



# St Lukian Newsletter

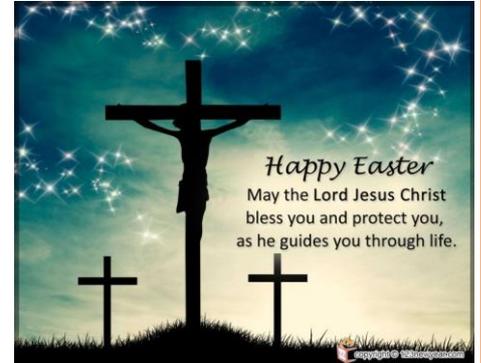
Learning, Laughing, Loving at

Family St Luke's

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## Easter Message

With snow and ice still lingering around the country, it seems odd that the Easter season and spring are actually upon us so let's hope that we can all enjoy at least some spring sunshine over the coming weeks! However, even amongst the ice and snow, it is always lovely to see nature shooting through against all the odds, with crocuses and daffodils popping up in gardens and grass verges. It reminds us of the wonder of God's amazing world and the miracle of new life, whether that be a spring lamb, the first snowdrop or a new born baby, that never ceases to amaze us. At Easter time Christians celebrate new life through Jesus Christ who died on the cross for the sins of the world but was risen to new life as a symbol of salvation for all who trust in Him so it's at the heart of the Christian faith. However, people of all faiths and none can find joy in this time of year with so much new life to celebrate all around us and plenty of chocolate eggs to enjoy. So whatever this season means for you and your family, I wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter season.



## Good Bye Mrs Clewes

As you will be aware, Mrs Clewes our Deputy Head and Y1 class teacher is leaving us at the end of the week. She has made a courageous and admiral decision to take a step back from leadership to be able to spend more time with her young family. However, thankfully, her many talents will not be lost to the teaching profession as she has secured part time teaching at a local school to fit around her family commitments and her new class and school will be very blessed indeed to have her as their new teacher.

Mrs Clewes joined Hanley St Luke's as the Deputy Head back in April 2009 and has been a much valued part of the team since then. Although I have only worked with Mrs Clewes for just 12 months, since she returned from her maternity leave last April, we immediately forged a strong partnership and she was unstinting in her support of our work to secure further improvements in the school. She has been instrumental in introducing a variety of initiatives to enhance the children's learning experiences, particularly in reading, writing and spelling and in the way we support our pupils with English as an additional language. I am extremely grateful for her dedication to the school and our pupils and wish her every success for her next adventure and pray for God's blessing upon her and her family for the future.





Parent & Toddler  
Group

St Luke's Community Hall  
on  
Tuesdays 9.15-11.00am  
(term time only)!



St Luke's Church & Community Centre News

Easter Sunday Service  
11.00am

## Lent Appeal

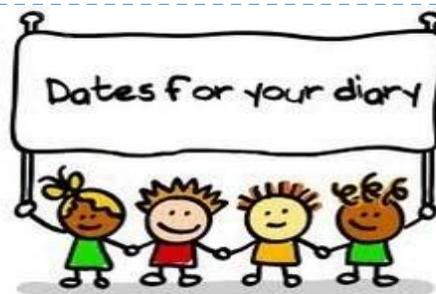
Our Lent appeal this year has so far raised an impressive £374.81 and our No Pens day was certainly a great success and raised awareness of just how much we take for granted when others have so little - thank you to all who contributed. Mrs Barlow will also be aiming to add to the total by asking staff to sponsor her for a sponsored swim so we wish her the best of luck with her efforts which are greatly appreciated.



## Memorial seat for Tafaoul



We are delighted to announce that following our very success appeal to raise money for a memorial seat for the playground, we are all set to have it installed over the Easter holidays. We received many generous donations from our school community and also from the Fire Service, who topped up the funding by £250 so we could go ahead with the installation as soon as possible. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed to this which I am sure will bring pleasure to many children and as such will be a beautiful way to remember our dear Tafaoul. Once the seat is installed, we hope to hold an official ceremony to mark the occasion but this will be coordinated by the Local Council so I do not have further details at this time.



School Closes for Easter Break

Thursday 29th March 3.15pm

School re-opens

Monday 16th April—8.45am

Yr 6 Trip to Liverpool Museum

Tuesday 24th April

School Closed for May Day	Monday 7th May
Year 6 SATs Week	W/C 14th May
Year 6 Leavers Photo	Wednesday 16th May
School closes for May half term holiday	Friday 25th May
School re-opens	Tuesday 5th June

## Parental Survey

Thank you for the replies we have received so far which have been very positive indeed. Where any common issues are raised we will of course, consider these carefully and they will feed into our ongoing School Development Plan. As usual, we will collate all the results and report back to you with the findings after the Easter holidays and will publish them on our website. Of course, you do not need to wait for a parental survey to make your views known and we would hope that you would raise any issues with the school in person and equally let us know when things are going really well. Additionally, as advised on the survey sheet, Parent View is always available for parents to add their views which not only helps OFSTED get a good picture of the school, but also any parents considering sending their child to our school. We would very much hope that parents fully satisfied with the school would take the time to add their views so that those views recorded match the findings from our own survey results. Many thanks for your ongoing support.



## Anomaly TV Pod

We've had an exciting addition to our lower playground funded through our Sports Premium. We now have a live external TV monitor and message board (we call it 'the pod') playing health and wellbeing messages. These have been carefully selected for Primary schools and also includes lots of fun fitness programmes and games for the children to join in with. There is the facility to add our own messages, video and pictures, so over time, we hope the children will be able to see themselves on the TV and will enjoy reading the messages that pop up about our school and it will really help us to achieve our active and healthy school aims. If it proves the success we hope, we would look to install a smaller version where parents can also benefit from the information on a daily basis but in the meantime, over the summer months, we hope to be able to invite parents onto the playground to have a look and maybe even join in with some of the activities!

## Parent Consultations

Thank you to everyone who has been able to meet with your child/children's class teachers and the new afternoon/early evening timings seemed to work well. However, not all our parents were able to attend for different reasons: some tell us that because they receive so much information via DOJO they don't see the need to come into school as surely we'd contact parents if there was a serious issue and this is correct - we would, but that face to face chat with the teacher and an opportunity for you to see your child's work really helps us work in partnership with you which electronic communication alone doesn't do. We understand that where parents have more than one child that finding time to come to school on several different days is difficult and maybe even totally impractical - so if you speak to us then we can try and find a way to help you. For all parents, please bear in mind that we cannot see

everyone at the popular times of 3:15-3:30 p.m. as this then extends the parent consultations over many days which seriously impacts on teachers' other work commitments that extend beyond the school day and is not sustainable. So for the 2 or 3 times a year we ask you to meet with us to discuss your child's education, we do hope you can make every effort to come to school between 1:00 and 6:30 p.m. so we can fit everybody in on our allocated days. If there are genuine reasons why this is simply impossible, even with the notice we give, then will try to accommodate wherever possible. Thank you for your understanding.



## WHAT HAPPENED: HANLEY ST. LUKE'S -V- ABBEY HULTON PRIMARY



Hanley St. Luke's had the first kick off and we scored 4 times, the people who scored were Harvey : 2 goals, Ethan : 1 goal and Logan : 1 goal. We had really good passing skills because we kept the ball close to our feet and used our speed to get around their team. We couldn't play our second match because Forest Park didn't turn up!!

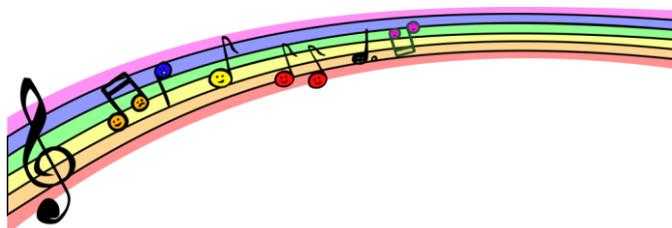


## 3D Egg Art Competition



Winner	3S Billy-George	Winner	3L Taylor
Runner-up	Ruby	Runner-up	Summer
Winner	4S Shiah	Winner	4L Zac
Runner-up	Aliza	Runner-up	Ariana
Winner	5S Svetlana	Winner	5L Finley
Runner-up	Toby	Runner-up	Varna
Winner	6S Ellie	Winner	6L Caelia
Runner-up	Matthew	Runner-up	Madison

## Spring Music Concert



This was a great success and my thanks to all the children who took part and performed brilliantly. What a lot of musical talent we have in school. Thank you to all the staff who helped to pull this together and of course to all the parents and relatives who came to show their support.



### Easter Bonnets

Our Easter Bonnet craft session for Reception to Y2 proved a great success with lots of wonderful creations and parents really enjoying the opportunity to 'get stuck in' with all the glue and glitter! It was wonderful to see all the creations at our Easter Bonnet parade where we had a lovely time enjoying some Easter fun! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us.

### **A Respectful Request**

A concerned parent brought to my attention an issue around disrespectful parking outside St Luke's church when a funeral cortege was attempting to pull up outside the building with some difficulty. Clearly, anyone attending a funeral deserves our respect and understanding, so I would hope that anyone with business at Hanley St Luke's would always show respect and consideration to mourners and the funeral directors, allowing them to park outside the church even if this means moving and parking further away once in a while. Thank you.