



St Lukian Newsletter

Learning, Laughing, Loving at Family St Luke's Issue 14 April 2018



Please find the full results of our recent parental survey on page 2 of our newsletter.

We were delighted with the level of response and the findings, which were very positive overall. It was particularly pleasing 98% of parents in our survey felt that their child was making good progress and was taught well, which is excellent.

The area of homework can often produce wide ranging views, but we had very positive response here too with 93% of parents agreeing or strongly agreeing we've got the balance right with our approach i.e. regular reading at least 4 times each week, spelling practice and times tables/ basic maths facts. However, we received the odd comment that in Y5 and Y6 children needed more homework to prepare them for the hard work ahead at High School. Here at Hanley St Luke's we believe strongly that children's mental health is vitally important and there is growing evidence that too much pressure is put on children too young for all sorts of reasons. We believe that our homework policy, if supported fully by parents by encouraging their children to spend the required time reading and practising the basics, really supports children's learning and is meaningful. There is little evidence that homework beyond this, has any impact on learning in the primary setting and is more beneficial at High School. However, we will review our policy over the summer term to ensure that, going forward, we still feel we have still struck the right balance across all year groups.

There were areas of the survey that parents felt unable to comment on having no experience of the topic concerned relating to their child, e.g. bullying. We take behaviour, including bullying, very seriously and recently updated our bullying policy to ensure it was in line with current inclusion requirements and this was discussed fully with staff and shared with pupils and parents. Of course, if you have any concerns about your child, please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

We also asked your views on whether you felt equipped to support your child to feel safe online and whether you would welcome any parent information sessions on this. Obviously, everyone's circumstances vary but sufficient parents indicated that additional information would be helpful. With this in mind, we are organising an E- Safety Session for parents later this term and will send out separate information about this shortly.

So thank you so much for taking the time to complete our survey and be assured that we will continue to strive to improve in all areas across the school in our ongoing drive to be the best school we can possibly be.



Stoke on Trent Young Musician 2018

We are very proud that Jindy Xiang competed in the Stoke on Trent Young Musicians finals on Friday 27th April as the Junior String Finalist. I and Mrs Clarke were privileged to watch her perform along with 5 other junior finalists and 6 senior finalists. Jindy played superbly but on this occasion, a very talented flute player was awarded the overall prize but all finalists received a medal and a certificate, presented by the Lord Mayor. Jindy, however, was not the only pupil from HSL taking part in the evening, as Erin Tipping also entertained us as part of the Brass Ensemble and both girls represented our school brilliantly. Well done indeed!



Y6 and Y2 SATS

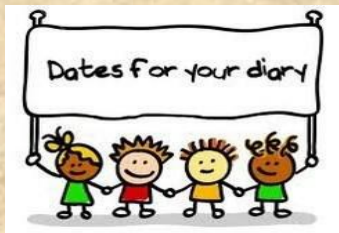
Parents of children in these year groups are well aware that there are statutory tests coming up in May and will have had the opportunity to speak with their class teacher about them at Parent Consultations or information sessions. For our Y2 children, these tests just help to inform the teachers' own assessment and can be taken at any point during May - usually towards the end; we don't make a big deal out of them and they just form part of the routine of learning as much as possible. For our Y6 children, these tests take place during the week commencing 14th May and are marked externally and do need to be taken on specific days. They are very important for the school as, like Y2 SATS, schools are judged on the outcomes. Full details relating to the tests can be found on our website. We wish all our children the very best in their final few weeks before the tests take place and whilst they are important and we want everybody to do their very best in the run up to them and on the day, there is so much more to school and life than a week of tests!





Full Results

| Core Questions | Strongly Agree | Agree | Neither agree or Disagree | Disagree | Strongly Disagree | Number of parents who answered |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------|---------------------------|----------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| My child enjoys school | 63% | 31% | 4% | 1% | 0.6% | 153 |
| My child feel safe at school | 69% | 29% | 3% | - | - | 153 |
| My child makes good progress | 71% | 27% | 3% | - | - | 153 |
| My child is taught well | 67% | 31% | 2% | - | - | 153 |
| My child is well looked after | 65% | 31% | 3% | 0.7% | - | 153 |
| Homework | 58% | 35% | 5% | 2% | - | 153 |
| School ensures pupils behave | 62% | 34% | 5% | - | - | 151 |
| School responds well to concerns | 60% | 31% | 9% | - | - | 151 |
| Effectively deals with Bullying | 57% | 28% | 13% | 2% | - | 149 |
| School is well led/managed | 65% | 34% | 1% | - | - | 141 |



- School closed **May Day 7th May 18**
- Year 6 Leavers Photos **Wed 16th May 18**
- KS2 Athletic trials **Tues 22nd May 18**
- School closes 3.15 p.m. **Fri 25th May 18**
- School opens 8.45 a.m. **Tues 5th June 18**

Swimming report by roving reporters Rayan & Mya

The year 5 and 6 swimming team went to Ormiston Horizon Academy (the pool was pretty small!). Some of the races we did on Monday 16th April were Butterfly, Relay, Mixed Strokes and Freestyle. Although we didn't all swim in the same races we cheered for our team all the way. Ruby said "I enjoyed it although it was very exhausting!".



St Luke's Church & Community Centre
Sunday Service 11.00 a.m.

Parent & Toddler Group
St Luke's Community Hall on
Tuesdays 9.15-11 am
Term time only

