

St Luke's CE Primary, ENDON

'Together, in faith, we will succeed'



16th September 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

It was good to see and chat to so many parents on Tuesday evening. Thank you for coming out despite the storm – it just added to the general excitement of being in school in the end.

PSA Meeting – Monday 19th September, 6:30pm

This is a great chance for you to come and get involved and find out more about our school. This is a friendly team and more contributors are always.

Clubs

Clubs start next week (19th September). We have worked hard to try and address the widest possible range of interests and to try and ensure there is something for each age group each night where possible – please try and ensure your child attends all sessions or makes apologies when this is not possible.

Reading Club, Writing Club and Y5/6 Tag-rugby will start in the week beginning 26th September.

Polite notice from the Methodist Church

Please note that the car-park at the church will be unavailable on Thursday 22nd September as a funeral will be taking place. Thank you for your consideration.

Individual & Sibling Photos – 3rd October

The photographer will be in school on Monday 3rd October. If you would like a sibling photo taken the photographer usually comes in before the start of the school day to take these pictures. An email will be sent nearer the time to confirm the time children should arrive for sibling photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing the full uniform.

Harvest Festival Service – 3rd October @ 2:50pm

Mrs Cooke will be leading a Harvest Service with the help of some children from each class. You are warmly invited to come and join us. All donations of food will be collected in support of the local Food Bank.

Attendance

We are pleased to report that our attendance figures for last year were something to be very proud of with over 97% attendance across the whole school. We would like to thank you for your support in this. It is well documented that unsurprisingly high attendance at school has a direct link to improved attainment – as well as having significant social and emotional benefits.

We are very well supported by our Educational Welfare Officer (EWO), Keith Mellor, who has also commended our levels of punctuality. Over the next twelve months Keith will be conducting ad hoc 'late gates' to monitor punctuality. We are duty bound to report to the EWO any persistent lateness – please continue to support our exemplary record.

If your child's attendance falls below 90% then we will consult with our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) to support you and your child in improving their attendance. We would also need to contact the EWO if your child has 10 unauthorised sessions within an academic year, and 20 unauthorised sessions would probably result in statutory action being taken. This is not a decision taken by the school and we will work closely to try and avoid this happening.

Parent Volunteer Team meeting

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to volunteer to work with our children during the afternoons. Your support is really appreciated – and there is still capacity for others to join in. We are aiming to get started with this initiative in the week beginning 26th September. Mrs Cooke will be in touch this week to arrange a meeting with you and provide some guidance prior to its start.

Parent Workshops

A slip will be coming home today in your child's book bag for you to complete, requesting any areas in which we can provide workshops to support you supporting your child at home. From our e-version of the slip on recent newsletters we have only had one response and we are keen to be responsive to your needs and hope you would return this on Monday. Thank you

Have a good weekend

Phil