



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

Where has the first half-term gone – the first few weeks have flown by but what a bustling few weeks we've had at our wonderful school! This fortnight it's been an absolute joy to see our pupils thriving and engaging in such a diverse range of activities. I'm delighted to share some of the highlights with you all.

First and foremost, a hearty congratulations to our boys' football team! After a four-year hiatus, they stepped onto the pitch with determination and skill, securing a fantastic 7-1 victory against Ranby C of E Primary. What a triumphant return to the game! Then, last night they played a terrific game against Claborough Primary School, playing in the lead up until the second half. Well done, lads – you've made us all incredibly proud.

Our Creswell Class had an exciting adventure at Blagg Farm recently. The children were wide-eyed with wonder as they explored the impressive array of tractors and farm equipment. These hands-on experiences are invaluable, bringing learning to life in ways that simply can't be replicated in the classroom.

Mr. Bell and the KS1 team delivered an astoundingly informative Phonics workshop, explaining how phonics and early reading is taught across school and he hopes to deliver this session again in the future to those who missed it!

World Mental Health Day saw our school awash with yellow as pupils and staff alike donned bright colours to raise awareness. The day was filled with an assortment of activities designed to promote wellbeing and relaxation. From yoga sessions to hobby and craft activities, and even cookery classes, there was something for everyone. Our Year 3 pupils took relaxation to the next level, creating facemasks and enjoying a moment of calm with cucumber slices on their eyes!

This week's parents' evening was a resounding success. It was heartening to hear such positive feedback about how well our pupils have settled into the new term. Your children's progress and happiness are at the heart of everything we do, and it's wonderful to see them flourishing.

Our Harvest Festivals were a true community affair, with parents and extended family members joining us to celebrate. Your generous donations to Bassetlaw Foodbank were overwhelming – thank you for your kindness and support. It's heartening to see our school community coming together to help those in need.

Lastly, we were honoured to welcome the Fire Brigade to St. Luke's for a special Fireworks Safety assembly. Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 pupils were particularly excited to explore the fire engine up close. These visits not only educate our children about important safety measures but also inspire them about potential future careers.

As we move forward into the next term, I'm filled with pride at the vibrant, supportive, and caring community we have here at St. Luke's. From sporting triumphs to acts of kindness, from exciting excursions to moments of mindfulness, our pupils continue to impress and inspire us every day. I cannot wait for the excitement of festivity of my absolute favourite half-term as we move into Autumn 2, ready for the excitement of Christmas!!!

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!!!!



Wrap Around Care

We will be continuing our wrap around care offer after the half-term, offering breakfast from **7.30am each morning**, with food being served until 8.20am for the cost of £4 per session. We will continue to offer our after-school provision, too. This will continue to be led by Mrs. Green, Miss Burrows and on a Tuesday, Worksop Town Football Club. The first half session will continue to run from 3.15pm until 4.15pm for the cost of £5 and the full session will run from 3.15pm until 5.30pm with a light snack of a sandwich or hot-dog etc. for £10.

Children in Need

On Friday 15th November, we will be inviting the children to come to school wearing something non-uniform/spotty for Children in Need!

As always, ASDA stock a great array of CiN products and T-Shirts!



2024/25 Key Assessment Dates

Just a reminder that we expect the children to be in school for the following statutory assessment dates:

Year 6 SATs:

Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May, 2025

Year 1 & 2 Phonics:

Monday 9th June to Friday 13th June, 2025

Year 4 Multiplication Tests:

Tuesday 3rd June to Friday 13th June, 2025

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.

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.

Volunteers!!

With some great community events planned including the Christmas and Summer Fayres, Discos, Family Bingo nights and more, I would love to welcome a team of adults to help support the school team deliver these events for our children.

Mr. Phillips will be holding a meeting after school on **Wednesday 6th November** to discuss and plan the upcoming Christmas Fayre – See you then!

Autumn 2 After-School Clubs

To book your club slots, please sign up online.

Monday: Cooking Club

Tuesday: Worksop Town FC

Wednesday: Coding Club

Thursday: Arts & Crafts Club

Friday: Movie Club

Diary Dates

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 – 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 Perltorpe

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)

February

3rd – Children's mental Health Week

6th – EYFS Stay & Play: Writing

7th – NSPCC Number Day

7th – Valentine's Day Disco

10th – Book Fair Week

11th – Parent's Evenings

12th – Parent's Evenings

14th – Last Day

24th – Children return

24th to 28th – Acorn Theatre Week

March

5th – Onesie upon a time (5pm – 6.30pm)

6th – World Book Day Dress up day

For all INSET dates and holiday dates, please visit the parents tab