



# St Luke's Catholic Primary School

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Friday 3rd September 2021

Dear Parents

We hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer break, and on behalf of all the staff I would like to extend a warm welcome back, as we begin this new academic year. All the teachers have been really impressed with the way the children have quickly settled into their new classes, with their positive attitudes to learning.

A very special welcome to those pupils who have joined our Reception class, we wish them well as they begin their school career. The children already appear settled; and confidently looking forward to an exciting year. Many of the children have attended St. Luke's pre-school; their excellent early year's provision offers a smooth transition. We hope that all the children and their families will be very happy at St. Luke's Catholic Primary. We also welcome those new families who have joined the school this September.

Everyone looks extremely smart in their new school uniforms. We would like to reinforce the importance of ensuring all items of uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name. We expect all pupils to attend school in full school uniform, consistent with our uniform policy. Trainers may only be worn for PE lessons. Children will continue to come to school wearing their PE kits on their allocated day.

## PE Timetable

Day	Class
Monday	Class 3
Tuesday	Class 4
Wednesday	Class 1 and 2
Thursday	Class 5
Friday	Class 6

## Staffing

We warmly welcome Miss Burns to St Luke's; we are delighted that she has joined our team and we are really looking forward to working with her. We also warmly welcome Miss Toft, who has joined our team this September.

## Attendance and Punctuality

We cannot stress enough the importance of regular attendance and punctuality. Disruption impacts on all pupils, and will inevitably prevent them from achieving their potential. We expect all children arrive at school by 8.50 am. It is important that the school day begins promptly, if you do wish to speak to your child's class teacher, please arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time. Appointment details will be requested for medical appointments.





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## Health and Wellbeing

With daily healthy choices on offer, the children really enjoy their school meals. It has also been very encouraging to see that healthy choices are being incorporated into packed lunch boxes too. If children wish to bring a snack for their morning break, we recommend pieces of fresh fruit. Please remember that we have a number of children in school who have nut allergies and one child who is allergic to pineapple. Please avoid sending nuts or items that might include nuts. **A gentle reminder, that as a healthy school we no longer distribute sweets for Birthday celebrations.**

In addition, it is important that the children keep rehydrated throughout the day, therefore, we encourage everyone to bring a water bottle to school each day, please remember this must be taken home each day to be cleaned thoroughly.

We really value the importance of this daily extra physical activity in the afternoon. The 'Daily Mile' is a well-established part of our school routine. A couple of children told me yesterday that they missed doing their daily mile in the holidays, proving its positive impact! S4YC will continue to run St. Luke's, before and after school provision. They share our commitment to the promotion of healthy and active lifestyles; the charges for before or after school provision includes access to the sports courses offered. If you would also wish for your child to access any of the courses, please either contact their staff directly or access details via their website.

**Swimming sessions for Class 6 will commence on Tuesday 7th September 2021.**

## Communication.

Over the years, we have endeavoured to improve communication with parents. It is really important that we have the correct details for each of our pupils. We kindly ask that you complete the data collection sheet that has been set with your child today, please could all sheets be returned by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The following forms **General Permission slip/ your child's Home School Agreement, Covid Home School Agreement and the Parent Parking Charter**, can be found on your school spider account and will show as a survey. They will be available from Monday. Please access and complete by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.

## Reading

Thank you to all the children who participated in the reading challenge this summer. The children were asked to choose a Roald Dahl character and create a mask. We invite the children to bring them to school next Friday for 'Roald Dahl' Day.

Reading is a key priority for us again this year. We encourage all children to be a member of their local library. If your child has completed the reading challenge this summer, please ensure they let their teacher know, so that we can celebrate their success.

Daily reading at home is very important too. Please set time aside each day to sit and read with your child and talk about their favourite books, authors and book characters.





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## **Parish Links**

This weekend sees the re-starting of the Children's Liturgy Group at St. Luke's. Children's Liturgy is open to all children who have yet to make their First Holy Communion, and this first week it is due to take place during the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday evening. Going forward, we hope to have Children's Liturgy as follows: at Saturday evening Mass on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekends in a month; and at 11:00am Mass on Sunday morning for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weekends. Father is looking forward to welcoming the young children yet again.

## **School Building Fund**

On Monday, you will receive details outlining the importance of the Diocesan Schools building fund.

The Diocese owns the school building, as with every building, there is always room for repair. To help support this, we ask that all our families contribute. We will be setting up a page on parent pay for your convenience. As the Diocese is a registered charity, if possible please complete the Gift Aid Declaration.

In recent years we have benefitted enormously from the many projects which have helped to enhance the safety and well-being for pupils and the wider school community. In the spring time we had new lighting installed at the rear of the building and the most recent project, completed during the summer break, a new pathway leading from the main entrance with fencing to provide another secure space for the pupils to access at break times. Later on in the year, pupil toilets will be refurbished. For projects such as this to continue the Diocese relies on your support.

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this year, and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

