social media feed for photos of that day – it's going to be great!

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Harvest Week

As we embrace the autumn season, our thoughts turn to Harvest Festival week. This year, we're supporting Bassetlaw Food Bank. We're kindly asking for donations of tins, packeted and dried goods.

To celebrate this special time, each phase will be offering a Harvest Performance in the school hall. These events will take place from Tuesday 15th October to Friday 18th October, at 2.45pm each day. It's a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to showcase their talents, whilst reflecting on the importance of harvest and giving. The dates are as follows:

Y5 & Y6: 15.10.24/**Y3 & Y4:** 16.10.24/**Y1 & Y2:** 17.10.24/**FS2:** 18.10.24

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair arrives at St. Luke's from Monday 14th October until Friday 18th October and will be in school over both nights of Parent's evening. It will also be available to access/make purchases before and after school each day. For each book purchased, the school receive a percentage to spend on new books for our own classrooms and library.

Breakfast Club

To continue our support to working parents, after the success of our new after school club, we are now trialling a Breakfast Club provision before school from 7.45am until 8.45am for a payment of £4 per child. Following an overwhelming interest from our Microsoft Form, we plan to trial this until half-term, however should actual numbers prove to not be financially viable, we will look to reconsider how we present the offer. **Childcare vouchers accepted.**

BPBP Coffee mornings

For 3-weeks after the October half-term, we plan to offer some drop-in coffee morning sessions with Kerry Macadam from the Bassetlaw Primary Behaviour Partnership. On 6.11.24/13.11.24/20.11.24, Kerry will be offering workshops and advice from 8.45am on each of the days around ways to support you at home with strategies for helping your children with sleep, unpicking behaviours, importance of language and approaches to language development and how to support your children with emotional regulation and unhelpful emotions at home. These conversations will help to inform and upskill you about strategies through 1:1 parenting support and how to access relevant and appropriate services. She's a great sounding board and full of so much useful advice!

Wreath Making

On Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th November, we will be hosting two wreath making sessions from 6.30pm until 8.30pm each night. Feel free to bring your friends and family for an evening of festive cheer as you make your very own wreath for £35 pp with all materials and a glass of mulled wine/fizz included all led by an instructor. Please visit or email the office to reserve a space and make a booking! Limited spaces are available.

Facebook

Remember, for more regular updates we have the school Facebook page - **@stlukesprimaryshireoaks**



Diary Dates

October

- 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' Evenings
- 16th – Parents' Evenings
- 17th – 9am Fire Engine Visit for KS1 (Worksop 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)
- 15th – Thoresby Class Trip to Rushcliffe Country Park
- 19th – Parent's maths / Calculation workshop @5pm (all welcome)
- 19th – Writes 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
- 15th – EYFS Balance Bikes
- 17th – Canal Trust visit
- 21st to 30th – UKS2 Bikeability training (Formerly cycling proficiency)

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