



SKERTON
ST LUKE'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



'Love your neighbour as yourself' Luke 10:27

Welcome to the new school year 2021-2022

Welcome back to all of you. I hope you all have enjoyed a fabulous summer and are looking forward to the new school year.

A huge welcome to our new children and families who are joining us and we hope that you are made to feel very welcome and a part of the St Luke's Family.

Everyone has arrived at school looking very smart and ready for a fabulous learning year. I pray that it is an uninterrupted year in school so that we can really focus on 'Opening Minds. Learning through Challenge and Celebrating God's World'.

In this newsletter I have included lots of information that you will need for the year ahead and dates for your diary for this half term. We are planning for school to return to as 'pre-covid normal' as we can make it, however some precautions will remain in place and regularly reviewed throughout the term.

I look forward to the year and working with all of you. Please, continue to look after yourselves and each other.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Armistead

COVID update

On Wednesday, I sent out a letter to parents with all of the COVID updates including routines in school etc. If you missed this letter please access Parent App to read the details.

Contact with school

We continue to recommend that you make contact with staff through the many different options we have in place, rather than face to face. We want nothing more than to be able to converse face to face with everyone once more, our risk assessment continues to keep this in place as we monitor what happens with the

virus during the first half of the Autumn Term. We encourage you to make contact via contact-us@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk, messaging teachers through Class Dojo or calling 01524 65445.

It is also essential that parents have access to Parent APP and Class Dojo as much school information is shared this way and we will continue to do this post COVID.

Whilst we appreciate this isn't ideal, yet. We will continue to monitor and amend the risk assessment as we assess the situation.

Welcome to new staff

We welcome Mr Andrew as our new Year 2 teacher. Mr Andrew is a very experienced teacher who has come to us from Mossgate Primary School in Heysham. He is very excited to be teaching and leading Key Stage 1 and Maths across the school.

We also welcome Miss Quilliam who is new Office Administrator. She is also very experienced in a primary school office and I know she will get to know you all very quickly. Miss Quilliam came to school at St Luke's and is looking forward to now working in the school.

Mrs Stanborough also joins the staff as a new teaching assistant in Reception class. She can't wait to get to know our new reception children and is already working with Mrs Goodwin and Miss Grime to plan and prepare fantastic learning opportunities for the children.

Miss Bartholomew remains a welfare assistant at lunchtimes and has taken on the role of teaching assistant in Year 1 each morning. She is really looking forward to working with the children in this role after many years supporting children at dinner time.

We welcome Miss Jackson back to St Luke's. She has previously worked here as welfare assistant and returns to that role as well as assistant cook in the school kitchen. Miss Jackson is pleased to be back at St Luke's, getting to know all of the children once more.

SCHOOL ROUTINES

Arrival at school

As stated above, we continue with morning routine that was in place in the summer term:

Drop Off

8.45am Y3 and Y6

8.50am Y1 and Y4

8.55am Y2 and Y5

9.00am Reception

If you have more than one child at school, you can drop both at the earliest allotted time. The children will go into school as a class at the allotted time in order to access hand washing facilities easily and safely.

The doors are locked at 9.00am once the children are in school.

Late Arrivals

Children arriving late should be accompanied by an adult to the School Office at the front of school. Parents and visitors must sign in and enter school through the secure entrance at the front of school. If you arrive late after 9.00am and the doors are locked, children must be accompanied to the school office through the doors at the front of school and be signed in. If your child arrives after 9:15am they will be marked in the register as unauthorised 'late after registers closed'. You may be subject to a penalty notice if your child is consistently late for school.

Smoking and Dogs

We are a smoke-free premises and site. Parents are also reminded that when on the school premises (including passage from Vale Road and pedestrian driveway) dogs are not allowed.

Appointments

We cannot allow children to leave school e.g. for a dental or medical appointment before the end of day, unless collected by a parent or responsible adult. We ask all parents in KS1 at the beginning of every year to provide school with a list of adults who have permission to collect their child. The list must be kept up to date at all times. If an adult attempts to collect a child and their name does not appear on the list, we will refuse them.

End of school day

Pick Up

Reception 15.10

KS1 15.15

KS2 15.20

At the end of the day Key Stage 1 children are dismissed from the hall and school doors when they let the teacher know they have spotted their parent. Therefore, it is helpful if you stand in a similar area each day. Parents of reception children collect children outside reception (Parents give a list of people to whom we may release reception children.)

Parents meet junior children: on the playground near the front entrance to school, on the drive, outside the gates, a distance from the school; and some children walk home alone or with friends. It helps school if we are aware of the routine and are notified of any changes. Children need to know their routine and that if there is no one to meet them as usual they must go to the school office to wait and not walk home alone.

Parking

When dropping off or collecting your child, please park with consideration. Do not park across resident's drives or park on the grass embankment across from school. We suggest you park at the community centre which in itself is safer as you do not have to cross the main road. Do not 'stop' or 'park' on the yellow zig zag lines outside school - this is dangerous and illegal. Penalty tickets have recently been issued.

Uniform

Children **MUST** wear full uniform including **black school shoes**, except on PE days. On PE days we encourage children to come to school in PE clothes (school t-shirt, track pants or shorts and trainers)

No rucksacks or other bags. Book bags, lunch boxes and water bottles only please. Long hair **MUST** be tied back and **all jewellery must be removed.**

Please ensure all items are labelled with your child's name.

Parents Induction Meetings

This year we are able to invite parents into school to meet with your child's class teacher at the start of their school year. These meetings will be an introduction to the class and set out expectations for the year ahead. We urge you to attend.

In order to keep everyone safe, we ask you to wear a face covering whilst in the school building. Each session will be limited to 15 adults and so we ask that only

one parent attend per child - please be aware you may be asked to wait until the next session. Tea and coffee will be available in the school hall.

Reception parents meeting will be arranged when all of the children have started school.

Open Morning/ Afternoon

Do you have a child, or know someone who does, starting primary school in September 2022?

We are holding two Open Sessions for parents to visit school before applying for a place. Sessions will be in the school hall and include a tour of the school. Please book a session by emailing contactus@skertonstlukes.lancs.sch.uk.

10.00am Wednesday 15th September 2021

or

2.15pm Wednesday 22nd September 2021

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS PRIMARY

APPLY NOW!
at lancashire.gov.uk/schools
School and Academy places September 2022

You must apply if your child has a 4th birthday between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022.
You must apply even if an older brother or sister is already at the school, or the school is linked to your child's nursery.
If you're a non-Lancashire resident apply through your own local authority.

Please read the admission criteria for your chosen schools on the website or get a copy from them.

CLOSING DATE
15 JANUARY 2022

School transport
Need transport to school?
Please don't forget to check your eligibility for free transport.
Search 'school transport' at lancashire.gov.uk

Lancashire
County Council

lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Secondary School applications are also now open to current Year 6 pupils - apply before 31st October at lancashire.gov.uk/schools

Dates for your Diary
08/09/21 3.30pm and 4.15pm Y2,Y4,Y6 Parents Induction Meetings
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15/09/21 10am Open Morning for Reception 2022
17/09/21 KS2 Rockpool Day in School
22/09 - 23/09/21 Year 6 to London
24/09/21 Celebration Worship
29/09/21 Year 3 to Leighton Moss
29/09/21 Year 5/6 to Sunderland Point
01/10/21 Year 6 sharing for Celebration Worship
08/10/21 Year 5 sharing for Celebration Worship
11/10/21 4.30pm Governors Resources Committee 5.30pm Governors Standards, Effectiveness and Curriculum Committee
15/10/21 M and M Theatrical Production in school
22/10/21 Year 4 Sharing in Celebration Worship School Finishes for Half Term
08/11/21 School Back after Half Term

School Crossing Patrol vacancy

Contact Sue Halpin - 07831 309 516 if interested

8.30 - 9 am and 3 pm to 3.30 pm at Skerton St Luke's

Would suit a parent/grandparent.