



# St Lukian Newsletter

Learning, Laughing, Loving at Family St Luke's

Autumn A 2023



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It's really been a busy half term in school with many exciting opportunities for the children, not least our new lunchtime play arrangements which have really started to take shape! Our Key Stage 2 children are loving their new freedoms to move across different playgrounds, swinging in the hammocks and riding the bikes; there's a whole heap of fun to be had too in our junk modelling area with carpet tubes, plastic piping and cardboard boxes.

## Harvest Update & Next Charity Event

We had a super response to our Harvest donations and were able to send 18 crates to support our local Foodbank which is just fantastic!

Thank you to all who donated!

Our next charity event will be:

Children In Need Friday 17th November

Children can come in their own clothes or Children in Need items



## Headteacher update

We sent an email out earlier this week with information regarding Mrs Williamson's replacement.

More information to follow after half term



## Science Success- PSQM Gilt Award Achieved

We are delighted to announce that we have been recognised as providing excellent scientific opportunities for our children and have been able to demonstrate that we have met all the standards for the Primary Science Quality Mark Gilt Award. To achieve Gilt level, schools must show sustained impact of the leadership of science teaching and learning across the school which take us beyond the entry level achievements. This is a super achievement!

Mrs Critchlow leads science and has worked incredibly hard to ensure all staff have received quality training to deliver creative and exciting science lessons that enthuse pupils for their learning.

A huge well done to Mrs Critchlow, the staff and the children!





# Photo Gallery





# Local History Day

On Thursday 12th October we once again held our annual local history day with each year group having a clear focus of study so that by the time they leave Hanley St Luke's in Year 6 they will have learned about:

Sir Stanley Matthews

Reginald Mitchell and the Spitfire

Mining Heritage

The History of our School

The Pottery Industry

The Birth of the Canals and James Brindley



It was a great day with Y6 visiting the canal, Y2 the Potteries museum, Y5 had a local artist in for a clay workshop and the other years got to handle many interesting artefacts and learn lots of amazing facts and also wow their teachers with how much they had remembered from previous years Well done children and thank you to Miss Hirst for organising.

## Year 3: Unearthing the Story of Coal Mines in Stoke-on-Trent

In year 3, the focus shifted to the coal mining industry, which played a crucial role in Stoke-on-Trent's history. The children examined the working conditions of miners, including children who were often employed in dangerous and challenging roles. By studying the importance of coal mines, the children gained a new-found appreciation for the sacrifices made by miners and developed empathy for those who toiled underground to fuel the region's industrial revolution.



## Year 2: Exploring the Work of Reginald Mitchell

Year 2 delved into the significance of the life and work of Reginald Mitchell, the brilliant designer of the iconic Spitfire aircraft. The children discovered how Mitchell's innovative engineering skills contributed to the success of this legendary fighter plane, which played a pivotal role in World War II. By studying Mitchell's achievements, the children gained a deeper understanding of the impact that individuals can have on history and the world around them.

## Year 4: Tracing the History of Hanley St. Luke's School

Year 4 embarked on a journey to uncover the rich history of our own school, Hanley St. Luke's. They explored a variety of artefacts from the 19th and 20th centuries, including attendance registers and log books of former head teachers. This exploration allowed the children to reflect on how school life has evolved since the school's establishment. As a culmination of their learning, the children created a time capsule, preserving a snapshot of school life in 2023 for future generations to discover.



# Parent Maths Workshops

Year 1 and Year 2 parents were invited to attend another Mastering Number Parent Workshop this term. It was fantastic to see so many people attending to find out more about maths at our school!

After the success of these sessions last year, we moved them forward to Autumn term so that parents could gain an early awareness of maths in their child's current year group to support their child with maths at home and understand a little more about the kind of maths we do in class and the equipment we use. Children and adults played the fun maths games before taking home the first week of the five week homework project. Children in the past who have taken part in this have made almost 2 terms of additional progress so we eagerly await to see the work produced this time!

There will be another Maths Parent meeting on Wednesday 15th November for Reception.



## Uniform & PE

*We've really started the year looking smart but just a reminder that if your child is wearing trainers on a non -PE day then they need to be ALL BLACK.*



*Also now the weather is starting to go colder, it is really important that children wear the correct PE kit to school as they will likely want to keep their outdoor top on all day. The correct sweat tops are plain blue, black or grey ( a very small logo is acceptable).*

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

### Hanley St Luke's Uniform Sept 2023

Reception to Year 4

REC - YEAR 4 CHILDREN CAN WEAR

DRESS IN WARMER WEATHER

SHORTS IN WARMER WEATHER

REC - YEAR 4 CHILDREN CANNOT WEAR

YEAR 5 & 6 ONLY HAVE THE OPTION OF A WHITE SHIRT AND TIE OR PALE BLUE POLO WITH NO TIE

### Hanley St Luke's Uniform Sept 2023

PE KIT

CHILDREN CAN WEAR

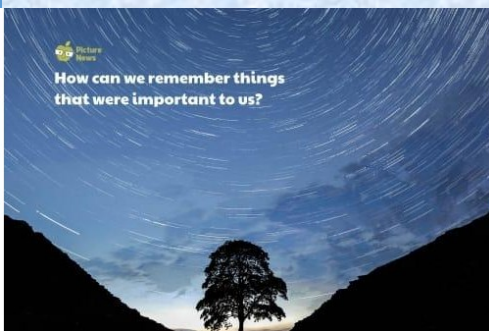
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# Worship Themes

We've focussed lots on the value of TRUST and started the term by looking at the story of Moses and how he had to put his trust in God to go to tell the Egyptian Pharaoh to set the Hebrew people free. We also acted out the story of Jesus calming the storm which was lots of fun and showed us that it can be difficult to put our trust in people until they show us just who they are. We also learned that we have to be careful who we put our trust in but for people of faith, trusting GOD can give people the strength to do things that seem too hard or even impossible!

In our Picture News Assembly times we have looked at various questions big this term including the following:



*How can we remember things that are important to us?*

*How does change happen?*



**What can we learn from new adventures?**

# ***Introducing Our New School Council***

Each class has voted in a rep and a vice rep and will meet each half term to bring the ideas and feedback from their class council meetings.

The Chairperson is Mya  
The Secretary Chelsea  
The Treasurer Zacharia

Well done to all the children who stepped up to be nominated and take part in our democratic voting process. Well done to all!



## **A Prayer for the Half Term Holidays:**

Dear Lord,

Thank you for our school and all our school community.

Thank you for all the blessings we receive.

We pray for anyone in our community who is struggling and pray that they may know your comfort and peace.

We pray for all conflicts around the world and pray for peace and reconciliation and that innocent lives may be spared.

In Jesus' name,

Amen



# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



## November 2023

Thursday 9.11.23 Parents consultation evening 3.30pm-7.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 15.11.23 Reception maths workshop 2.15pm in the dining room

Friday 17.11.23 Children in Need Non uniform day

## December 2023

Friday 1.12.23 Christmas fair from 3.30pm in the hall

Monday 4.12.23 Reception trip to Amerton farm

Thursday 7.12.23 Choir to sing at Brewers Fayre 12.30pm

Tuesday 12.12.23 Reception Christmas workshop 2.30pm in the dining room

Wednesday 13.12.23 Year 1 Christmas workshop 9.30am in the dining room

Thursday 14.12.23 Year 2 Christmas workshop 9.30am in the dining room

Friday 15.12.23 Reception Nativity 9.30am in the hall

Monday 18.12.23 KS1 Nativity performance 1 2.15pm in the hall

Tuesday 19.12.23 KS1 Nativity performance 2 9.30am in the hall

Tuesday 19.12.23 Year 3 & 4 Christmas sing-a-long 2.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 20.12.23 year 5 & 6 Christmas event 9.30am

Thursday 21.12.23 Last of term

## January 2024

Monday 8th January school opens 8.40am