



St Luke's Church of England School Newsletter

4th September 2020

Message from Ms Iwanicki

Dear Parents and Carers,

How wonderful it has been to welcome the children back to school this week. Both yesterday and today it has been an absolute joy to see their smiling faces back in class again. I have seen wonderful writing, beautiful art work and ingenious model making!

With the ongoing pandemic there are many changes in the way we do things now in school. As well as having different start and finish times, the whole school timetable has been rearranged to ensure bubbles of children do not cross paths along the corridor. It is extremely important children arrive at the school at their allotted time so they are in their classrooms before the next group of children come in. Thankyou to everyone for arriving and then leaving the site promptly. Extra cleaning routines happen through out the day and the children continue to wash their hands regularly. Markers are in place inside the school to encourage social distancing and all deliveries to the school are sanitised before coming through the building. Mrs Wickham, Mrs Galton and myself spend a lot of the day cleaning down high traffic areas, but it has very much become our 'new normal'. The children have already become accustomed to these routines and are doing a great job of reminding the adults if we forget.

We are still unable to hold whole school assemblies, but in-class worship continues with PowerPoint slides and weekly 'video assemblies'. It is my aim this year to try and angle the iPad a little better so I don't cut off my head each week!

Lunches continue to be staggered and the children have already got into the habit of following the one-way system to the serving hatch. All self-service items, such as the salad bar, have been removed and all food is plated up for the children by our kitchen staff with TAs ensuring clean cutlery and water is ready in the child's place. Between each sitting the hall and lining up area is cleared and cleaned down before the next group of children come in.

On that note I would like to say a huge thank you to all the St Luke's staff who continue to make every effort to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children.

Breakfast club will resume on Monday, please make sure you book your slot at least 24 hours in advance through the school office.

This week we welcome Mrs. O'Toole to the school who will be working alongside Mr. Dicker in the school office and Ms. Bansal our new Reception Class teacher. I'm sure you will join me in wishing them a successful year here at St Luke's.

Finally, I would like to thank all those parents who have said such lovely words of thanks and support for all the hard work that has gone into getting the school fully operational again.

Wishing you all a restful weekend

Jo Iwanicki

Head of School

Psalm 56:3 4 *When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise in God, I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?*



Thank you for all your wonderful work.



Covid-19 Advice

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of any of the following:

- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness. However, if you have any of the symptoms above you should self-isolate at home.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

If you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home or your condition gets worse, please visit: www.111.nhs.uk/covid-19. If you cannot get help online, please call 111.

Pupils must not attend if they, or a member of their household, has COVID-like symptoms or a positive test.

You can now ask for a test:

- for yourself, if you have coronavirus symptoms now (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- for someone you live with, if they have coronavirus symptoms

<https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test>

Clinically extremely vulnerable

People who are clinically extremely vulnerable should have received a letter telling them they're in this group or been told by their GP.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19/guidance-on-shielding-and-protecting-extremely-vulnerable-persons-from-covid-19#who-is-clinically-extremely-vulnerable>

Dates for Diary 2020-2021

Term dates are on the school website. Additions are in **blue**; Changes are in **red**.

1 st September	INSET Day
2 nd September	INSET Day
3 rd September	Start of Term
16 th September	Individual Pupil Photos
18 th September	Jeans for genes Day
23 rd October	Last Day of Half Term
26 th -30 th October	Half Term Holiday