ST LUKE'S *CofE* PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you that I am back from maternity leave and have been looking forward to getting back into a school routine and working alongside your child this year. It is an exciting time for me to return as the next few weeks are particularly busy for the Foundation children, so please read the letter carefully and take note of the dates and information below.

Should you need anything or have any questions, please come and see us after school once the children have been released. We are always more than welcome to assist in any way that we can. Please read the information below.

- **Things to be brought into school**

A book bag, labelled water bottle, labelled PE kit in a drawstring bag to be kept in school, labelled wellies, a coat and a packed lunch if that is your lunch choice for your child at lunch times.

- **Wellies needed**

All children will need to bring in wellies or old trainers which you don't mind getting dirty and need to be kept in school.

- **No earrings for PE**

A reminder to tape or take out earrings for our PE lessons. As the year progresses, the children will be taking part in more contact sports and may not be able to do PE lessons if they have jewellery kept in.

- **Santa Fun Run – 4.12.26**

During the morning, classes will have the opportunity to run, walk or jog laps of the field. Please send your child to school **ALREADY DRESSED** in warm clothing. This will consist of plain clothing such as jogging bottoms, a jumper or hoody, t-shirt, socks and trainers. Please avoid branded clothes for school. **WE WILL NOT BE CHANGING THE CHILDREN AT SCHOOL FOR THIS AND SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THIS EVENT.** Please could you make sure your child has a pair of wellies or old trainers in school so they are able to take part. We will help them to change into their footwear later in the morning.

- **Carol Service in the Church – 17.12.26**

Your child will be taking part in a Carol Service where the traditional Nativity story will be narrated by Year 2 while EYFS children act out the scenes in our local church. Afterwards, family members of EYFS children will be invited back to our classroom to congratulate/take pictures of your child. You are warmly invited to attend. We look forward to seeing you there! Your child will shortly be sent home a costume letter. Please keep this safe and provide the following items mentioned in the letter by the date shown so that your child is dressed smartly alongside our costumes for the Service.

- **Christmas party in the classroom – 17.12.26**

In the afternoon, EYFS will have their Christmas party in the classroom. **Children do not need to bring Christmas party clothes** as we will not have enough time to change, but they can wear their uniform with a Christmas jumper. Children will need to bring their own party food due to allergies. Your child will need a drink, crisps and a sweet treat in a labelled bag. We will not allow any nuts, fizzy drinks, sweets or glass bottles.

We will take part in games and dancing throughout the afternoon with lots of pictures and prizes too!

- **Spare clothes**

If your child has worn any of the school's spare clothes, please could these be washed and brought back as soon as possible. A reminder to bring a spare set of clothes for your child in case they have any accidents during the school day.

- **Reading**

Please continue to keep up with reading at least 3 times a week. Please continue to help your child to speak in full sentences when describing picture books and support your child to 'say the sounds and read the word' when word books have been given. Any time you have read with your child, please date, sign and write a comment in the diary which we will then check. They do not have to finish the book in 1 day. They could read 1 page on one evening, 2 pages another evening and back to 1 page on the third evening. We will move your child's face on our reading chart every time you hear them read at home. If your child has read 3 or more times in a week, they will receive 1 house point on their sticker chart. We also advise that your child reads their book twice to develop fluency and practise answering questions as part of reading comprehension. We will hear all children read during a 2 week period.

As mentioned before, if there is anything you are unsure about or have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day once the children are released. Once again I am looking forward to working alongside yourselves and your child to enable them the best start to their first year of school life.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Chana