



Newsletter

WORK TOGETHER - GROW TOGETHER - FLOURISH TOGETHER

Welcome from Mr. P

Welcome back to the start of a new half-term. The last 2-weeks of the previous half-term were a whirlwind of excitement and learning in our wonderful school! I'm thrilled to share with you the incredible experiences our pupils have been part of!

Our young performers stole the show at Young Voices in Sheffield Arena, singing and dancing their hearts out. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and talent on display – thank you to the staff team for giving up their Tuesday evening to be there! Speaking of performances, we were treated to a spectacular circus skills day, where each class learned a variety of movements and activities that challenged and delighted them in equal measure.

We've been on a cultural journey too, immersing ourselves in the vibrant traditions of the Chinese Lunar New Year. Our pupils embraced the Year of the Snake with gusto, creating spring rolls, penning stories, and even whipping up Chow Mein in FS2! Penny from Caterpillar Music added to the festivities, leading our Foundation Stage children in music and movement.

Our commitment to broadening horizons didn't stop there. Rufford Class ventured to The Deep in Hull, diving into their study of arctic and polar regions. Sherwood Class took to the village streets with Miss Browes and Mrs. Dilks, identifying the River Ryton and its tributaries. Elmtown Class followed suit, creating maps of their village walk as part of their geography studies. These hands-on experiences bring learning to life in ways that textbooks simply can't match.

We've also been nurturing our pupils' understanding of the world around them. Clumber class crafted bird feeders for the Big School RSPB Birdwatch, while the whole school participated in Internet Safety Week, learning crucial skills like creating strong passwords and knowing when to seek adult help online.

Our new curriculum timeline, beautifully designed and painted by Nikki Whiston, now adorns our walls, providing a visual journey through history that aligns with our curriculum. It's a fantastic tool for helping our pupils grasp the concept of chronology.

We've had some wonderful community moments too. Our FS2 Stay & Play session, led by Mr. Bell and Miss Burrows, was a hit with parents, focusing on all things writing. Our Parents' Evenings were a great success, allowing you to celebrate your children's progress and admire their hard work.

In sporting news, we were inspired by Rebekah Green's assembly about her achievements as a water kayaker during our sponsored circuits event. And I couldn't be prouder of our sports leaders who shone while hosting our very own School Netball Festival alongside Bassetlaw School Games.

Your generosity never ceases to amaze me. Together, we raised an incredible £180 for Leeds Congenital Heart Unit. The book fair was a roaring success, allowing us to purchase £450 worth of new books for our pupils. And a huge thank you to Mrs. Green and Carlton MOT Centre for our snazzy new school football kit!

Looking ahead, our next FS2 stay and play is scheduled for 27th March, and our Year 6 pupils will be participating in the exciting new Web Warriors Programme.

Finally, a massive thank you to everyone who made our EYFS, KS1 & KS2 Valentine's Discos such a hit, especially Mr. Underwood for his DJ skills!

As always, I'm in awe of our St. Luke's community. Your support, enthusiasm, and commitment to our pupils' growth and happiness make our school truly special.

Arbor

We have begun to transition to adopting Arbor to allow us to centralise the manner in which we communicate with yourselves and how you can make payments for dinners, trips and clubs.

An account has been set up an account for you using the primary email address we have for you child/family. Others can be added once you set up your initial account.

To finish creating your account you just need to set a password. Your username is the email address we have sent this email to. Go to <https://login.arbor.sc> and click **Forgot your password?** to finish setting up your account.

Acorn Theatre Week

'Pirates of the Currybean', here we come! The children began their first day of rehearsals today at Acorn Theatre with the Acorn Theatre Company.

We are all so eagerly anticipating both of Friday's performances where the children's originality, resilience and hard-work will undoubtedly shine through!

The matinee performance will take place at 1.30pm on Friday – with children being collected at 3pm. The evening performance will take place at 6pm. Please could we request children are dropped off for 5.15pm to make them 'stage ready'.

Breakfast & after-school club

Thank you to you all who have begun to utilize our wrap around provision, and for your patience whilst we trial a number of times to assess popularity in terms of staffing and cost. Both before and after-school sessions have proven popular and my thanks extend particularly to Mrs. Green & Miss Burrows for their diligence in setting it up!

We can now confirm that the wrap around care will run from **7.30am each day until 5.45pm** (Monday to Thursday). After-school club will close at **5.30pm on a Friday**.

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! A Microsoft form will be coming out soon for you to sign your child/ren up for this event. All you need do is provide the PJs and we'll do the rest!

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

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.

Diary Dates: An updated list!

February

24th to 28th – Acorn Theatre Week

28th – Creswell (FS2) to the Butterfly House

March

4th – Maths Workshop 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

8th – Whole School RNI Water Safety Assembly

11th – Sports Day FS2 & KS1

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14th – Inclusive Sport: Wheelchair Basketball Day

18th – Leaver's Disco

19th – Saturday Summer Fayre (Please let Mr. P know if you can help)

25th – Last Day

EYFS Stay & Play

Mr. Bell will be running his next stay & play on Thursday 27th March from 9am until 10.30am. This time the focus will be writing. A Microsoft form will be coming out shortly.

Parking

Please can I politely request that all parents consider the practicalities of their parking at pick-up and drop off, to ensure that our neighbors are able to access their properties without cause for concern. Thank you for your co-operation.

Facebook

Remember, for more regular updates we have the school Facebook page - [@stlukesprimaryshireoaks](https://www.facebook.com/stlukesprimaryshireoaks)