



St Luke's Catholic Primary School

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Tuesday 6th September 2022

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 commented positively on 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. 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.

FoSL / Uniform/ Bunting

As you will remember, at the end of the summer term, members of our FoSL team organised a 'pre-loved' uniform sale. We were delighted at the success of this event. Thank you to FoSL, the remaining pieces have now been repurposed into bunting. This bunting is now displayed around school, to welcome everyone at the beginning of the autumn term. We would like to extend our grateful appreciation to those members of the local community who have contributed their hard work and creative skills in the completion of this task.

PE

Children will continue to come to school wearing their PE kits on their allocated day. Your child's class teacher will advise of which day their class will be having PE.

Staffing

We warmly welcome to St Luke's; Miss Foulds who will be taking up the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher and as class teacher for year 4. We also welcome, Mr Sutton and Mr Heitzman who will be taking up the role class teacher for Class 5 and Class 3 respectively. We are delighted that they have joined our team. I know they will be made feel very welcome by our entire school community.





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School Day

The school gates open at 8.40 am with the expectation that all children have arrived in school for teaching and learning to start promptly at 8.50 am. In the afternoon school gates will open at 3.15 pm for school pick at 3.20pm. Gates will remain locked from 3.25 pm.

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 also be requested for medical appointments.

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.**

If your child does have an allergy please inform the school office as a matter of urgency so that school has full awareness and can provide an appropriate course of action.

In addition, it is important that the children keep hydrated 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!

Swimming sessions for Class 6 will commence on Wednesday 7th September 2022. We kindly ask for a contribution of £1.50 per week towards the cost of transport. Please pay on Parent Pay.

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 16thⁿ September 2022.





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The following forms **General Permission slip/ your child's 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 Wednesday. Please access and complete by Friday 16th September.

Reading

Thank you to all the children who participated in the reading challenge this summer. The theme this year was '**Gadgeteers**'. If your child has completed the reading challenge this summer, please ensure they let their teacher know, so that we can celebrate their success.

Reading is a key priority for us again this year. We will be organising class visits to the local library and will be encouraging all children to be a member of their local library.

Daily reading at home is very important too. **Ten minutes daily reading can impact your child's progress by one whole year!** Please set time aside each day to sit and read with your child and talk about their favourite books, authors and book characters.

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

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Headteacher

