



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back as we begin the summer term.

On Wednesday the pupils on this year's Sacramental Programme began their Sacramental preparation. They will be enrolled on to the programme at 11 am mass on Sunday 21st April. We are very much looking forward to joining them in this celebration. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue their faith journey.

On Thursday afternoon, our Deputy Headteacher and Maths Lead, Mrs Jevons, delivered a maths workshop for parents. In recent years there have been a number of changes, therefore, we felt it was an opportunity to share how maths is delivered at St. Luke's and what we consider effective ways of learning. Parents were introduced to M.I.C.E, **Manipulatives Illustration, Calculation, Explanation**, a process used to help structure mathematical thinking and to consolidate concepts. Thank you to those parents who attended, we hope that you found it useful. We do appreciate your feedback, we will shortly send out a parent survey for you to complete.

Today you will receive a copy of your Child's progress report. This time we have also included their attendance, as we have indicated in previous communication absence equates to lost learning time, which impacts on pupil progress. If there is something you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher, please contact the school office and we will arrange a mutually convenient time in which to meet.

Thank you to all the parents who donated old clothing in support of FoSL fundraising. We really appreciate your support with this.

Next week, I will be joining the children in Yew Tree class on their residential to Tattenhall. We are all looking forward to the experience (only three more sleeps). A parent meeting took place on Wednesday afternoon, if you were unable to attend or would like to refresh your memory slides are available on the class page on the school website.

Clubs have begun this week, this includes lunchtime and after school clubs. Early birds begin next week. Please ensure that your child arrives promptly to maximise their learning time.

Wishing you an enjoyable weekend.

Yours sincerely

Eileen Murtagh

Lion Cubs

The Lion Cubs enjoyed playing and exploring this week! Come and join us again next week.

Little Church

Come and join us at Little Church on Saturday 27th April during 6pm mass.

Dates for your diary

Monday 22nd April– Wednesday 24th April —Yew Class residential

Monday 29th April– Tuesday 30th April — Elm Class residential

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **95.6%**.

Across the school, **10 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed
95% attendance means **10** school days missed
90% attendance means **19** school days missed
80% attendance means **38** school days missed
5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Lower than 90% Attendance Class 5	90-95% Attendance Class 4	96-100% Attendance Reception Class 1 Class 2 Class 3 Class 6
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Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

**St Luke's Catholic
Primary School**

SUMMER FAIR

★ Friday 21st June 2024 ★
3:20pm-5:30pm

Lots of fun for all!

- BBQ
- Refreshments
- Cakes
- Games
- Tombola

...and much more!

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The Willows
Frodsham

Parentkind
Member Association

★ **FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY** ★

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Cherry Class

We have had a lovely Easter holiday and have enjoyed sharing what we have been up to during our time off.

In English we have been writing a story map of the story *The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth* to help us to retell the story and plan our own story.

We have had a fun practical maths week exploring rulers to measure objects accurately and using scales to weigh, measure and compare weights.

In Science we love finding out about living things. Year 1 have been discussing how we know which group an animal belongs to, whether it be a mammal, bird or reptile etc. Reception have been exploring the outdoor area to see whether we have living creatures at St Luke's school.

We have been reflecting on Easter Sunday during WTL and the different ways that we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with our families and communities.



Elm Class

Year 2 have had an amazing first week back from the Easter Break!

In Maths, we have started a new unit of Measurement and have been exploring different lengths and heights in our classroom.

In English, we have been practicing how to make contractions using apostrophes, even using them in a set of rules for Little Red Riding Hood to help her stay safe in the woods.

In Science we looked at seeds, and the different parts of seeds that help it to grow into different plants.

In Geography, Year 2 used atlas' to find the seas and oceans that surround the UK, they did a brilliant job!.

Also a very exciting start to our KS1 crafts club making animal bookmarks!



Yew Class

Yew Tree class have had a wonderful first week back! In English we have been extremely busy writing our task. We have been focusing on expanding our vocabulary in addition to using dialogue to create settings and characters for our narrative.

In science, we finished our topic of 'sound'. On Tuesday, we investigated the best materials for soundproofing. We played a sound on an ipad and covered it with paper, tinfoil, sponges, towels and cardboard. We recorded the decibel level of the sound to determine the best insulator. We came to the conclusion that the lower decibel level, the better the material was at sound proofing.

In geography, we have been looking at the physical and human features of the Amazon rainforest. We were surprised to learn that human tribes live in the rainforest and build huts. We also learned about the different ways the Amazon is being destroyed through deforestation. We considered this impact upon the humans and animals that live there.

We have also been practising our times tables using TT rockstars and were very excited to compete in a 'battle' between Year 3 and Year 4.

Finally, we are very excited about our upcoming residential to Tattenhall.



Cypress Class

It is wonderful to be back together after the Easter break and it has been a busy first week back! After a successful violin concert at the end of last term, Year 5 started their week with their violin lesson and are now beginning to learn new songs ready to perform in the Summer Term concert. Year 6 also enjoyed developing their music skills in their music lesson on Monday and it is great to see the progress they have made since the beginning of the year.

As we begin the Summer Term, it is wonderful to see how everyone is becoming more confident in different subjects as they develop and build upon their skills. We begin our day with a 'Tough Ten' maths challenge and there has been a big increase in the number of people achieving full marks regularly.

This week's Whole Class Reading theme has been 'Titanic' (in line with the anniversary of the ship sinking on 15th April 1912). The children have enjoyed reading different articles and finding out more about how the ship was designed and built before exploring its links with Liverpool.

On Thursday, we finished our class novel 'The Last Wild' and thoroughly enjoyed reading it together. We can't wait to start our new class novel next week. Watch this space in next week's newsletter to see what it will be...



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards

