

# St Luke's CE Primary, ENDON

## 'Helping Lights Shine For All'



5<sup>th</sup> September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new academic year – one which promises to be exciting for all involved with learning at St Luke's. We hope that everyone has returned fully charged and raring to go.

### **Meet the Teacher – 6:00 -7:00pm, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September (for Years 1 to 6)**

As a school we are keen to work in close partnership with our parents in order that your children can flourish and expand their potential whilst at St Luke's.

There will be an opportunity to meet your child's teacher next Thursday to find out about classroom systems, PE days, ways in which you can support etc. This is a great first contact and chance to start building a relationship with your child's teacher. As in other years, we will all meet in hall at 7:00pm then the teachers will deliver the same meeting twice (7:10 – 7:35, then 7:35 – 8:00) in order for those with more than one child to meet both teachers.

Once the Reception children have completed their induction phase (first two weeks) a chance to 'Meet Mrs Birch' will be provided on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September between 6:00 – 6:30pm**. We apologise to those of you who may need to come out twice as you have children in other classes as well.

### **Clubs**

A letter outlining the clubs available for this term will be distributed on Friday and we ask that you return this by the end of school on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Clubs will begin on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September and run until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We would like to encourage the children to commit to the clubs they sign up to for the whole term. If on any occasion they cannot attend they should speak to the teacher in advance as a matter of courtesy and so that we know where they are and that they are being looked after.

We will endeavour to avoid cancelling clubs but often the accommodating the children in the event of poor weather is not possible. We will, where possible, inform you of a cancellation in the event of poor weather by 1pm, in order that you have good time to make alternative arrangements. Sometimes this notice may be later if there is an unexpected down pour after 1pm. Equally, having made the call to cancel in light of forecasts, the weather may improve but the club would remain cancelled in order to avoid confusion.

### **Residential Trip Meeting – for Year 5 parents – 6:00 – 6:30pm, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

We have scheduled a brief meeting for Year 5 parents to come and find out about the residential plans for their children for this academic year.

### **Parent Reading Team & Parent Maths Team**

At the start of October we are hoping to launch our Parent Reading Team and Parent Maths Team. These two teams of parent volunteers will hopefully come and work alongside children during the afternoon sessions, either reading or playing maths games. We will provide some training around questioning and organising maths games. If this is something that might interest you please come and chat with Mr Wright – this is a great chance to support the school and work alongside us to make it an even better place to learn.

**Car-park re-surfacing**

We are really pleased that the car park resurfacing has been completed and has made the car park a safer space. It is hoped that the bay markings will be put down either this, or next, weekend. It is hoped that the organisation of the bays will create a safer free-flow for cars. Please be mindful that this is a staff car-park and drop-off/pick-up for Fast Club and not for parental use (the insurance does not permit this).

**Mrs Bate**

It is with sadness, that St Luke's must announce that Mrs Bate will not be returning to her role within our school. Mrs Bate has served our school with great commitment and if you would like to contribute towards a gift or drop in a token of your gratitude to her, please speak with the office staff. We will make provision to pass these on within the next two weeks.