

Autumn Term Reception Children Friday 21st Sept 2018



A big welcome to all our new families that have joined our school. We hope that you and your child will settle in quickly,

please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff if you have any concerns or questions.



### Visit our New Website!



www.stlukesprimary.co.uk







At St Luke's CE (A) Primary School, we strive to safeguard and promote the welfare of all of our children. We will do everything we can to ensure our children are safeguarded and protected from harm as every child has the right to be safe. If someone at our school sees an unusual or unexplained injury or mark, or if your child has said something worrying to us, we are required by law to make a referral. Please note it is not our job to investigate; Social Care or the Early Help team will make the decision as to what happens next. We realise that you may feel angry, upset or worried because we have made a referral. Please try to understand that every member of staff has a responsibility to act in the best interests of all of our children all of the time and are not allowed to take any risks if a child's safety is of concern. If you have any questions about Safeguarding, please do not hesitate to speak to any member of staff. Thank you, Mrs Grennan.



Sessions for Parents/Carers to come into school and see how and what your child is learning!

Reception: 6th November 2018 & 13th February 2019



Picking up your child at the end of the school day.

FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL OUR CHILDREN

Please stand back from the door, do not crowd the teacher and wait until the teacher sends your child to you. If you need to speak to the teacher please wait until all children have been safely handed over to their carer.

Do we have an up-to-date mobile number for you? If you are not receiving regular text messages, then please see the office staff asap!

Also, if you would be interested in receiving the weekly newsletter by email, please email stlukesprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

Don't forget to follow the St Luke's Facebook page!

Please also keep your school calendar for the year in a safe place!

# **Educational Visits & Visitors**



At St Luke's we enhance our curriculum by taking children on visits and having visitors into school. Separate letters regarding visits will be sent out before a visit.



Can we ask all parents/carers to stand back from the classroom door at the beginning and end of the day, this will enable children to enter school and be dismissed at the end of the day safely.

Please remember to check your child's bag on a daily basis.



### Keep informed!

St Luke's is a very busy school with lots of things happening. Ensure that you keep up-to-date with what is going on by reading the School Weekly newsletter, liking our St Luke's Facebook page and checking our school website regularly:

www.stlukesprimary.co.uk

We also use a text messaging service to keep you up-to-date so please ensure we have a current mobile number.

Also, if you would like to receive the weekly school newsletter via email, then please email

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# Children's morning snack

We provide toast, yoghurt and raisins - £1.00 for the week



### Sending money into school!

Please send any money to your child's classroom where a written record is kept.

No money will be accepted at the school office.

#### **School Dinners & Milk**

Please remember that all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 are entitled to a Free School Meal thanks to the Government.



Make sure that you have completed your form regarding Pupil Premium Funding as this is vital for our school budget.

### **Celebrating birthdays**

It is always nice to celebrate a child's birthday in school but could we please ask parents to only send in sealed packets of sweets as we have several

children with food allergies. No cakes or other food items please.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## School Times

The gates to the playground will be opened at 8:40 a.m. If a child arrives at school before this time, there is no staff supervision and the child remains the responsibility of

the parent/carer.

Children will be allowed to enter their classrooms / entrances at 8:45 a.m. All children should be in their classrooms by 8:55 a.m. which is the official start of the school day. Please note: Gates will be closed before this time. Any children not in their classroom at 8:55 a.m. for registration will need to go through the main entrance and will be marked as late.

#### **School Uniform and PE Kit**

Is your child wearing the correct uniform and PE Kit? Letters will be going home to those parents who are not supporting our uniform policy.

Merits will be awarded to children who look smart and have correct uniform.

Are your child's clothes and shoes labelled? Please ensure that your child's uniform and PE kit have their names in!

Please help us to reduce lost property! Thank you.

### Are you a parent/carer who drives to school?

If so, can you please think carefully about where you park your car when collecting your child.

At St Luke's Church of England (Aided) Primary School, we value the feedback we receive from our parents/carers. Thank you to those parents/carers who completed and returned the evaluation forms that were enclosed with your child's report in July 2018. From the evaluation forms that were returned, responses were analysed and the results are as follows and comments made to any issues highlighted:

Academic year: 2017/2018 (120 returned)	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know / Not answered
My child enjoys school.	85%	14%	1%	0%	0%
My child is making progress.	75%	22%	1%	0%	2%
I feel that my child is safe and well cared for at school.	77%	23%	0%	0%	0%
I feel that my child's behaviour and discipline is good at St Luke's.	78%	22%	0%	0%	0%
I the parent/carer have an important role to play in my child's Education.	80%	19%	0%	0%	1%
I value the distinctive Christian character of the school.	70%	23%	0%	0%	7%
I feel that Worship and Religious Education teaching are important aspects of the school.	73%	26%	0%	0%	1%
I am happy with my child's report.	69%	28%	2%	1%	0%

With regards to how our school could improve, the issues raised are found below:

#### **Issue: Parents workshops**

One parent asked if workshops could be scheduled earlier in the school year. Workshops to support parents in maths and English will start in the Autumn Term. Parents will be invited to ones which link to the curriculum your child is working in.

#### Issue: Children's Targets

A parent was concerned that they were not able to help their child with targets in all subjects because they did not know what they were. We will be sending your child home with a set of age/year group expectations for each subject at the beginning of the academic year. This information will also be available on the school website.

#### **Issue: Parents Evening**

One parent asked if we can arrange a parents evening to discuss progress earlier in the academic year. We will be running parents evening across a couple of evenings in November and asking you to book specific time slots. However, if you feel you need to discuss your child's progress in more depth or have a specific concern, please don't wait until parents evening, contact school and make an appointment. Parents evening appointments can only work if conversations are kept within the timescale.

#### Issue: Homework

Some parents are concerned that homework does not always suit all children. If you are concerned that your child is struggling with homework or is not motivated to complete tasks speak to the class teacher who will work with you to set achievable tasks and to encourage your child to complete them.

#### Issue: Children entering school

One parent said that they were concerned that when a teacher is talking to parents at the door they may not be aware of which children have entered. In each class there is a member of staff on the door and another within the classroom and there are also staff in the cloakroom areas. These staff monitor the children entering the classrooms, self-registering, handing over monies and sorting out their coats and bags.

#### Issue: Dealing with behaviour

One parent said that they were pleased that action had been taken when their child had reported bad behaviour. It is good to get feedback that our policies and the action that we take are effective.

The majority of comments related to thanking the staff for their hard work and commitment and for the support given to their children. Here are some examples of comments from parents/carers.

I want just say to thank you to teachers you made my son life I see him how he has grown, developed. BIG BIG thank you

The way of education is very good in this school. Teachers are very nice and kind with the students and parents. I am very happy with this school.

...happy with progress and we are really thankful for all the efforts school is taking for their upbringing and development.

Thank you for all the hard work which you have done this year.

...thank you for making the start of his school life such a pleasure.

He like his school. He is very happy with his teacher and all staff members

I am happy with the report

Very nice teachers.

I am happy for everything

Fantastic school team. Thank you all for the help and support.

I would once again like to thank all teachers for my son's education. St Luke's is not a school but a FAMILY UNIT xx

Our son has developed into a more confident person in his time in KS1. His personal attainment is massive. Thank you to all the staff in Reception, Years 1 and 2 that helped make this possible. The foundations are solid for moving on up to KS2.

Keep the good work up

My child has really enjoyed learning in Year 3...

Thank you to all the staff who have worked with my child this year, their report had me in tears. I am so proud of them....

My child has made good progress.

I feel my child has achieved a lot over this past year and enjoys school very much.

Thank you

Thank you to all the staff who work so hard. My child's achievement would not have been possible without your labour of love. Thanks once again

This school is fantastic

We Love St Luke's

A school where education is what it is meant to be, where selflessness meets single-minded dedication to duty. A heartfelt and well-deserving "thank you" to the entire staff and work force of St Luke's Primary School.

Thank you to everyone for your comments and continued support. We are continually striving to improve St Luke's and value your suggestions and comments.



## Aspire, Believe, Achieve! Our School Rainbow Rules



Respect yourself, others and school property

Organise yourself and be ready to learn

Yes please, No thank you - remember your manners!

Gentleness and kindness to others at all times

Behave safely and sensibly

Instructions must be listened to and followed

#### Value others

#### School Rules, Rewards & Discipline Procedures

As our school logo is a rainbow, our school rules relate to the different colours i.e. Red is for Respect; Orange is for Organise yourself; Indigo is for Instructions; Violet is for Value others and so on .....

Please spend time talking to your children about the rules, the importance of following them and the discipline procedures that are in place if the rules are not adhered to.