



# St Luke's School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first Whole School Newsletter of 2018!

This term we will be doing some 'learning about learning'. We will be using a graphic of a 'Learning Pit' to help the children to understand more about what learning is, how we learn, what it might feel like to face learning challenges, and how a positive 'growth' mind-set, determination and support from friends and teachers can help us overcome difficulties. The key part of the graphic is having strategies to help overcome the frustration that sometimes happens as we learn something new.

## Medication in School

Please can we remind everyone about our Medication in School policy (full policy is available in the Policies section on our school website ([www.stluke.sch.je](http://www.stluke.sch.je))).

Please note that requests for the administration of Calpol or Nurofen will only be considered for pain relief (for example to support a child with a fracture or sprain). If a child requires this type of medication for other reasons (for example to reduce a fever or temperature ) school will question if the child is fit to be in school.

## Lunchtimes

We recently re-monitored a selection of classes during lunchtimes to ensure that the children were provided with enough time and support.

The vast majority of children were finishing eating all their lunch well within the allocated times. There are of course some children that do require extra time and we are very happy to provide this .

We will continue to monitor lunchtimes and make adaptations to our routines.

**The Learning Pit**

**Facing a Challenge**  
You may feel anxious, nervous, scared, excited or comfortable.

**Having a Go**  
You may feel interested, hooked and use prior knowledge.

**Problem Solving**  
You may feel anger, distraction, frustration, challenge, confusion or uncomfortable.

**Deep Learning**  
You may learn a sense of collaboration and concentration.

**Successful Learning**  
You should feel achievement and pride.

There is no bridge or short cut...to learn something new, you have to enter the Learning Pit and find your way out!

## PTA movie night

The PTA are planning a Movie night (Friday 2nd Feb) £2.50 a ticket  
PTA will be letting you know how to get a ticket soon.

## Catholic classes

Mrs Parouty has spaces in her weekly Catholic class (Friday 9am) for anyone who would like their child to attend, years 3—6. Please speak to Ms Hamon for more information.

## Twitter & Facebook

A reminder that we have both a **Facebook** page:

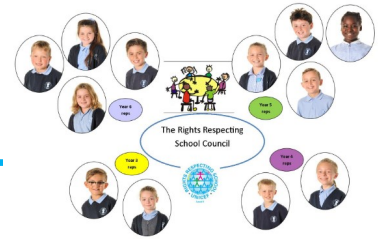
@StLukesSchoolJersey

and a **Twitter** page:

@a\_stluke

where we regularly provide information and latest information.





### Rights Respecting council—feedback from recent meetings

Our Rights Respecting School Council met recently and discussed a range of issues:

- Football—there are currently issues in many playtime/lunchtime football games relating to sharing and sportsmanship. Council members will raise this in their class council meetings & Mr Turner will speak to the whole school in assembly.
- Lunchtimes - feedback from classes was that the lunchtimes are a lot better now that children sit in their set places. It was asked what had happened to the table top bins - Staff will investigate and replace any that have gone missing.
- Fundraising ideas—class feedback was that children would like to have a dressing up day (world book day) where they could raise money so that we could have the latest books for the library. Other ideas included were a possible talent show and Sports/Active PE day. Our traditional St Luke's Sponsored walk was also eagerly discussed (the children are keen to go further this year!).

### Newsletters—electronic

Please be aware that moving forwards school newsletters (including Class Weekly Newsletters) will be being emailed home rather than printed. A copy of all newsletters are provided on our website and a paper copy is displayed in our front entrance. If you require a printed copy please speak to Ms Hamon who will happily provide you with a copy.

### Leave requests

Please can we remind parents/carers that requests to take children out of school for holidays/days off are only ever approved in extra special circumstances. The School attendance policy is available on the school website (in the school policy section). In our regular Education Welfare meetings with the Education Department all leave approvals are scrutinised with the school held to account for all decisions to approve.

### Caring Cooks—Hot lunches update

We recently sent home a scoping letter from Caring Cooks who are looking at what interest there would be in hot lunches being provided. The results from St Luke's showed that a lot of parents are very keen on this idea. Caring Cooks will now meet with their committee and the Education Department to plan the next steps. As soon as we have any more details we will let you know.

**Article 28:** All children have the right to learn and go to school.

**Article 29:** All children have the right to become the best that they can be.

