

Dear Parents and Carers,

School closes for the Christmas break on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm**. It brings to an end the first term of this new but unusual academic year. The children have been absolutely brilliant settling in and adapting to the new restrictions and routines forced upon us all because of Covid.

It has, however, been quite a frustrating term especially the last two weeks with children and staff having to be sent home to isolate. Up until recently we seemed to be doing well with this issue but it just goes to show how quickly a small number of cases can have an impact on a school. A big thank you for your support and understanding throughout this time.

Please be mindful of all the social distancing guidelines throughout this coming holiday period. Should your child not be well at the beginning of next term please keep them at home and if he/she has any symptoms take them for a test. Hopefully we will be able to get all children back to school full time in the new year with little or no further disruption because of isolation requirements.

Also for information, I am letting you know that after over 20 years as Headteacher of St Luke's I will be leaving in July 2021 at the end of the school year. I have enjoyed and continue to enjoy the role and feel very privileged to have held the role for so long. The Governors of the school are now beginning the process of recruiting the next Headteacher who will take up the post in September 2021.

On behalf of all the staff at St Luke's I wish you a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to welcoming all our children back in the new year

**Ian Walsh**  
**Headteacher**





### **Nativity**

If you haven't already watched our nativity production please visit our school website where the nativity is available for you to view.

### **Free Childrens lunches**

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday 21<sup>st</sup>, Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.00am to 2.00pm **AB Snax at Stockfield Mill, Chadderton** are providing free lunches to children.

### **Community Help and Support**

If you need any help or support for any of the following:

Food aid, homelessness, holiday hunger, financial pressure or help for a vulnerable person, local support and help is available from Oldham Foodbank, Ukeff Oldham, The Food Pantry or Oldham Council Emergency Support (local welfare provision). There are links to all of these on our school website.

### **School Spider**

All parents will have log in details for School Spider, if you have lost your log in details please contact the school office and we will be happy to help you. Parents can pay for BASC, school meals, trips and uniform through this service. All BASC and dinner money must be paid weekly in advance. BASC fees are £5.00 per morning session and £7.00 per afternoon session, school meals are £2.40 per day (£12.00 per week).

### **Return Date**

School re-opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

