

St Luke's CE Primary School

October Newsletter

British Heart Foundation Cycle Ride

This year the school has chosen the *British Heart Foundation* as our nominated charity for the year. We will be holding a small number of sponsored events throughout the year and also a number of activities promoting healthy eating and regular exercise to keep ourselves fit. In the next couple of weeks we are intending to hold a whole school sponsored fun run.

To kick things off, however, Mr Walsh and Mr Fletcher, our Site Manager, will be taking part in the British Heart Foundation Manchester to Blackpool cycle ride (52 miles) next Saturday night. They will be setting off at midnight from Old Trafford Cricket Ground and arriving in Blackpool in the early hours of Sunday morning under the lights of the Illuminations, which are kept on for the event.

If you wish to make any donation in support of this event there is a link to a 'Just Giving' page on our school Twitter account from our website or you can donate via the school office. Any support is welcomed and very much appreciated.



Cross Country

Saturday 22nd September saw the first cross-country meet of the season at Chadderton Hall Park. We had a great turn out, with three out of four qualifying team scores. A huge well done to the children who participated in the Year 5/6 boys race, who managed to come 6th out of 13 competing schools. The next race is Saturday 13th October and it would be great to see even more children joining us and parents cheering us along the way!

School Photographs

The photographer will be visiting school on Friday 19th October at 9-00am. Parents wishing to include any younger pre-school children in a family grouping will be most welcome. These children should be brought to the school hall for 9-00am. All other children should come into school as normal for registration.

Remembrance Day 11th November

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



Year 3

On Tuesday 18th September Year 3 took part in an Egyptology workshop, inside a huge inflatable museum! Our task was to create our own mini museums about different Egyptian people, for example pharaohs, elite women and children. We had a huge selection of real ancient artefacts to choose from to display in our exhibitions. We didn't know what some of the artefacts would have been used for, so we had to use telegram clues to help us decipher what they were. Year 3's favourite part of the workshop was wrapping each other up as mummies using bandages!

Year 4

It is a requirement of the National Curriculum that all children attend swimming lessons during Key Stage 2. Year 4 children will be going swimming **every** Friday afternoon throughout the school year. Please ensure that they always bring their swimming kit to school (**trunks or swimsuit, towel and swimming cap**) as it is important that all children attend the swimming classes. Please ensure that swimming caps are provided for all girls and any boys with long hair. No jewellery should be worn.

Year 6

Being in Year 6 doesn't just mean hard work. It also means being part of a team. So on Friday 7th September 2018, Year 6 went to Hollingworth Lake to take part in kayaking, raft building, archery and team building. Going on this trip was a great experience for all of the children because it gave them an opportunity to take part in activities that they would not normally do. It also showed how some children had talent for kayaking and raft building whilst others had it for archery and team building. Overall they listened to their instructors very well, represented the school brilliantly and most importantly, they came back with a smile on their face.

Ellie R.

Book People Bus

On Wednesday 24th October, there will be a big red bus in the school grounds. This is a new venture from 'The Book People' and will have lots of books at very affordable prices on board.



Everyone is welcome to come along at any time during the school day, jump on board, browse the selection of books, even sit on one of the chairs and have a quiet read, or bring little ones and grandparents and enjoy your own little mobile library. All commission raised from the sale of books will be used to purchase new books for our school library.

Primary School Applications

Applications for **Reception Class** for the school year starting in September 2019 must be completed online by **15 January 2019**. 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.

Secondary School Applications

Applications for **Secondary School** for the school year starting in September 2019 must be completed online by **5.00pm on 31 October 2018**.

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 un-authorised

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.

Clothes Rail

We have a clothes rail in the School Office for unwanted good quality school uniforms and PE kits. All these items are available **FREE** to pupils. Please help yourself to any of these uniforms or if you have unwanted items, please place them on the rail. Thank you to all the parents who have already donated school uniform for our rail.



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 child's 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, Parent App and Twitter, which are updated regularly giving you information about your child's school day. Should you need any help accessing the website, Parent App, or Twitter, or require extra copies of 'lost' letters, please call in at the school office and we will be happy to help.

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.

Volunteers

If you have 2-3 hours a week spare and are interested in volunteering with the *Right Start and School Nursing Service*, please contact Alison Pywell on **0161 770 8407** or e-mail alison.pywell@bridgewater.nhs.uk

Half Term

School will close on **Friday 26th October** at 3-15pm and re-open on **Monday 5th November** at 8-50am. The After School Club will finish at **5.30pm**



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SEND EVENT

for parents & carers and children & young people
ages 0-25yrs with additional needs or disabilities.



Sunday 14th October 2018, 2-4pm
Mahdlo Youth Zone,
Egerton Street, Oldham, OL1 3SE

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An opportunity for parents, carers, children, young people, practitioners and providers to:

- access information, advice and support around SEND services
- chat over free refreshments and snacks
- enjoy the activities available for all ages
- have your say on SEND issues in Oldham



Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
<i>October</i>		
Monday 1 st	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Cross Country – Year 3/4/5/6 Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 2 nd		
Wednesday 3 rd	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Karaoke Club – Year 1 & 2 Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 4 th	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 5 th	1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly - Everyone welcome
<i>October</i>		
Monday 8 th	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Cross Country – Year 3/4/5/6 Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 9 th		
Wednesday 10 th	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Karaoke Club – Year 1 & 2 Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 11 th	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 12 th	1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome
<i>October</i>		
Monday 15 th	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Cross Country – Year 3/4/5/6 Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 16 th		
Wednesday 17 th	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Karaoke Club – Year 1 & 2 Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 18 th	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 19 th	9.00 – 11.30am 1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	School Photographs Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome
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Monday 22 nd	3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Cross Country – Year 3/4/5/6 Robotics Club – Year 5 & 6 / Football – Year 5 & 6
Tuesday 23 rd		
Wednesday 24 th	8.00 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	The Book Bus Karaoke Club – Year 1 & 2 Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 25 th	3.15 – 3.50pm 3.15 – 4.00pm 3.15 – 4.15pm	Computing Club – Year 1 & 2 Football Club – Year 3 & 4 Dance Club – Year 4/5/6 Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 26 th	1.30 – 3.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly - Everyone welcome