

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to St. Luke's! We hope you have had a fantastic Summer with family and friends making precious memories and we now look forward to your child's first year at primary school! Each half-term, we will send you a letter like this informing you about key events or dates for your diaries. You will also receive a half-termly curriculum overview informing you about the different areas of learning, what we will be teaching the children and what they will be learning. 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.

This half-term the main focus of learning is getting to know each other, building relationships and forming regular routines. Please see the half-term curriculum overview for more information.

- **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 spare set of clothes in a labelled bag in case of accidents, a coat and a packed lunch if that is your lunch choice for your child at lunch times.

- **Relish – lunch time food options**

Please check your emails to sign up to Relish which is our new catering service at lunch times. Please make sure you check the allergy options for your child carefully. You can pre-order your child's meals before they arrive to school. We will only be checking meals for those children where no choice has been made each morning.

- **PE – Friday afternoon**

Alongside other movement activities throughout the week both indoors and outdoors, your child will be getting dressed and undressed in the classroom with support from us when it is our PE day. This helps with building independence as well as gross and fine motor skills. Please ensure all jewellery is removed at home and hair is tied back. We cannot provide tape for earrings or to cover any other type of jewellery. Please label all PE clothing and uniform with your child's name to avoid lost clothes.

- **Reading**

In a few weeks, your child will receive a reading book and diary in a reading pack which goes back and forth from school to home. This book may be a picture book or book with simple words in it. We advise parents to hear their child read at least 3 times a week. 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, in order to develop fluency and practise answering questions as part of reading comprehension. We will hear all children read as often as we can.

- **Passwords for pick up**

Please make sure that you have notified a member of staff if your child is being picked up by somebody different than usual. They will need to provide us with a password which matches the one you have given us.

- **Admissions forms**

We have not received many admission forms back and therefore information about your child is likely to be delayed getting onto our system which we need to do as soon as possible. Please ensure you have filled these out and handed them either to myself or the office. Please remember to fill in the medical form even if your child has no allergies. If you need extra forms, please come and see me as soon as you can.

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. We are looking forward to working alongside yourself this year to provide the best possible outcomes for your child.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Chana