

Dates:

<u>July</u>

Tuesday 9th Last Hugh McAuley session; Last drama club session Wednesday 10th Re-arranged sports day for Reception, Y1 and Y2; Annual Reports sent home; 3R Golden Ticket Reward **Thursday 11th** Sumer Reading Challenge: librarians visiting school Friday 12th
FOSLS event: break the rules MUFTI **Monday 15th** Open the Book Team leading worship; Soup Kitchen donations being collected: Y6 transition workshop; Girls' football tournament at Redgate **Tuesday 16th** Leavers show to school (a.m.) and to parents/staff (evening) Wednesday 17th Leavers' Services at Church 9.30: RP,1P, 2GN, 3R, 4C, 5H, 6H 10.15: RI, 1FON, 2M, 3H, 4WM, 5W, 6G

Return to school for Y1-Y6 Tuesday 3rd September (Monday 2nd Inset Day children not in school)

Thursday 18th

Term ends, 2pm

New Reception start on Thursday 5th September

St Luke's News

July 2024

"This summer time will be a little different for me..."

These words are from "Goodbye My Friend" - the song our Y6 pupils traditionally sing at their Leavers' Show and Leavers' Service. It is always a bit of a tear-jerker, as they reflect on their time at primary school and contemplate moving on. The words will certainly ring true for Mrs Fegan, Miss O'Neill and me next week, with over 90 years' experience at St Luke's between us and with just a few days left!

We all agree there will many things we will miss about being in school: every day is different, not always in a good way, to be honest, but NEVER boring! St Luke's is definitely like a family, and we have memories and friendships that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. We will always be glad to hear about St Luke's pupils and how they are making their way in life. The best thing about teaching is having a part to play in developing children's characters and minds. It is the relationships that we will miss the most: with staff, governors, parents and most of all, the children. Although the demands of the profession have increased over the years, we all agree it really is the best job in the world.

It has been an honour and a privilege to lead St Luke's for so many years. There were many positive statements in our recent Ofsted report, but it is the start of the report that sums up our school for me: "This is a school where pupils learn to be themselves, to respect difference and to speak out when they see injustice."

Thank you to parents past and present for all your support.

Sharon Cowey, Headteacher 2002-2024

Also leaving us... Judy Carter, teaching assistant, who joined us last September: we wish her every happiness as she leaves us next week.



As previously announced, teaching assistant Mrs Webberley (joined St Luke's in January 2015) is taking a very early retirement to enjoy more holidays and time with her family and also teaching assistant Mrs Mather (joined St Luke's January 2018) who is pursuing her passion and talent for weaving.

And last but not least, our lovely Lollipop Man, Adrian, who will be crossing children over at another school - best wishes for the future!

Governor Update

Our Chair of Governors, Mrs Tanya Wright, is stepping down from the governing body at the end of this school year. We are incredibly grateful for her leadership of the governing body over the last 6 years. This means there will be a vacancy for a parent governor in September. The new Chair is Mr Glynn Stockton, also currently a parent governor.

Sports Days

A big thank you to Mr Williams and the PE



department at Range High School, especially their student Sports Leaders for making our two sports mornings a huge success. The children were competitive but sporting and cheered each other on in the races, which was great to see!

Tesco Blue Tokens!

A reminder that St Luke's has been selected for the collection of Blue Tokens from July all the way to September! The campaign is for *Read Your Own Way* - to support the purchase of books in school. This will



focus on non-fiction books for the library and our class sets of high quality fiction.

Please spread the word and support our school!

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FOSLS 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the latest winners of the 100 Club,

JULY WIINERS:

1st Prize (£35): Mrs T McGill 2nd Prize (£20): Mrs S Wright 3rd Prize (£15): Mrs S Gilham



Southport Soup Kitchen (SSK) School Appeal

The SSK appeals all year round for donations of nonperishable food items - tinned and packet groceries. This is a never-ending appeal from a small charity with a volunteer workforce that serves to help people struggling with the costof-living crisis in their local community.

CAN YOU HELP MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE BY DONATING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS THROUGH OUR SCHOOL AT THE END OF THIS **SUMMER TERM?**

Please bring any donations to the green tables under the front canopy by Monday 15th July. Ken Davies from Church will collect the donations and deliver the to the Soup Kitchen.

Thank you for your support.

(SSK website: https://southportsoupkitchen.net)

School Health Drop-in

The next session for St Luke's is on Monday 15th July, between 09:30 – 12:30. The sessions are now held remotely, using the "attend anywhere" system.

A document with information for parents to access the sessions was sent out electronically with this newsletter.



Ear Piercings



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A reminder that only small stud earrings are allowed for school and children must be able to remove these themselves for all PE lessons, including swimming. Since earrings cannot be removed for the first six week after piercing, the vey start of the summer holidays is an ideal time to get them

Many thanks to FOSLS for a wonderful "Break the Rules Day"!



Summer Concert



This was a thoroughly enjoyable musical evening, coordinated by Mrs Harper and led by our wonderful peripatetic music teachers. It had to be held indoors due to the unsettled weather, but was still a huge success. Children from Y3 to Y6 that play an instrument or have singing lessons in school performed. The Love of Music Award, in memory of our secretary, Donna Osborne, was presented by Donna's brother, Mr Williams and two of her children.

The worthy winner of the award was Benji from Y5. Well done to all who took part.

St Luke's Wins North West Award for Latin



Earlier this month, Mrs Govan and Mrs Cowey travelled to Leicester to receive the North West Reginal Award for the promotion of classics in state schools in recognition of our Latin curriculum. School was also awarded £300 to purchase more Latin resources.

The award was presented by Jimmy Mulville, the comedy writer, producer and television presenter. He is best known for co-founding the British independent television production company Hat Trick Productions, which sponsored the prestigious event at the Leicester Museum and Art Gallery.



Happy Holidays to all our pupils, parents and carers. Stay safe and we will see most of you in September. Good luck to our Y6 pupils and those leaving us because they are re-locating: we hope you take the St Luke's values with you!



SEND Support Sessions for Parents/Carers

As part of the Summer HAF Programme we are running 3 free sessions for parents/ carers of children with additional needs. Each session will consist of a presentation and will be limited to 15 parents / carers, to support time for discussions around individual children. To book. please click on the links below.

Dates: 24th – 26th July 2024

Location: Crosby Lakeside Activity Centre

Time: 10am – 12pm

Tutor: Tracy Rowland - Clare Mount College

Tea and Coffee provided

24th July Autism Spectrum & Social Communication Difficulties

This session will outline and explain the difficulties associated with these conditions and highlight strategies to support children and young people with their day to day lives.

25th July Sensory Processing Difficulties

This session will explain the difficulties experienced with sensory processing for many neuro-divergent children, and also explain how to use sensory systems as interventions to support emotional regulation, concentration and attention.

26th July ADHD

An overview of ADHD, explaining what differences are experienced by children and young people with this diagnosis, and focussing on the positives of this condition which are often overlooked. An explanation of how ADHD medication works, and discussion of other strategies which can be used to support individuals with the condition.





CROSBY MARINA CLUB

VOLUNTEER-RUN SAILING CLUB FOR CHILDREN AGED 10-18

- ↑ CROSBY LAKESIDE ADVENTURE CENTRE, CAMBRIDGE ROAD, L22 1RR
- (1) EVERY SUNDAY 11AM 3PM
- ME OFFER INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNISED RYA QUALIFICATIONS
- ♦ £120 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE COVERS ALL TEACHING AND EQUIPMENT

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