



# St Luke's School



Dear Parents/Carers,

First of all I hope that, in spite of the rather iffy weather you had a wonderful Summer break. The children have come back into school today looking really refreshed and ready for what will definitely be an exciting term ahead. I would like to welcome in particular the large number of new families we have joining us this term and new staff members. I am sure that you will make them all feel very welcome and part of our school community.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments, please let us know. Until we know about them, we can't help work together with you to find solutions!

It is always best to speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance if the issue relates to your child. If you would like to talk to someone else, then the Key Stage Leader would be your next port of call:

Foundation and Key Stage 1 - Miss Cauvain

Key Stage 2 - Mrs Hepworth

If you still don't feel your concern has been answered, then it would be best to next speak to Mrs Hepworth or to myself directly.

I wish you all a very happy, successful term.

School website = [www.stluke.sch.je](http://www.stluke.sch.je) Facebook = [St Luke's School Jersey](#)

## Data Sheets

You will soon be receiving a new data sheet. Please can we ask that these are returned back to us promptly to ensure that our school records are complete.

Many thanks for your support with this.

## Celebration Assemblies

A reminder that through the year the children will be hosting celebration assemblies, sharing with you their learning experiences, trips and residentials. These will take place on a Friday morning at 9am. Dates and times will be published on the school calendar (found on our website).

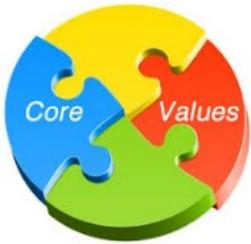


## PTA

Our first PTA meeting for the new academic year is taking place here at school on **Tuesday 19th at 7pm.**

All are welcome and we value any support you can give us.

On Tuesday next week the PTA second Hand Uniform will be running at the end of the school day. Lots of useful items at a greatly reduced price!



School Values Over the next few weeks we will be asking for your contributions to the work we are doing with staff and children to refocus and clarify the school's core values. We promise to read every response and will look to ensure the values we develop reflect the views of the staff, children and parents too. We will share the final set of school values with you once this process is completed, hopefully before the end of this term.

### Parking/school road

Please remember not to park on the "keep clear" section outside the school drive—it makes it very difficult for staff going to/returning from training, meetings, etc.

### School Photos

The photographer will be with us on 25th September. If you would like your child to have their photo taken with a sibling not yet in school please be in the hall at 8.30.

**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.**

### No nuts, please!

Please can we remind everyone that St Luke's is a peanut and nut free school. We have several children with allergies so **please don't put any in lunchboxes.** Thank you for your support with this.





### Start and end of the day

Gates open at **8.30** when the children are able to go straight into their class to unpack their belongings, greet their friends and take part in the early work/activities. Registers are taken at **8.45** with **children arriving after 8.50 marked as late.**

Once children have been collected at the end of the day **please be prompt at taking them off school grounds,** as our after school club are waiting to come out to play. Thank you for your understanding with this.

### Holiday Request/Term Time Absence

If you are requesting permission for your children to be absent from school you are asked to complete a "Holiday Request Form" either electronically (via our school website) or on paper (available from the school office.)

A child can only be given permission in rare circumstances and only 10 days in their **entire primary school career.**

For more information please refer to our school Attendance Policy on our website.



### Newsletters

Now that we are sending home a weekly class letter we will be reducing our "whole school" letters to 1 per month. This should, hopefully reduce the amount of paper being sent home while still giving you information about events, celebrations and developments around school. We will continue to publish copies of our newsletters onto our website and Facebook page.

### Albie - The School Dog

Albie returned to school today (Friday) and the children were very pleased to see him. Albie is working hard in his puppy classes and is now allowed to spend a little more time with the children.

As we share Albie with other schools he will only be with us on either a Wednesday or Friday morning.

The children are loving being able to say good morning to him when they come into school and walk him on his lead at playtimes



### Email

On the Class Curriculum letter (coming home next week) we are asking for a home email address. This will be added to your child's school file and enable us to correspond directly with you, send you electronic copies of newsletters and forms. Your email will not be shared with anyone outside of the school admin team.

Thank you for supporting us with this.