



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

Welcome back to the start of the second half of the autumn term. It has been wonderful to see the children so refreshed and ready to re-engage with the learning and also wonderful to see how keen you all were to have the children back in school after your two weeks break!!!

This half term is always my favourite half-term and one that I know will be busy for yourselves too, as we invite you into school for the Christmas Fayre, Christmas craft afternoon and nativities. I hope the notice you have been given since September has been sufficient to ensure you are able to come and support/attend these memorable experiences with your children.

Whilst the fortnightly newsletter was sent at the end of the half-term, I wanted to send another newsletter at the beginning of this one, just with a few reminders and notices to keep you informed as we fast approach this busy period!

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!



Wreath Making

Regrettably, due to a lack of uptake, we are unable to offer the session on Wednesday 27th November, due to low numbers. If you have reserved a place for this date, please do let us know if you would like to move across to Tuesday 26th November. The wreath making session will run from 6.30pm until 8.30pm and will make 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.



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!!!!

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!



Jam Jars (for jam jar tombola)

As part of the Christmas Fayre on Wednesday 4th December, we will be offering a Jam Jar Tombola. We would love if parent's and families could donate clean, empty jam jars to school so that they can be filled with treats and sweets. Thank you to those of you who have already donated to our collection. Your support is very much appreciated.





Non-uniform Day for Chocolate donations!!

Just a reminder that this Friday – 8th November - is a non-uniform day for the children, in return for chocolate bars and sweets for the Christmas Fayre chocolate tombola and raffle. This donation is in place of the usual monetary donation. Thank you for your continued support to ensure that the Christmas Fayre is as busy as possible.

Welcome!!!

As you may have been aware, we recently advertised for a new office manager, following Mrs. Robertson's departure. Before we broke up for the half term we appointed Ms. Yi Yip. Ms. Yi Yip joins us with a wealth of experience and school knowledge, as she currently works for Notts. CC at their Ollerton branch. We look forward to her commencing from Monday 2nd December. Also, before the break ourselves and Notts. CC (who provide our school meals) worked together to appoint a new school cook. We are overjoyed to announce that from yesterday our new cook is Miss Robinson, who previously ran the kitchen at St. Joseph's Primary School in Retford. We are looking forward to working with her!



Individual/Family School Photo Day

On Tuesday 19th November, we are anticipating the usual freshly pressed uniform and perfectly styled hair as we offer the annual individual and family photos. We will be running the individual portraits throughout the day, however if you would like a photo of your child with their siblings who do not currently attend this school, we would welcome them to join us from 8am for an earlier family portrait. On this day, please do not send your children into school in PE kit. Thank you in anticipation.

EYFS Stay & Play

On Thursday 21st November, we look to welcome our FS2 adults to join their children for a morning of special activities in class to support you children in undertaking an array of Phonics based activities from 9am until 10.15am. This time will be a wonderful opportunity to explore learning with your child, first hand, and work to support you in learning a little bit more about how phonics is delivered in school. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



Arbor

With many of the changes that I have begun to bring to St. Luke's, communication with yourselves has been my biggest priority, however as I am certain you can appreciate, Rome wasn't built in a day! This said, I am pleased to share that we are moving to a programme called Arbor to manage our messaging, e-mails, payments and bookings and pretty much everything else! This means that you will all need to download a new app – Arbor. This app will in time, replace Parent Pay and Parent Mail. Please could I ask that you download the app in anticipation and then wait for further guidance. We are so excited to deliver this 'one-stop shop' for everything, but we just want to iron out the creases before we pass it onto yourselves. This said, I am certain there will be teething problems as we transition. Thank you in anticipation.

Poppy Appeal

We are currently selling poppies and other poppy appeal related items such as snap bands, bracelets and poppies for zippers, ranging from 50p to £1 with paper poppies being sold for a donation. If you would like your child to purchase these items, they will be passing through school over the next few days, so please do send your child into school with the correct money to pay for the items – thank you.

The village Church Service will be taking place at St Luke's Church on Sunday 10th November at 10am, where it would be utterly wonderful for yourselves and our children to join myself in attending the service.



Dates

Please refer the previous newsletter – emailed and on Facebook - for a more detailed timeline of dates on this occasion. Thank you.