



St Luke's School



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Dear Parents,

Welcome back everyone and Happy new Year!

The children have been very excited telling us all about their holidays. They have enjoyed getting back into school, seeing their friends as well as getting back into normal routines.

Class teachers have been busy putting together their Curriculum letters, which you will be receiving next Friday with lots planned to fit in between now and Easter (can't believe I've mentioned the E word in January!!!).

Weekly class information letters will be being sent home from next Friday to ensure you are kept fully up-to-date.

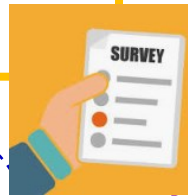
No Nuts or Peanuts

Please can we remind everyone that we are a nut/peanut free school. We have several children and staff who are severely allergic and as such we ask that you don't place these items in your child's lunchbox. Thank you for your support and understanding with this.



Parent Survey

On Friday 10th January our annual Parent Survey will open. To enable your survey to be included we do ask that you provide your child's name—this allows us to pick up any points that you raise which are personal to your child or your family. It also allows us to gather more information from you, should you mention another child/adult that could possibly be around safeguarding or child protection. Once the survey closes we will be publishing our results on our website and produce "you said, we did" in our future Newsletters.



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).

Please note that requests for the administration of Calpol or Nurofen will only be considered for pain relief.

If a child requires this type of medication for other reasons (e.g. to reduce a temperature) school will question if the child is well enough to be in school. Thank you for your understanding with this.

Spring Curriculum Letters

Next week staff will send out their Spring Term curriculum letters. These explain each year groups' learning for this term. The learning has been planned clearly and carefully, encouraging our children to engage with inquiry skills, questioning opportunities, decision-making tasks, as well as provide planned time for feedback/reflection, group learning and thinking skills. These are all strengths of our school.

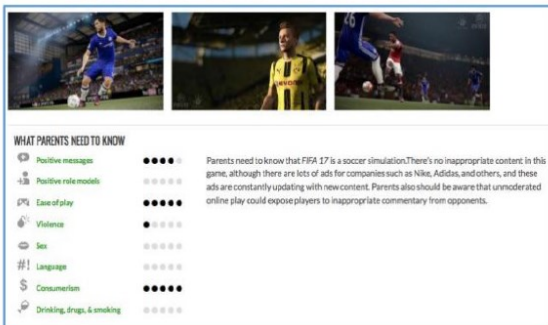
Weekly class information letters will also be being sent home from next Friday to ensure you are kept fully up-to-date and so you know what is occurring each week.





Online and gaming safety

Teachers have commented that some children in their classes are playing games at home which might not be appropriate. If you do need to find out more about a particular game, please go to www.common sense media.org and type in the name of the game or app. It will then show you all the information a parent needs to know about the game and then you can make an informed decision about if you want your child to play. An example is below (for Fifa 17). It is a great site and has loads of other information available.



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.

Spring Term Dates

January

- Thursday 5th - Children start back
- Friday 20th - Class Curriculum Letters sent home
- Friday 27th - Holocaust Memorial Day

February

- Thursday 2nd—Education Minister visiting school
- Tuesday 7th - Safer Internet Day
- Friday 10th - Parent Survey Opens

Monday 13th till Friday 17th = HALF TERM

March

- Thursday 2nd - World Book Day
- Friday 3rd - Parent Survey Closes
- Wednesday 8th & 15th - Parent Consultations (online)
- Thursday 30th - Easter Church Service (1:30pm)
- Friday 31st - Last Day of Term

April

Monday 3rd till Friday 14th—Easter Holidays

- Monday 24th - Children start back.

Cold Weather!

As the temperature drops please can we ask that children come to school wearing their winter uniform and appropriate coats, hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you for your support with this.

Staffing Update

This term we welcome some new staff who will be joining our school this term.

- Mrs McLachlan will be teaching in Year 3
- Mrs Du Heaume will be supporting learning in Year 1
- And Mrs Acosta will be supporting learning in Year 2

I know we will all make them feel very welcome.

