Monday 11th January 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

**Spelling and Homework**

As a staff we are working hard to ensure that all of our pupils continue to make progress with their spelling. In order to support this, we have identified some new approaches.

All pupils will participate in our Spelling Bee programme. This programme will allow pupils to develop their awareness of common words alongside our spelling programme in school. Pupils will be assessed and then given a card with appropriate spellings for them to develop both in school and at home. Pupils will progress through the cards as they correctly spell the words.

A Spelling Bee contest will also be held in school for pupils to reinforce and share their learning with others across the school. This contest will be differentiated to ensure all pupils can participate fully. More information on this exciting initiative will follow.

All pupils will continue to receive spelling as part of their weekly homework tasks. There will be a focus on learning the spelling pattern and understanding of the word through completion of a written task as well as a weekly active activity. Pupils will also have their Spelling Bee words to practise at home.

Finally, our teaching staff will be supporting pupil homework through two weekly sessions in school. This will provide pupils with quiet times to complete their homework tasks, with support from teachers. There will be a focus on spelling support during these sessions. These sessions are as follows:

Tuesday Lunch from 12.50pm for all pupils in the GP Room

Wednesday After School Club 3.20 – 4.00 in GP Room for P3-P7 pupils.

Pupils wishing to come along to the lunch club, just pop into the GP Room at 12.50pm to have some time to complete their homework as well as support from teachers if they wish.

To come along to the After School Club, parents must complete the attached permission slip and detail how pupils will be dismissed from the club. This club will start on Wednesday 13th January and will run up until the Easter holidays in the first instance.

We thank you for your continued support and hope to see many pupils at our sessions.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Walker

Head Teacher

St Luke’s RC Primary School

Homework Club Permission Slip.

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Primary \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To attend the Homework Club on Wednesday’s 3.20pm-4.00pm.

My child will:

(please circle)

Be collected by an adult inside the school building

Walk home from school on their own

Go to After School Club (where they attend on this day)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/carer