



# St Luke's News

July 2018

## DATES

### September

#### **Mon 3rd**

Staff training day: no pupils

#### **Tues 4th**

Term starts, 8.45am

#### **Tues 11th**

Parliamentary workshops for Y5/6

#### **Wed 12th**

FOSLS Meeting, Railway, 7.30pm

#### **Wed 19th**

Welcome meetings

Y1/2: 6.00pm, repeated at 6.30pm

Y3/4: 6.30pm, repeated at 7.00pm

Y5 /Y6: 7.00pm, repeated at 7.30pm

#### **Sunday 23rd**

Open Day

#### **Tues 25th/Wed 26th**

Scooter Days

#### **Wed 26th**

Working Open Day

#### **Thurs 27th**

Y5 at RHS for Mayan workshops. Parents invited at 2:30pm

### October

#### **w/b Mon 1st**

Art Star auditions

#### **Thurs 4th**

National Poetry Day

#### **Wed 10th**

FOSLS Meeting, Railway, 7.30pm

#### **Thurs 11th**

Art star final at RHS, 7pm

#### **Wed 17th**

School Discos (tbc)

#### **Thurs 18th**

St Luke's Day Services 9.30 and 10.30

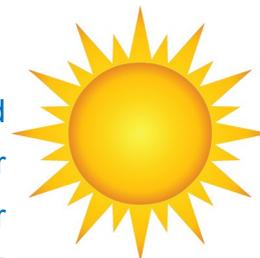
#### **Fri 19th**

Staff training day: no pupils

half term—return to school  
Mon 29th October

## End of Term

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all our parents and carers for your support once again this year and for sharing in your children's education and progress. Many thanks for the positive comments to children's reports received over the last few days.



At the end of term we say goodbye to Mrs Byrne, who has been a valued teaching assistant at St Luke's for 11 years, working in a variety of support roles in that time with individual pupils, small groups and whole classes. We wish her every happiness for the future and dearly hope she will keep in touch.

We also say goodbye to our wonderful Y6 pupils, of course, who we know will go on to great things at their respective high schools and beyond, taking the St Luke's values with them. We are looking forward to being entertained by the pupils in their Leavers' Show this week, and then saying our formal goodbyes at Church, before waving them off in their limousines on the last day of term....their seven years have flown by!

We welcome Mr Coward who is going to be our Acting Site Manager in Mr Snape's continued absence.

**TERM ENDS AT 1.45PM ON FRIDAY 20TH JULY**



### Communication with Parents

Many thanks to parents providing feedback on school communication to our two governors this term. They are busy preparing a report on their finding, to be shared with Full Governors in September in order that a communication policy can be considered and consulted upon with parents. In the meantime, our preferred method of communication is electronically, via Spider.

However, whilst almost all of our parents/carers have signed up to Spider, most of our messages are only being read by around 75% of recipients! Please do your bit by reading what is sent out in order to keep up-to-date with school news and events.

### SCHOOL NURSE DROP-INS NEXT TERM

Our school nurse will be in school from 2.45pm on the following Wednesdays to answer any queries you may have relating to children's health:



**5th September 2018, 3rd October 2018, 7th November 2018, 5th December 2018.**

### FOSLS 100 CLUB JULY



**1st prize £35:** Mrs S Cowey! , **2nd prize £20:** Mrs H Hopkin  
**3rd prize £15:** Mrs K Tunley

Membership of the 100 Club costs £2.00 per month, Proceeds support many school visits and the Book Worm Awards.

Please contact Mrs Gilham in the office for a form: you've got to be in it to win it!

**Date for your diary – first FOSLS meeting of the new year is on Wednesday 12th Sept, 7.30pm at the Railway pub and going forward will be the second Wednesday of each month – everyone is welcome and we really need your support!**

### Open Day 2018

Our annual Open Day will take place on **Sunday 23rd Sept 2018, 1pm-3pm**. If you know of parents looking for a Reception place in September 2019 or even 2020, please let them know. Once again, we shall be asking for pupils to help with the Open Day, as they are our best ambassadors! On **Wednesday 26th September** we will be holding a working open day when people can see a typical school day. Further details next term.

OPEN DAY

### School Test Results

Our 2018 test results are now available to view on the school website. We are delighted with our Reception FS profile results, Y1 phonics screening, Y2 and Y6 SATs results — all comparing very favourably with national results. A big thank you and well done to all the staff and pupils for all their hard work!



It was worth it in the end!

### Building Project

The promised building project is now underway, with the bulk of noisy works to be concluded over the summer holidays. Staff, pupils and parents will however, have to bear with us over the next few months until the project is completed, and it is likely that we will be without our hall for some of the time. The contractor, Peter Davies, and his team are liaising with school and Fun Club to ensure as little disruption as possible. This is a wonderful opportunity for school, thanks to half a million pounds of investment from Sefton, which is amazing in the current financial climate! We will ultimately have an extended hall (with the option of being two halls when needed), a new Y4 classroom and a large multi-use room in place of the current therapy room.



For the short term, 4C will be taught in a temporary classroom on the main playground. This will be purpose-made, with full classroom facilities including all our data connections.

We will keep parents updated with progress on the project as the term goes on.

## Safeguarding Concerns Regarding *Fortnite*

Lots of parents have expressed concern about things they have heard and read regarding the game-of-the-moment, *Fortnite*, which many of our pupils are playing despite the recommended age restriction of 12+. The following will be of interest:

### Child safety on Fortnite: parent factsheet

Fortnite is an online video game where players compete to be the last person standing in a post-apocalyptic world. The most popular version is Fortnite: Battle Royale, which sees up to 100 players pitted against each other to stay alive on an island. Players can build and demolish structures, and collect weapons, supplies and armour to help them along the way.

Players shoot each other using a range of lethal weapons, but the brightly-coloured, cartoon-style graphics and lack of bloodshed mean it doesn't feel too gory or graphic.

To play, the age recommendation is **12 and above** due to 'mild violence', although you don't have to provide your age when creating an account, so younger children can still log on easily.

Fortnite: Battle Royale is **free to download** on PC/Mac, Xbox, Playstation, Nintendo Switch and iOS devices (Apple phones and tablets). It's coming to Android soon.

It has about 45 million monthly users worldwide including the England football team, who reportedly played it in their World Cup downtime and referenced the game in goal celebrations.

### What are the concerns?

You may have seen news reports or heard concerns raised about the:

**Communication between players:** a chat function allows players to talk to each other either over a headset and microphone, or using messaging. Children could use it to speak to strangers, or it could put them at risk of cyberbullying

**In-app purchases:** players can build up large bills on their parents' accounts by buying cosmetic items like outfits for your character and better-looking weapons (otherwise known as 'skins')

**Addictive nature of the game:** anecdotal stories tell of children staying up all night to play, or falling asleep in lessons after playing for too long. Some commentators attribute this to the communal feel of the game – you can play with your friends – and the game is different every time you play, keeping it fresh

### What safety options are available to parents?

#### Use the parental controls on the gaming device

Most devices allow you to **set time limits** on game play, **set age limits** for content, and **restrict in-app purchases**.

Visit the website [www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls](http://www.askaboutgames.com/advice/parental-controls) for links to detailed instructions on the device your child uses.

The battles in Fortnite last around 20 minutes. When trying to limit your child's screen time, make the most of this natural stopping point. Set a limit in terms of matches rather than hours and minutes, or set time limits in 20 minute increments.

#### Turn off the voice chat feature

Speak to your child to make sure they know this feature exists, and encourage them to use the options below if they encounter someone who is offensive or inappropriate.

You can disable the voice chat function in the game if you:

Open the settings menu (the 3 lines on the right-hand-side of the screen), then choose the 'cog' icon

Select the 'audio' tab. You should be able to turn off 'voice chat' by tapping the arrows next to it.

You can also 'mute' individual players in the game by: Pausing the game, Hovering over the player you wish to mute, Selecting the mute button (a loudspeaker icon)

## Concerns Regarding *Fortnite* (cont'd from previous page)

### Make sure your child knows how to report inappropriate behaviour

You or your child can report players who make them uncomfortable using the in-game feedback tool (located in the main menu). You can also use the 'support' section of the Epic Games site (the makers of Fortnite). You're asked to select the platform you play the game on, the game mode you're playing, and then you can select 'report player'. You can provide more detail such as the player's name, and attach a screenshot.

### What else can I do?

#### Further tips

Download and play the game to help you understand it

Talk to your child about what they're doing online, and make sure they know they can talk to you about anything that has upset them

Check your bank statements and gaming system account balance regularly to look for in-app purchases you're not happy with, and to make sure your child isn't getting around any passwords you've set up

#### More sources of support

Non-profit organisation Internet Matters has put together [5 top tips to manage children's screen time](https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/guidance/5-top-tips-to-manage-childrens-screentime/).  
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The [National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children \(NSPCC\)](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/) has a range of resources for parents on internet safety.  
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## Y6 LEAVERS' SHOW

The Show is scheduled for **Wednesday 18th July, starting at 6.00pm.** Ideally, it will take place outdoors, so that all the people who would like to watch it can be accommodated. However, if it is wet, we shall have to decamp to the school hall – in which case, tickets will need to be issued on the day and limited to two per child. All children in school will have the opportunity to see the show during school time, as they will watch the dress rehearsal the same morning.

## Y6 LEAVERS' SERVICES

The two services will take place at Church on **Friday 20th July, 9.30am for 6A and 10.45**

**6W.** All Y6 parents/cares are welcome to join us. We will ensure that any siblings in other age groups attend the correct service for their Y6 brother or sister. Parents of other classes that can help with walking to Church - please see your child's teacher.

Goodbye

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## LOOKING AHEAD



Some things are slightly different when children change year groups and this will all be explained at the year group meetings on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (see next page for details).

In the meantime, one or two points of information that won't wait till the new year:

### Dropping off and collecting children:

**1O** from the bottom of the steps leading to their classroom (adjacent to story-telling garden)

**1M** from the bottom of the steps leading to their classroom (front of school)

**Y2** children via their classroom doors, from the story-telling garden

**Y3** and **4W** via the door in the far corner of the story-telling garden

**4C** will ultimately have the **new** classroom, with building work to begin once the hall extension is completed. In the short-term, they will be using a temporary classroom adjacent to Y1, and children can be met directly from this room on the main playground.

**Y5** via the door onto the far end of the main playground

**Y6** via the fire doors from each classroom, onto the main playground

Please note that, at the end of the school day, Rec, Y1 and Y2 children remain with their teacher until the adult collecting them has been seen. Junior children (Y3-Y6) go out onto the playground and are instructed to come back into class if the person collecting them has not arrived.

Children with brothers and sisters in Reception or Y1 will go through school and out with them at the end of the day.

**Earrings:** Now is a good time to get ears pierced so that studs are able to be removed for PE from the start of September. Children need to be able to remove them and put them back in themselves.

Transfer tattoos, nail varnish and jewellery (other than a watch and/or stud earrings) are not allowed. Hair that is below the collar must be tied back from the face at all times – girls and boys.

## Equipped for action!

In order to further encourage independence and care for equipment, we are asking each child in Y4-Y6 to bring their own pencil case to school in September and to be responsible for having the basic equipment needed for lessons.

### What do I need in my pencil case?

- 2 pencils
- blue writing pen
- red writing pen (for editing work)
- highlighter pen
- small 6" (15cm) ruler
- colouring pencils (optional, but handy!)
- sharpener with a "bin"
- glue stick
- small scissors (optional)



### **NO FELT TIP PENS, NO RUBBER!**

NB. Pencil case should have my name inside and fit in my tray and book bag!

### **REMINDERS:**

No big bags for school —book bag, lunch box (if needed) and water bottle only (cloakroom/locker space is limited)

Children should be encouraged to carry these for themselves and remember to take them home each day!

### **UNIFORM (all to be named!):**

Grey shorts or trousers with grey socks **or**

navy pinafore/skirt/culottes with navy or white socks or tights

pale blue polo shirt (preferably with school badge), school jumper/cardigan, flat black shoes

In summer a blue/white checked or striped dress may be worn with navy or white socks and black, navy or white flat sandals.

(Summer uniform may be worn until October half term and from Easter)

**PE Kit:** (brought in at the start of each half term in a drawstring NAMED bag)

Navy shorts, plain white t shirt (preferably with school badge), black pumps

**Games kit:** (brought in on Games day)

Plain navy joggers and sweatshirt, plain white t-shirt (preferably with school badge), trainers

**Swimming:** (Y5 autumn term) trunks (NOT shorts) or one piece swimsuit, cap, towel, goggles



## WELCOME MEETINGS

In the new school year, parents are invited to come into school on **Wednesday 19th September**, where you can go to your child's new classroom, meet their new teacher and hear a little bit about the expectations and plans for each particular year group.

We have tried to plan the evening to enable parents with children in different year groups to see more than one teacher. Although teachers will not be able to discuss individual pupils at this time, they will let you know how things operate in each class, talk about expectations for homework, visits planned for the year, etc, and let you know the best times to contact them if you ever have any concerns.

The meetings will take place in each classroom as follows:

### All meetings Wednesday 19th September:

Y1 and Y2: 6.00pm-6.25pm, repeated at 6.30pm-6.55pm

Y3 and Y4: 6.30pm-6.55pm, repeated at 7.00pm-7.25pm

Y5 and Y6: 7.00pm-7.25pm, repeated at 7.30pm-7.55pm

Individual parent-teacher meetings to discuss progress will take place in November, and we will let you know when appointments can be booked via Spider.

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS FUN

In Sefton, there is a wide range of fun, affordable things for children and young people to do over the summer, from dance classes to print workshops, football camps to water sports and everything in between. You can find a summary of what's on this summer for families in Sefton at [www.mysefton.co.uk](http://www.mysefton.co.uk)



WISHING ALL OUR FAMILIES A RESTFUL SUMMER—

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AGAIN ON TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER