



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

What a bustling few weeks we've had at our school! It's been wonderful to see our pupils engaged in such a variety of enriching activities, both in and out of the classroom.

I'm thrilled to share that Bikeability (formerly known as Cycling Proficiency) has been in full swing at St. Luke's. Our pupils have been learning invaluable skills to cycle safely around the village. It warms my heart to hear the positive feedback from our community members who have noticed the success of this initiative. A huge thank you to the Bikeability team for their excellent coaching. Creswell class had their own special day, learning about bike parts, mastering controlled stops, changing direction, and sharing space with others. These are crucial life skills that will serve our children well.

On a lighter note, our new pizza muffins have been an absolute hit! It's been delightful to see both pupils and staff enjoying this tasty breaktime treat. Last Friday, we sold a whopping 105 pizza muffins - a testament to their popularity!

The excitement is building for our upcoming production of "Pirates of the Curry Bean". Auditions with the Acorn Theatre team have taken place, and you can hear the joyful sounds of KS2 pupils practising their songs throughout the school. Miss Tomlinson is arranging transport to the theatre for those who need it, with costs to be announced soon.

Thoresby class had a fascinating visit from the canal trust, tying in perfectly with their Mountains & Rivers topic and local history studies. They learned about canal formation, the work of navvies, and even what 'puddling' means in this context!

Our value of 'Originality' was beautifully explored in our Thursday assembly, led by Rev. Jenni. It's always a pleasure to welcome her into our school community.

Elmton class had an exciting day out at Magna, enhancing their science learning about Materials. They sorted objects based on properties and even made their own slime - a hands-on experience they won't forget in a hurry!

Finally, Clumber class were treated to a fascinating talk on bees and beekeeping by Mr. Brown, Mrs. Cushing's dad, as part of their conservation of Bees topic.

It's been a joy to see our pupils so engaged in their learning, whether through practical experiences, visitors to the school, or trips out. These rich, diverse experiences are what make St. Luke's such a special place to learn and grow.

Parent's meetings

Letters inviting parents to attend a meeting on either **11th or 12th of February** have been sent out, with time slots being sent out this week – a gentle reminder that the time slots have been allocated in the order in which the slips have been returned. The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss any questions you might have and discuss your child's progress since moving into their new classes – it will also be an opportunity to take a look at your child/ren's books in the school hall, whilst you wait for your appointment. **Mr. Phillips will be manning the book fair over both nights & the Portland SEND officer will also be in attendance on Wednesday 12th February to answer any questions about transition.**

Valentine's Day Disco

We are holding a Valentine's Disco on **Thursday 6th February**. We would like to welcome children to return to school for two different discos, dependent upon their classes/year groups. We look to **invite FS2 & KS1** to return to school **from 4pm – 4.45pm** and then **KS2** to return to school from **5pm – 6pm**. Tickets are £4 each and include a hot dog, a packet of crisps and unlimited squash/water. All dietary requirements are being catered for, so please do let the office team know if your child has a dietary requirement and is attending. Tickets are available to purchase on Parent Mail.

Sports Person Visit and Sponsored Event

Rebekah Green, a Freestyle Kayaker, will be visiting St. Luke's C of E on Monday 10th February. The purpose of the day is to allow the children the opportunity to meet with a real-life white-water kayaker, listening to her journey of resilience and success, and then challenge themselves to partake in a sponsored circuit training day, motivated and led by Rebekah, to raise money for school funds. Sponsorship forms have already gone out and we kindly ask if these can be returned, alongside the money, by 31st January. Further information about Rebekah can be found by following this hyperlink - [Rebekah Green - Sports For Champions](#)

Book Fair

Once again, the Scholastic Book Fair arrives at St. Luke's from Monday 10th February until Friday 14th February 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.

Wear Red Day – Friday 31st January

On Friday 31st January, we're inviting all pupils and staff to paint our school red! By donning your favourite crimson, scarlet, or ruby attire and contributing a £1 donation, we'll be supporting the Leeds Congenital Heart Unit. This wonderful cause was chosen by one of our own families who have benefited from the unit's care. Let's come together and turn this ordinary Friday into an extraordinary day of giving. Your support will truly make hearts soar!

Maths Workshop

On 4th March at 5pm, Miss Earle – our school maths co-ordinator - will be offering a talk to parents of all pupils from across the school about how we teach maths in school. She will talk through our school calculation policy and discuss how the learning is adapted to support and challenge our pupils, in line with the expectations of the National Curriculum. We will be offering a creche that night too, so please let the office know if you will need childcare.

World Book Week

Don't forget the following dates for your diary!

Wednesday 5th March: *'Onesie upon a time'*. Children to return to school from 5pm – 6.30pm for an evening of reading activities, draw along and stories, and of course hot chocolate!

Thursday 6th March: World Book Day Character dress up day. Which book character will you dress up as?

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

Diary Dates: An updated list!

January

21st to 30th – UKS2 Bikeability training (Formerly cycling proficiency)

28th – Young Voices @ Sheffield Arena

February

3rd- Children's mental Health Week

5th – Rufford (Y2) to the Deep

6th – EYFS Stay & Play: Writing

6th – Valentine's Day Disco

7th – NSPCC Number Day

10th – Olympic Athlete visit – Sponsorship Day

10th – Book Fair Week

11th- Parent's Evenings

12th – Parent's Evenings

13th – Thoresby & Sherwood inter-class Netball Festival

14th – Last Day

24th – Children return

24th to 28th – Acorn Theatre Week

28th – Creswell (FS2) to the Butterfly House

March

4th – Maths Worksop with Miss Earle @ 5pm

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

6th – World Book Day Dress up day

6th – FS2 & Y6 National Child Measurement Visit

7th – Non-uniform day in return for Easter Eggs

10th – International Women's Week

12th – Sherwood to Weston Park Museum

14th – Clumber Class to Southwell Minister

20th – Welbeck to the Holocaust Memorial Museum/Centre

21st – Non-uniform day in return for Easter Eggs

27th – EYFS Stay & Play – Maths: 9am – 10.30am

28th – Mother's day lunch: Mum's/mother figures invited into school to have lunch with their children.

April

1st – Easter craft afternoon

2nd – Chocolate Tombola/Raffle

3rd – Progress Reports to Parents

3rd – School Easter service at St. Luke's Church

4th – Whole School Easter Egg Hunt

4th – Last day

22nd – Children return

24th – Thoresby to Grimm & Co.

24th – Y6 Parent SATs meeting @ 5pm

29th – EYFS Stay & Play – Writing: 9am – 10.30am

May

5th – KS1 SATs Week

12th – KS2 SATs Week

23rd – Last day

June

2nd – Children return

6th – 8th – Welbeck & Creswell PGL Weekend

13th – Father's day lunch: Dad's/Father figures invited into school to have lunch with their children.

July

3rd – 4th – KS1 Residential to Rand Farm

14th – Inclusive Sport: Wheelchair Basketball Day

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