

St Luke's CE Primary School

November Newsletter

Primary School Applications

Applications for **Reception Class** for the school year starting in September 2018 must be completed online by **15 January 2018**. Parents with children already in school **must** complete an online application for any siblings wishing to be allocated a place in our **Reception Class**.

Apply online at www.oldham.gov.uk

If you are unable to access a computer or need further help in completing the online form, please contact the school office who will be more than happy to help.

Remembrance Day 11th November

We are now selling poppies in school for a small donation. In addition, small metal pin badges and wristbands are also available from the school office.



Christmas Fair

We are having a *Christmas Fair* on *Friday 1st December* from *3.30pm*. There will be lots of stalls and activities, including face painting, tombola, games, refreshments, gift wrap, cards and sweets and a Santa's Grotto. If you would like a stall or know someone that would like a stall, please call into the school office as soon as possible.



Raffle Tickets

Tickets for our Christmas raffle are now on sale from the school office at £1.00 per strip. There are lots of fabulous prizes to be won including a variety of vouchers, hampers, wine and gift sets.

Year 2

On Monday 9th October Year 2 went on a trip to Chadderton Hall Park to take part in ***The Gruffalo Trail***. We were a bit worried about the weather because it was wet and rainy but that didn't damper our spirits - we were very excited. When we got there we had to take part in three challenges. They included making pictures of the Gruffalo out of leaves, twigs, rocks, flowers and soil. Then we had to blindfold our partners and walk along the night rope to see what it would feel like being an owl - it was very scary! Finally, we were challenged to build dens and shelters using rope and tarpaulin that all the people in the group could fit under. Luckily the rain held off all day and we had a fantastic time!



Year 3

On Thursday 12th October Year 3 were lucky enough to be transported back in time! After launching over 67 million years back we arrived at **Time Base 67** where we saw ***Dinosaurs in the Wild***. We quickly started to learn what life was like prehistorically. We saw an Alamosaurus' beating heart, watched eggs hatch in the hatchery and even observed an autopsy! At the end of our time travelling we visited the observation platform, watching dinosaurs in their natural environment. Unfortunately, a T-rex became agitated and broke the window glass. The evacuation alarms sounded and we were then hurled back to the present day. Huge thanks to Parents and Carers for your support in making this unforgettable trip possible for us.

Book People Bus

Thank you to everyone who visited our Book Bus, including ***Starfish Nursery*** who came along and enjoyed reading stories on the bus. With the commission raised from the sale of the books, we are able to purchase new books for all of our pupils to enjoy. If you didn't manage to visit the bus, don't worry, ***Scholastic*** will be in school during the first week of December and the ***Book Bus*** will be back to visit our school again in April 2018.

Year 4

A couple of weeks ago, on 5th October, Year 4 had a very busy and exciting afternoon, as we all took part in a *Chocolate Workshop*. Throughout this term, we have been looking at the history of chocolate, where it originated and how it has become the chocolate we know and love today.

The afternoon began with us tasting the very first type of chocolate created by the Mayan civilisation. This was a rich chocolatey drink made with chilli and cinnamon. We then looked at how chocolate is used today, particularly in the culinary industry. We even got the chance to create some of our own chocolate works of art, which could have been used to decorate a dessert.

Not only did we get the opportunity to create different chocolates, we were also able to taste a variety of chocolates, from dark mint to zesty orange.

The children were very good at guessing the different flavour profiles.

The afternoon was topped off with indulging in a chocolate fountain and looking at different fruits and flavours that complement chocolate. We had a great afternoon and learnt lots more about chocolate.

Year 6

Last Friday, 13th October, Year 6 were visited by the **Fire Service** who gave us a valuable safety talk about Halloween and Bonfire Night. We watched a very interesting video and found out what to do in an emergency, some super life lessons. We were also given the opportunity to see the fire engine and learn all about the equipment they carry. We were even allowed in the fire engine and spray water using the very powerful hose. It was a very interesting afternoon and we all learnt a great deal.

Year 6 also visited the **Trinity Mirror** in Chadderton on Wednesday 18th October in order to see how newspapers are printed, reinforcing our topic work which is all about making the news. We were treated like VIPs and were given a guided tour of this very large and busy factory. The children asked some extremely interesting questions and the adults we met were very pleased with our knowledge, attitude and manners. We had a great visit and can now use what we saw and heard to further our learning.

Year 5

As the entry point to our 'Go with the Flow' topic, Year 5 went to Sale to study the River Mersey as it meanders out of Stockport on its long journey to Liverpool. Fortunately, it was a dry, warm morning and conditions were ideal for our activities which included measuring, sketching and walking. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have also been to Liverpool.

Letters

As parents we assume that our children will, without having to be asked, give us letters that they are sent home from school with. Unfortunately this will only happen if a child is interested in the contents of the letter, ie. party invites, sleepovers or a school trip.

Therefore can we ask that you please check your childs book bag daily.

We regularly send out letters containing important information regarding homework, trips, school events, diary dates and of course, those very important party invites! We also have a school website and Twitter, which are updated regularly giving you information about your childs school day. Should you need any help accessing the website or Twitter, or extra copies of 'lost' letters, please call in at the school office and we will be happy to help.

School Uniform

All children in school wear our uniform. Please ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name, as we cannot take responsibility for personal items.

Coats

Please send your child with a coat every day as the weather is so changeable. We play outdoors at break time and lunch time, so a coat with a hood is preferable. We do have fleece lined, waterproof jackets with our school logo on, available from the school office at £13.00 each.

Parents Meetings

You will shortly be receiving a letter outlining details of Parents Meetings to be arranged for the beginning of November.

Free School Meals

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals please complete a form, available from the School Office and we will return it to the Welfare Benefits Department at the Civic Centre.

Medical Appointments

It is really important that dental and doctor's appointments are made out of school hours. We appreciate that this is not always possible but children do miss vital lessons when they are taken out of school during the school day. You **must show an appointment card** for any appointment in school time. Failure to do so will result in the absence being recorded as unauthorised

Bikes/Scooters

If your child comes to school with a bike, it is your responsibility to ensure that it is safely locked and stored in the bike racks provided at the front of the school. All scooters must be placed neatly at the side of the bike racks. School cannot accept any responsibility for bikes/scooters left unattended during the day/overnight.

Safety

Please be polite and considerate to pedestrians, local residents and other road users when dropping off and collecting your own children. May we remind you that the school car park is for **staff only**. **The school delivery driveway should be kept clear at all times, parking is prohibited outside the gates on the yellow zig zag lines and may result in you getting a fine.** For the safety of our pupils, no dogs are allowed on the school grounds except for assistance dogs.



Come to our
BOOK FAIR

Where: *St. Luke's C.E. Primary School*

When: *4th December – 7th December*

Time: *8.30am – 8.50am & 3.15pm – 4.00pm*

“Buy a book and our school gets one free”



SPORTS PAGE

Football

After a promising effort in the 'Kids Cup' organised by Oldham Athletic we had another tournament at The Radclyffe School. I was really pleased with the effort and commitment shown by our team and I feel that we were very unlucky in a couple of the games, especially against Mills Hill, who were the eventual winners.



We played 6 games, won 2, drew 1, lost 3, goal for 8, goal against 8. We finished 4th equal. Our squad was:
Yunus, Jayden, Abdullah, Joe and Lanie – Year 5;
Leo, Sufyaan and Kainat – Year 6.

Chess

The league season starts straight after half term with events being held on the first week back. The U'9s are playing on Wednesday 8th November here at St. Luke's and the U'11s play the following day Thursday 9th November at St. Herberts.



Cross Country

The most pleasing aspect of the first two runs of the season has been the teams spirit displayed by everyone who has competed – well done to all of our runners. There have been several top twenty finishes: Aylton (15th and 19th), Lucas D (12th) and Maddison (14th).

The following children have represented St. Luke's
Chloe, Hannah, Isabelle, Bailey, Taylor and Lucas – Year 3;
Maddison – Year 4;
Sienna, Dylan, Ben, Joe and Jacob – Year 5;
Karlina, Aylton and Ubaydur – Year 6.



Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
November		
Monday 6 th	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Arts & Crafts Club – Yr 1/2 Cross Country – Yr 3/4
Tuesday 7 th		
Wednesday 8 th	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club - Yr 3/4
Thursday 8 th	3.15 – 4.15pm	Gymnastics Club – Yr 4/5 Worship Workshop – Yr 3/4/5/6
Friday 10 th	1.15 – 2.30pm 2.35pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Swimming Lessons – Yr 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome Chess Club – Yr 5/6
Monday 13th		
Monday 13 th	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Arts & Crafts Club – Yr 1/2 Cross Country – Yr 3/4
Tuesday 14 th	9.00 – 6.00pm	Parents Meetings – Year 4
Wednesday 15 th	9.00 – 6.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Parents Meetings – Year 2 & 6 Chess Club - Yr 3/4
Thursday 16 th	9.00 – 6.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Parents Meetings – Year 1 Gymnastics Club – Yr 4/5 Worship Workshop – Yr 3/4/5/6
Friday 17 th	1.15 – 2.30pm 2.35pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Swimming Lessons – Yr 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome Chess Club – Yr 5/6
Monday 20th		
Monday 20 th	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Arts & Crafts Club – Yr 1/2 Cross Country – Yr 3/4
Tuesday 21 st	9.00 – 6.00pm	Parents Meetings – Year 3
Wednesday 22 nd	9.00 – 6.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Parents Meetings – Year 5 Chess Club - Yr 3/4
Thursday 23 rd	3.15 – 4.15pm	Gymnastics Club – Yr 4/5 Worship Workshop – Yr 3/4/5/6
Friday 24 th	1.15 – 2.30pm 2.35pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Swimming Lessons – Yr 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome Chess Club – Yr 5/6
Monday 27th		
Monday 27 th	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Arts & Crafts Club – Yr 1/2 Cross Country – Yr 3/4
Tuesday 28 th		
Wednesday 29 th	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club - Yr 3/4
Thursday 30 th	3.15 – 4.15pm	Gymnastics Club – Yr 4/5 Worship Workshop – Yr 3/4/5/6
Friday 1st December	1.15 – 2.30pm 3.30pm	Swimming Lessons – Yr 4 Christmas Fair