



St Luke's News

September 2018

DATES

September

MONDAY 10th

new rec classes start today

Wed 12th

FOSLS Meeting 7.30pm, Railway Pub

Wed 19th

Y1&2 welcome meeting

6.00-6.25 & 6.30-6.55

Y3-6 welcome meeting

6.30-6.55 & 7 - 7.25

Wednesday 19th

Open Evening, Range High

Thursday 20th

Open Evening, Formby High

Sunday 23rd

Open Day, 1pm-3pm

Tues/Wed 25th/26th

Scooter Days, £2 (MUFTI)

Wed 26th

Working Open Morning, 9.30-

11.30am

Thursday 27th

Reception Open Afternoon, 1.30-

2.30pm

Thursday 27th

Y5 to RHS, Mayan Day

October

Mon 1st

Reception to visit Church

Y6 HAPI project with school nurse team

Wed 3rd

School Nurse drop-in, 2.45pm

Thurs 4th

National Poetry Day

Tues 9th

Harvest in Church, led by Y3

Wed 10th

FOSLS meeting, Railway,

7.30pm

Thurs 11th

Arts Star Final at RHS

Achieving Success in EYFS

parents' meeting, school hall,

6.30pm

Thursday 18th

St Luke's Day at Church, 9.30

and 10.30

School ends for half term,

3.15pm

WELCOME

Happy New Year! A warm welcome to parents and carers of all our new pupils, and welcome back to everyone else. We hope you all enjoyed the summer break: the children have certainly been buzzing with stories of holidays and day trips to various places. Having said that, they seem genuinely happy to be back—as do the staff! We are all very excited about the new year ahead. The building project is well underway and 4C are enjoying the novelty of being taught in a temporary classroom on the main playground! We are managing with a much-reduced hall space until December, so PE has a Games focus and is scheduled to be outdoors this term. Children can wear their indoor kit, but will need trainers rather than pumps. As the weather gets cooler, outdoor kit can be brought in on the individual class's PE day.

Many thanks on behalf of all the teachers and support staff for all the end-of-year gifts received in July. Your thoughtfulness and generosity, as always, were very much appreciated! Thanks, too, for the many positive comments on report slips. Can I please remind parents that, if there are any issues that have not yet been resolved from last term, you contact us as soon as possible.

It was lovely to see the children returning to school so smartly kitted out in their uniform and new school shoes. We appreciate this can be a costly exercise and it is disheartening to see so much school uniform un-named and unclaimed in Lost Property each term. Please help us to help you by ensuring that everything is clearly named. Teachers are trying to remind children to take home everything they brought to school and it would be helpful if parents can give the same message in the mornings. It is really important that the children learn to look after their belongings themselves from an early age.

Mrs Dwan has organised Scooter Days on 25th/26th September, following the success of previous years' events. Children can wear Sports Mufti and enjoy a supervised scooter session, all equipment provided for just £2. Details to follow.

DATES (cont'd)

Friday 19th Oct

Inset Day: school closed

Monday 29th Oct

Return to school

November

Wednesday 7th

School Nurse, 2.45pm

Thurs 8th and Wed

14th

Parent-teacher meetings all classes

Mon 12th

Remembrance Assembly, led by Y6 (9.00am for Y6 parents; 10.45 for school)

Tues 13th

Flu Immunisations

Wed 14th

Y5/6 to Vue Cinema
FOSLS Meeting, Railway, 7.30pm

Friday 16th

Children in Need
FOSLS Comedy Night

Wed 21st

5LH start swimming

Thurs 29th

Y3 to Cathedral, advent workshops

December

Wednesday 5th

School nurse drop-in

Friday 7th

Christmas Fair from 5.30pm

Tuesday 11th

Y4 to RHS production
Christmas Concert at Church

Friday 14th

Puss in Boots
Pantomime

Mon 17th

Breakfast with Santa, Rec to Y2, 8.00am

Tues 18th Y2 nativity for parents, 2.15pm

Wed 19th Y2 nativity for parents, 6.30pm

Friday 21st

Christmas Services at Church

Term ends, 1.45pm

COMMUNICATION

If you haven't already done so, please download the Spider App and ensure Mrs Carrigan has your preferred email address: you will receive correspondence more timely electronically and help to save paper. The Spider App is a useful source of communication, straight to your mobile.

*New and existing parents are welcome at the first meeting of the year of the Friends of St Luke's School (FOSLS). This parental support is vital in terms of fundraising for our pupils, but it is also a great social group. Meetings take place in The Railway pub, 7.30pm, ending at around 9.00pm. The first meeting this year is planned for **Wednesday 12th September**. Please join us if you can!*

The start of the new school year is a good time to remind parents that they are always welcome to voice any concerns they may have regarding school. If you have a concern regarding your own child's progress or happiness in school, please arrange to see the class teacher as soon as possible in the first instance.

*At the Welcome to Our Class meetings on **Wednesday 19th September**, each teacher will let parents know the best times to make appointments. A further line of contact is our Parent Support Adviser, Mrs Alison Dwan. She can usually give parents the information they need or at least point you in the right direction! Mrs Dwan is available on the school gate most mornings or can be contacted via the office. If you would like to meet with our Headteacher, just telephone or call in and, if Mrs Cowey is unable to meet with you straight away, the office staff will be pleased to make an appointment.*



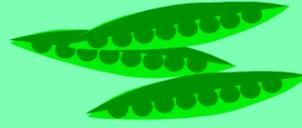
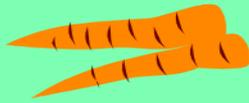
Almost ALL of our Y4-Y6 children came equipped for the start of term—well done! Here is a reminder of the items needed from home by Y4-Y6 pupils:

two 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)

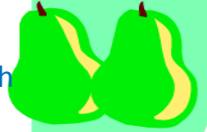
NO FELT TIP PENS, NO RUBBER! NB. Pencil case should have my name inside and fit in my tray and book bag.

END OF THE DAY

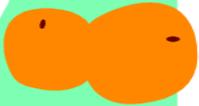
A reminder to please let teachers know **IN WRITING** if someone different is collecting your child at the end of the day or if they are going home with a friend's parent. Our safeguarding procedures prevent us from letting a child leave with an adult unless we have a parent's written authorisation. Similarly, if your child's Hightown Bus or Fun Club arrangements are different any time, please let us know.



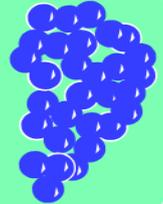
HARVEST



Our Harvest Services, led by Y3, will take place in St Luke's Church on **Tuesday 9th October**:



9.30am for RF, 1M, 2G, 3P, 4C, 5JH, 6G



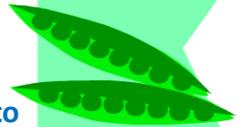
10.30am for RH, 10, 2A, 3IR, 4W, 5LH, 6WD



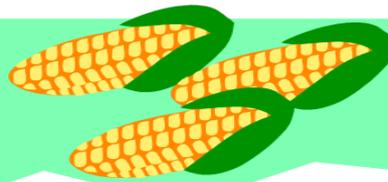
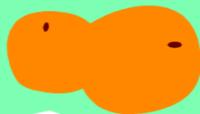
The Church's harvest celebration is the previous Sunday, 7th October, so we are asking all Reception, Y1 and Y2 children to bring in donations of tins/packets of food on Thursday 4th or Friday 5th so that they can be displayed in Church. These will then be distributed to those in need locally, whilst Y3-Y6 children are asked to bring in a cash donation on Monday 8th or Tuesday 9th October to be given to the Church's harvest charity collection.



Please see your child's teacher if you can help with walking to Church.



In the event of heavy rain, Rev Nicol will come to school instead, so please check the School App on the morning of the services.



Church Services this Term

Tuesday 9th Oct: Harvest (led by Y3)

Thursday 18th Oct : St Luke's Day, led by Rev Nicol

Friday 21st December: Christmas (led by Y6)

All services start at :

9.30am for RF, 1M, 2G, 3P, 4C, 5JH, 6G

10.30am for RH, 10, 2A, 3IR, 4W, 5LH, 6WD

Children will walk with their buddies and staff are always grateful for parent helpers too—please contact your child's teacher if you can help.



A reminder that you are invited to come into school on **Wednesday 19th September**, where you can go to your child's new classroom and meet their new teacher(s) 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:

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: 6.30pm-6.55pm, repeated at 7.00pm-7.25pm

We are aware that this is also the Open Evening at Range High School, so the Y5/6 later session that had been scheduled to begin at 7.30pm has been cancelled to allow parents to go from here to Range if they wish.

FOSLS 100 CLUB WINNERS: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER

1st prize £35: N. Barker / B. Smith

2nd prize £20: E. Pope / D. McTeague

3rd prize £15: D. McTeague / A. Morris

Membership of the 100 Club costs just £2.00 per month. Proceeds support many school visits and the Book Worm / L.E.A.R.N. Awards. It would be great if more parents were able to support this initiative in order to keep the prize pot topped up! With this in mind we will have forms available at the Welcome meetings next week.



ST LUKE'S PLANT SALES



Many thanks to all our parents and friends who purchased from the St Luke's Garden Centre organised by our office staff last year. In total it raised over £880 for school funds and brought plenty of colour to the school entrance and to your gardens! Many parents commented on the quality of the plants and the value for money. Sales of winter baskets and pots will be coming soon and before you know it Christmas Trees! Check the Spider App for latest news.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY



Pupils are not allowed mobile phones in school, due to the sensitive issue of child protection: phones may access the internet and we would not be able to monitor which sites pupils were viewing; phones can take photographs and we have several children in school who are not allowed to be photographed for a variety of reasons. If your child is in Y6 and you feel they need to have a phone, there must be exceptional circumstances which need to be put in writing to your child's teacher. The phone will need to be labelled clearly with your child's name and handed in to the teacher at the start of the day. It will be stored in a secure place and returned to them at home time. Thanks for your support.



ST LUKE'S OPEN DAY - SUNDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

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 morning when people can come in to see a typical school day, from 9.30-11.30am.



NEW RECEPTION PARENTS

Open Afternoon: Thursday 27th September, 1.30-2.30pm

Come and see what your child has been up to in school so far!

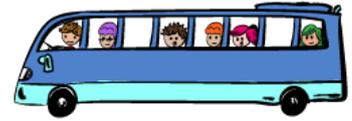
All parents/carers/grandparents/childminders welcome!

Achieving Success in the Early Years: Thursday 11th October, 6.30—7.30pm

Come and find out all about the curriculum for your child's first year in school and how you can help at home!

HIGHTOWN BUS ARRANGEMENTS

With increasing numbers of children from Hightown, we thought it helpful to remind parents of the arrangements in place to supervise their children at the start and end of the school day. Children arriving on the Hightown Bus are accompanied by the escort, Jackie, all the way to the main door into school, with reception children being handed to the staff member on the reception gate and going straight into the ROLA. Jackie then takes the Y1 children down the corridor to their classrooms. Y2-Y6 children go from the inner foyer straight through to the playground and can then choose to go into class or wait for the whistle, as all other children do. At 3.10pm, children come to the inner foyer and are registered by a senior member of staff and Jackie; both adults then accompany the children out to the bus.



KEEPING HEALTHY



Please remember that children are encouraged to bring a named water bottle to school so that they can access a drink during lessons without having to interrupt their learning. Also, it can feel like a long time between breakfast and lunch and, whilst children in Reception-Y2 receive a piece of fruit under the government's Fruit for Schools scheme, KS2 children do not – and they also have to wait longer for lunch! Please feel free to send in a healthy snack for break times: fruit (including dried fruit) or vegetables are acceptable, but NOT sweets, chocolate or crisps. As a special once-a-week treat, the tuck shop sells cookies (30p) along with cartons of apple / orange juice (70p). This is Fairtrade produce and any profits support our charitable work in Shyira, Rwanda.



SAFE AND COURTEOUS PARKING

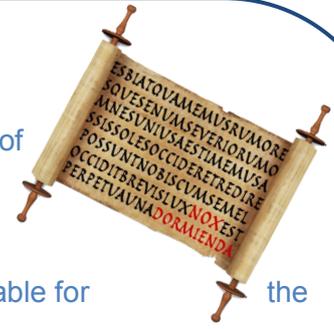
Please help us to keep children safe, and to maintain our good relationships with our neighbours, by parking legally and courteously around school – or better still, parking a bit further away and enjoying a morning constitutional walk!

Thank you!

CARPE DIEM!

This year we are abandoning the teaching of French at KS2 in favour of Latin. The National Curriculum allows for the teaching of a modern foreign language OR an ancient language (Latin or Greek). Staff and governors have been impressed with the training and resources available for the teaching of Latin (and, of course, the resources don't go out of date!) It is very dyslexia friendly and supports the KS2 English curriculum incredibly well, particularly aspects of grammar and spelling. A large percentage of English words are derived from Latin roots. Over the last few years of teaching French, we have found that once children start high school, they more-or-less start all over again with Languages, as some of their cohort from other primaries have not done any French. Furthermore, depending on which high school they choose, they may end up doing French, Spanish or German! Latin gives them a good grounding in the skills needed to learn an additional language.

We are going to introduce Latin gradually, starting this term with Y6. Y6 will have a lesson a week, initially with Mrs Cowey. Then in the Spring term, it will be introduced to Y5, then to Y4 in the summer term.



FORMBY HOCKEY CLUB

Our pupils receive high quality hockey coaching in school from Formby Hockey Club coaches on a regular basis. The club also runs junior coaching sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays and your children are welcome to attend. For more information contact Hockey Development Officer Marc Bourhill on 07742073343 or email formbyhockey@hotmail.com

Pictured here is Sophie Cooke, former St Luke's pupil who has risen through the ranks with Formby Hockey Club and now plays for England U16s. Here she is playing against Belgium in Antwerp this summer.



LOST PROPERTY IS NOW STORED UNDER THE CANOPY OUTSIDE THE MAIN ENTRANCE. DURING THE DAY THERE IS A BOX UNDER THE CANOPY OUTSIDE 10, SO THIS IS THE FIRST PORT OF CALL AT HOMETIME IF YOUR CHILD HAS SOMETHING MISSING. AT 3.30PM ANYTHING REMAINING IS TRNASFERRED TO THE STORAGE AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE.