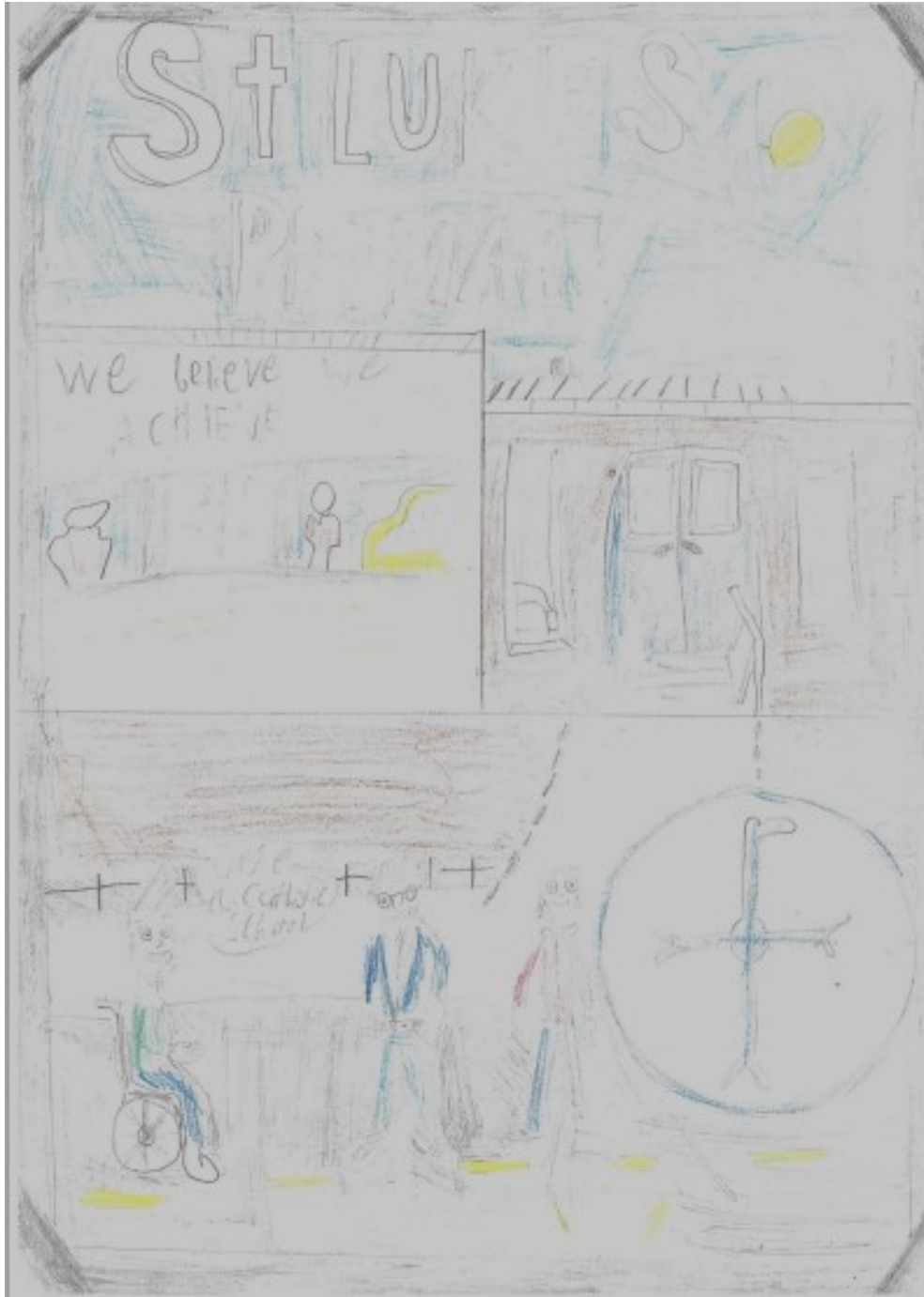


St Luke's R.C. Primary School



P1 Parent Information Booklet

June 2023

Welcome to St Luke's R.C. Primary School

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Everyone at St Luke's works hard to make this school a happy and welcoming place to be.

Our school staff strive to create a positive learning environment, where your child will be encouraged to participate in the life of the school and achieve the very best they can! Our school motto 'We Believe! We Achieve!' encompasses all that we do in our school to support all of our pupils and families.

By your child coming to St Luke's, you become part of our St Luke's family.

We will keep you updated through emails, regular newsletters, our Twitter feed (@stlukeps1) and through our use of Seesaw.

We foster strong partnerships with parents, families, professionals and our local parish, St Luke and St Anne's.

We are here to support you and your child and we look forward to working with you and your child in the near future.

Kind regards,
Louise McGuire
Mrs Louise McGuire
Head Teacher



Our values:

Friendship, Fairness, Respect, Faith, Hope

Our aims:

At St Luke's Primary School our aim is to develop:



Successful learners who achieve and attain and reach their full potential;



Confident individuals who know that they are loved by God;



Responsible citizens who are independent, resilient and show perseverance;



Effective contributors who value their place within and contribute to their school, community and the wider world

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School Staff

Headteacher	Mrs Louise McGuire	
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Acting Principal Attainment	Mrs Angela Campbell	
Current Teaching Staff	Mrs Karen Lockhart Mrs Jenny Clark Mr Daniel Tilmouth	Mrs Shona Stewart Miss Polly Ford
Support for Learning Teacher	Mrs Mellani Dillon	
Support Staff	Mrs Marion Bingham Mrs Louise D'arcy Greig Mrs Renata Kisluk	Mrs Gail Blackhurst Mrs Jane Golder
Admin Assistant	Mrs Lynn McMahon	
Playground Assistant	Miss Carol Dalgliesh	
Janitor	Mr Ricky Palys	



Lunch in School



Our school meals are cooked in school, following Midlothian Council guidelines and menus. Pupils can choose from a hot tray or a cold tray each day. Our meals promote healthy eating through a variety of choices for our pupils. There are two hot choices daily and there are a wide range of sandwiches in the cold tray selection. Each tray provides the children with a drink of milk and water as well as fruit and a dessert or soup. School dinners are free for our Primary 1 pupils.

Pupils will be given a packed lunch to take home with them on a Friday which consists of a sandwich, drink, yoghurt/fruit/dessert.

Alternatively pupils can bring their own packed lunch to school. We encourage pupils to bring healthy packed lunches to school. Please provide your child's packed lunch in a lunch bag or box with your child's name on it.

If your child has any allergens please complete our school forms at our Information night or come into school office to collect.



Snacks in School



Our school promotes healthy eating for our pupils. We encourage pupils to bring a small, healthy snack to eat during their morning break.

On a Wednesday pupils will be provided with a free piece of fruit to eat in class at an appropriate time.

Our School Day

We are looking forward to welcoming all our new P1 pupils back after the Summer Holidays.

Our settling in phase will be as follows:

Wednesday 16th August	9.30am —12.00pm
Thursday 17st August	8.50am —12.00pm
Friday 22nd August	8.50am—12.30pm

The full school day will commence on Monday 21st August.

Our full school day is as follows:

Monday to Thursday	8.50am—3.20pm
Friday	8.50am - 12.30pm

Pupils will have a morning break from 10.30am—10.50am each day.

Lunch is from 12.00pm to 12.45pm Monday to Thursday.



Milk in School



Milk is available in school for pupils on a daily basis. Pupils are provided with a carton of semi-skimmed milk during class story time. If you wish to purchase milk for your child a form is included in this pack outlining costs and payment dates. Families who have free school meal entitlement are also entitled to free school milk for their children. If you are wanting to pay for Milk 6 months it would be £16.15 or £32.30 for a full year.

We encourage all of our pupils to come to school with a water bottle that they can fill up in school in required throughout the school day.



School Uniform

As a school, we actively encourage our pupils to wear school uniform. We have an extensive range of clothing available and the link to our uniform is provided here; <https://stlukes.imagescotland.com/> We also have pre-loved uniform available in school for anyone requiring.

For health and safety reasons we discourage the wearing of earrings, jewellery, open toed sandals, clogs or shoes with heels as they are not suitable for certain activities in school.

We would request that items of sentimental or expensive value are not brought to school in case these are lost or damaged.

PE Kit

We would ask that children bring a PE kit to school to change into on their PE days. PE kit ideally should be put in a bag that can hang on their peg. As PE kits are used more than once during the week and at different times it is preferable for PE kits to be handed in at the beginning of the term and they will be returned home at the end of each term. Your child's class teacher will let you know the PE days at the start of each term.

PE kit should include:

- Pair of shorts/joggers
- t-shirt
- Hair bobble if your child has long hair
- Pair of gym rubbers/plimsolls

Please note that football strips and colours are not suitable for PE kits.

Please do not send pupils to school with any piercings or jewellery for health and safety during PE.

Please write your child's name on anything they may take off i.e. coats, shoes, sweatshirts, gloves etc. As this allows us to locate and return items of clothing to the correct children.



Our Curriculum

Curriculum for Excellence is the name given to the new curriculum for all children aged 3-18 in Scotland. It is a forward looking, coherent, more flexible and enriched curriculum that provides them with the knowledge, skills and attributes they will need if they are to flourish in life, learning and work, now and in the future.

The curriculum is all the experiences that are planned for children and young people to support the development of these skills, wherever they are being educated, for example in the family and community, pre-school centre, nursery and school to allow them to become successful learners, confident individual, responsible citizens and effective contributors to life in the 21st century.

At St. Luke's R.C. Primary School we are developing approaches to learning based on the values, purposes and principles of a Curriculum for Excellence. There are 8 key areas in the curriculum:

Literacy and English

This is taught through the key areas of listening and talking, reading and writing.

In our early years, literacy is taught through a carefully structured phonics Programme where we use Read Write Inc to support us through our literacy understanding. Pupils progress through a range of fiction and non-fiction materials as they develop their fluency, comprehension and reference skills. Children will have sounds home to practice as these are introduced.

Writing develops alongside reading and children experience and develop skills in imaginative, personal and functional writing. Core and inter-disciplinary lessons are taught weekly to develop specific aspects of writing.

Numeracy and Mathematics

In the early years pupils gain experience in the following areas following Midlothian Council Rubrics

- Number, money and measurement
- Shape, position and movement
- Information handling

Concepts are introduced through the use of active learning approaches, including the use of concrete materials, mathematical games and ICT. Published materials are used to support and consolidate the learning and teaching of mathematics.

Health and wellbeing

St. Luke's R.C. Primary School is committed to promoting the physical, social, mental and emotional wellbeing of all pupils. Regular health activities highlight the importance of:

- Good nutrition
- Physical activity
- Understanding and expressing feelings
- Building confidence and developing emotional resilience
- Making informed decisions about their lives

Pupils are entitled to two hours of PE every week.

Expressive Arts

Art and Design

The children gain experience of a variety of materials and activities, for example drawing, painting, printing, fabric work and 3D so that they become more aware of colour, line, form, shape and tone. Art work is often related to the current interdisciplinary topic.

Drama

Drama may take the form of improvisation, movement and mime and role play, or may arise from the class topic or a particular area of the curriculum.

Music

The children learn about sound, rhythm and dynamics through singing, listening and playing tuned and untuned percussion instruments.

Sciences, Social Studies and Technologies

These subjects can be taught through core and interdisciplinary lessons

Science

Pupils will learn and understand about aspects of Planet Earth, Forces, Electricity and Waves, Biological Systems; Materials and Topical Issues in Science. Our Primary 1 Science topics are electricity, living things and water

Social Studies

Pupils will have a knowledge of People, Past Events and Societies; People, Place and Environment; People, Society, Economy and Business. Our Primary 1 Social Studies topics are All About Me, and people who help us

Technologies

Opportunities are given to the pupils to learn and develop their skills in relation to Technology in Society and Business and in understanding and using the design process in relation to food, textiles, graphics and craft.

Our Primary 1 pupils will be given their own IPAD that will be used throughout their learning to enhance their learning experiences.

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Topic and interdisciplinary work provides pupils with opportunities to develop knowledge, skills and positive attitudes relating to these aspects of the curriculum.

Our Primary 1 pupils will be part of Pupil Decision Making groups with their friends across the school to support school and community decisions.

Religious and Moral Education

Religious Education in Catholic schools takes place within the context of the wider Catholic Faith Community, in partnership with home and parish. It is designed to assist children and young people to be increasingly able to make an informed and mature response to God in faith and to nurture their faith. Within the context of the classroom RE will cover the following key areas:

- Mystery of God
- In the Image of God
- Revealed Truth of God
- Son of God
- Signs of God
- Word of God
- Hours of God
- Reign of God

RE will be taught in the early years through interdisciplinary and core activities.