

## Hello children!

We are really looking forward to welcoming you when you start school where you will join Miss Grime and I and become a member of our Reception class. It is such a shame that we could not have our usual transition together so we thought we would share a little bit about ourselves with you in a letter so you can get to know us.



I am Mrs Goodwin and I will be your class teacher when you start school. I have worked at St Luke's now for 17 very enjoyable years.

People say I have grown roots as I have been here so long. When people ask me why I have stayed in one school for so long all I can say is... I love it just as much today as I did

when I first started. I am very passionate about early education and my specialist area and degree is in Early Years. I truly believe a child's learning journey starts before a child is five and I see my role in joining you as parents to ensure all children have a wealth of positive, fun, practical, hands-on experiences to develop children's skills, knowledge and understanding building the foundation blocks for learning and life.

I am a mum of two (lively) boys aged nine and six and have been married for twelve years. I love spending time with my family. At the weekends and in school holidays, we enjoy being outdoors walking, camping, cycling, building dens and playing games and sport. I also enjoy reading and try to find time to get lost in a book on an evening (although finding time often proves a challenge). I love catching up with friends, listening to music and trying new things.



Family is really important to me and I am really looking forward to meeting you all as a class when you start school and become the new Reception family at Skerton St Luke's.



Please do not worry about starting school, we will soon get to know each other, and we will have a great time learning lots of new and exciting things.

## **Make a 'boasting book' over the summer break to share with your new teachers**

A boasting book can be a book, loose papers, collage or pages kept in a file.

The idea is that you choose the photographs with your child. Talk about them together at home. Make a big deal of the child being able to share them with their teachers when they start school. Everyone should be excited! Photographs and drawings can be annotated and captions written.

Please include your child's interests and hobbies they may have.

The photographs will help to support the link between home and school. Using the 'boasting book', we can share the experiences and the emotions associated with them creating a link between home and school. The content of the photographs are not as important as the conversation that will take place around them and the information key workers and class teacher will gain about your child's experiences before starting school. We will look forward to your child sharing them with us.

