

# St Luke's CE Primary School

## October Newsletter

Welcome to the new school year especially children who have started St Luke's for the first time this term. The children have settled quickly into their new classes and the Reception children are now becoming comfortable with their new surroundings and getting used to school life.

You will be receiving a class handbook from your child's teacher which will include important information for you. Our first Parents' Meetings of the year will take place at the beginning of the next term. You will receive a letter with the arrangements for your child's class nearer the time.

### **Parking**

Over the course of last year we had to deal with a number of angry residents regarding the inconsiderate parking of our parents on Albion Street when picking up children at the end of the school day. Please can we remind parents who pick up by car that the yellow ziz-zags and our emergency access drive are there for the reasons of safety. Please don't ignore them and please consider local residents.

**Please do not bring dogs onto the school site.**

### **Uniform**

Thank you for support with our school uniform, the children look really smart. Please remember to put your child's name in each piece of uniform so that when misplaced items are found they can be quickly returned to their owner. Long hair should be tied back with a simple bobble.

### **Assemblies**

Year 6 will continue to lead the Friday afternoon assemblies which will start at 2.40pm and you are more than welcome to attend and support the children. The Year 6 children plan and deliver the assemblies and I'm sure they will have their own ideas of what they want to include.

## **Pupil Information Sheet**

Over the last few weeks we have sent home a pupil data sheet and reply slips for you to check and return to school. Please check the information and make any amendments that are needed on the form and return to school as soon as possible.

***Please return the form even if no changes are required.***

- In particular please check your contact details, especially mobile phone number, and other emergency contacts and provide updated information on any medical conditions.

## **Attendance**

Please inform school if your child will be absent from school for any reason.

**Telephone:** 0161 770 8404

**Text:** 0161 375 0042

## **Primary School Applications**

Applications for **Reception Class** for the school year starting in September 2020 must be completed online by **15 January 2020**. 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](http://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 2020 must be completed online by **5.00pm on 31 October 2019**. Parents should ensure that they have made themselves familiar with the admissions criteria of each secondary school before making their decision. Please contact school should you have any queries.

### **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.

### **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, Parent App and Twitter, which are updated regularly giving you information about your childs 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.

## School Photographs

The photographer will be visiting school on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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.

## Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November

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



## Half Term

School will close on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** at 3-15pm and re-open on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** at 8-50am. The After School Club will finish at **5.30pm**



### Year 3

On Monday 9th September Year 3 enjoyed a Stone Age Workshop, a day filled with prehistoric fun! We started the day with an interactive timeline, where we travelled from the Paleolithic period all the way through to the Iron Age. During this session we learnt about how weapons were developed throughout the years. Next we put our spear throwing skills into action. We really enjoyed this activity because we had to grunt like cavemen. After lunch we held real-life artefacts, including flints and woolly mammoth tusks. Our favourite part of the day was dressing up as cavemen and having our photographs taken with a life-size woolly rhino.

### Roald Dahl

On Friday 13th September Year 3 and Year 4 took part in Roald Dahl Day. We started the day by taking part in a national BBC Live Lesson with lots of other schools up and down the country. We had to create our own characters and nonsense words in the style of Roald Dahl. In the afternoon we crafted dream-catchers to link with our reading of The BFG. A huge well done to those children who came to school dressed as Roald Dahl characters - you looked fantastic!



## Year 4

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September Year 4 went to Castleshaw in Delph, in order to learn the importance of teamwork and communication. We had an absolutely fantastic day and took part in many different activities such as shelter building, the blind forest trail, rope swing and orienteering. We all enjoyed it so much that we couldn't even pick one favourite part. All children behaved excellently and really discovered how important teamwork is, especially within the classroom.



## Toothbrushing Scheme

Once again, Reception Class are taking part in the **Greater Manchester toothbrushing programme**. The aim of the programme is to help reduce dental decay in children and every child taking part will receive a free toothbrush and fluoride toothpaste. Letters and consent forms will be sent home shortly.

## Oral Health

**0-3, 4-6, 6+ and adult** toothbrushes and toothpaste are also available from the school office at **£1.20 for 3 items** (one item must be toothpaste).



## Sponsored Bike Ride

Thank you to everyone who sponsored us – we raised a very impressive **£450**.

## Aldi

We are now collecting stickers for "**Aldi's Kit For Schools**". Please hand any stickers to the school office or your child's teacher.



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## Holiday List 2019 – 2020

**No holiday during term time will be authorised**

<b>School opens on</b>	<b>School closes on</b>	<b>Number of Days in school</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 <i>School opens at 8.50 a.m.</i>	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	38
<b>Closed Autumn Half term</b>		
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019 <i>Close at 2 pm</i>	35
<b>Closed Christmas Holidays</b>		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	30
<b>Closed Spring Half term</b>		
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2020	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 <i>Close at 2 pm</i>	33
<b>Closed Easter Holidays</b>		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020 <b>Closed (May Bank Holiday) Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020</b>	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2020	24
<b>Closed Summer Half term</b>		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2020 <i>Close at 2 pm</i>	30



## Dates for your diary

Date	Time	Event
<i>October</i>		
Monday	9.30 - 11.00am	Warburtons Workshop – Year 3
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	1.30 - 3.00pm	E-Safety – KS2
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 – 2.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly - Everyone welcome
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am 3.15 – 4.15pm	Harvest Assembly – Everyone welcome Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 – 2.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>		
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>		
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 – 11.30am 1.00 – 3.00pm 1.00 – 2.00pm 2.40pm	School Photographs Nasal Flu Vaccinations Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly – Everyone welcome
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>		
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Chess Club – Year 3 & 4
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	3.15 – 4.15pm	Worship Workshop – Year 3/4/5/6
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 – 2.00pm 2.40pm	Swimming Lessons – Year 4 School Assembly - Everyone welcome School Closes for Half Term