

### School Fencing

Work with the school fencing continues to progress and we are informed that in the next few weeks the fencing and gates will be completed, ensuring that our side of the school campus is secure for pupils during the school day. As work continues, and we receive further information, we will keep you informed.

### Children's University

A letter will be coming out in the next week for pupils who have not already signed up for Children's University to have the opportunity to do so. Please complete the form and return to school.

If your child has already registered, please ensure that they are recording their activities on their internet account. A drop in session will be established in school at break/lunch over the next few weeks for pupils to update their accounts in school. Please encourage your child to use this option to update their account regularly.

Please note that class trips to Dynamic Earth can be added to your child's activities, use the showdome and gallery options in the first instance. We are awaiting after school clubs to be added to the school options. These can be added retrospectively so that your child still receives the credits.

### School Twitter Account

Our school tweets daily about events happening in school. This is a great way for us to inform families quickly about what is happening in school. We currently have 180 followers, but that is simply not enough!!! **Please help us to achieve our target of 250 followers** and find out more about daily life in our school!! Simply follow us on Twitter - **@stlukesps1**. We look forward to seeing you soon!

### Family Dogs

**Please note that dogs are not allowed on school premises.** This includes all grass areas adjacent to the school playgrounds and the school main entrance. We thank you for your support with this matter as we continue to ensure the safety of all our pupils, staff and families.

### Dates for your Diary

Please see the attached diary sheet with some dates for the coming term.

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## **School Improvement Plan Update**

### **Visible Learning**

Pupils have been working hard over recent weeks to develop their understanding of growth mindset. Pupils have participated in assemblies and class tasks to develop knowledge across the school. Each class is creating their own growth mindset display to help them in their understanding and be a reference point on a daily basis.

Our upper school have started their 'Stairway to Success' where we have a range of positive quotes to help us in our learning. Upper school pupils are also stating what they will achieve in their future, further developing our belief in ourselves and what we can achieve!

### **Outdoor Learning**

As a whole school we are developing our approaches to outdoor learning across the school. All pupils from Primary 1-Primary 7 participated in an Outdoor Learning Week in school, where they explore how they could use the outdoor environment of our school in their everyday learning. It was a huge success and a great launch for our school!

School staff and pupils have worked over recent weeks to create a plan for our school grounds. Our aim is to create a series of play zones and areas within our playgrounds with as little cost as possible. As a result we are using as many recyclable materials as possible. Our design is up in our school corridor—feel free to come in and have a look the next time you are in! We also aim to have some play equipment such as football goals, basketball nets and table tennis tables and we will be doing fundraising events to help with this! We hope you can support with this!

As part of our outdoor learning focus all pupils in school will participate in outdoor related award schemes. Primary 1—Primary 4 pupils will be working towards the school becoming a Green Trees School, while pupils in Primary 5-7 will be working towards gaining their John Muir Award. This is a new and exciting approach for our staff and pupils, and we will keep you informed of our progress!

Finally, all pupils will participate in learning sessions led by the Outdoor Learning Service across the session, as well as regular visits to Dynamic Earth. Our Primary 4 pupils will attend a 3 day residential for the first time in March—we hope that this will continue in to future years, and our Primary 7 pupils will attend a 5 day transition residential in April.

## **Standards and Quality Report**

Our Standards and Quality Report for session 2014/2015 has been published and is available to read on our school website. A paper copy is available in our entrance foyer. If you require a paper copy, please contact the school office who will be happy to assist.

### **Parent Council Update**

A huge thank you to our Parent Council for paying for a set of football goals for our upper playground and football pitch. These are a fantastic start to our playground improvements and have been received with excitement by pupils.

Our Parent Council also organised our annual Halloween parties for the whole school. This was well attended and the Parent Council would like to thank you for your support.

### **Parking**

The area surrounding the school campus becomes very congested at the end of the school day with parking. This can impact on pupil safety and those walking from the school grounds at the end of the school day.

To ensure pupil and parent safety we would ask that cars are not parked in front of the school gates. This is an emergency access and needs to be kept clear at all times, unless with prior discussion with school. Please also ensure that the yellow zig zag lines adjacent to the school gate are also kept clear. Thank you for your continued support.

### **School Clothing**

As the weather changes and becomes more unsettled we ask that all pupils come to school with a waterproof jacket. Wherever possible, pupils will be outside at break and lunch times, and a warm, waterproof jacket will be essential.

Please check that your child has a change of shoes to wear indoors at this time of the year. Pupils need to wear footwear in school at all times and a change of shoes will ensure we have no wet feet if the weather is wet or snowy.

Our Primary 6 and 7 pupils have been engaging in a daily morning jog to get them ready for learning. Pupils are really enjoying this and are making huge steps with their stamina and running. Pupils are asked to have a pair of old trainers that can be used at this time to ensure that they are wearing appropriate footwear to support them during this activity.