



# St Lukian Newsletter

Learning, Laughing, Loving at Family St Luke's Issue 16 June 2018

## Farewell Mrs Wood

'Fancy a day helping out with a bit of photocopying?' Those were the words of the then serving headteacher, Mr Hampton, to Mrs Wood as she dropped her children off at school over 17 years ago. Well, the photocopying quickly got sorted and she became a regular feature in our office dealing with the whole array of enquiries and paperwork that pass through the school office on a daily basis. After 18 years' wonderful service at our school and in total, 34 years of continuous service with Stoke City Council, Mrs Wood has finally decided it's time to take life a little easier and who can blame her! She's always a smiley face at the hatch and ready to help all our parents with the many and various enquires that come through the office on a daily basis and believe me - there are very many, from reasons for absence to lost sandwich boxes. I think Mrs Wood has really seen and heard it all over the years. She is a much loved and fun-loving member of our team and we will all miss her lots! I am sure you would want to join me in wishing her much health and happiness for the future and if for you, Mrs Wood has been 'the face and voice' of our office for many, many years, then why not pop in and wish her well personally before the end of term - she'd love to see you!



## Good Bye & Good Luck Miss Phelan

Having been inspired to develop her career further through her work as a teaching assistant, primarily supporting children for whom English is not their first language, Miss Phelan is off to start a PGCE in September to become a fully qualified primary school teacher! We are sure she will do brilliantly, having so much school experience under her belt and an impressive set of academic qualifications and life experience as a mature student which will be a huge asset to any future school, I'm sure. We thank Miss Phelan for 4 years' service at Hanley St Luke's and wish her every success with this courageous and exciting career development.

Good luck Miss Phelan .

What a scorcher Key Stage 2 Sports Day was and the children really did well in their events despite the high temperatures - there were some amazing



athletic skills on show for sure! Key

Stage 1 was an altogether chillier affair just a few days earlier with the wind whistling around the stadium but that didn't stop our pupils from doing brilliantly and all showing really great enthusiasm and skills too! Our Nursery children enjoyed an indoor event in the hall which was lots of fun and included a great deal of dressing up as well as some great balancing and running skills too. **Thank you to all who supported any or all of these events!**



## Strawberry Fair

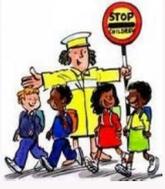
This was a great success and weren't we just blessed with the weather?! We managed to raise over £600 which is great but more than that it was a lovely school community event. The 'make your own slime' stall seemed to be the hit of the afternoon and there was much fun to be had with the sports challenges on the top playground, not to mention ice cream and cakes galore!! So thank you to all who came along on the day or who sent in donations - we couldn't have done it without you!

## End of Term Events and Ongoing Communication

Our main communication tool for school events is the DOJO system supported by email where necessary and of course texts. Most parents find communication this way really helpful but if you are struggling to access DOJO, please do speak to the office so we can make sure you do not miss out on essential communications.



It's sounding really good with Hakuna Matata bouncing off the hall walls!! The children and staff have put an enormous amount of work into this show and we do hope you'll come along and support it. Tickets £3 from the office. For performances on the evenings of Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July.



### Look After Our Lollipop Man!

It's a sad day when our lollipop man feels in danger from drivers who do not slow down when he is helping our children to cross the road but this is the message I am receiving. Clearly, this is unlikely to be car drivers from our school but if you do use the lollipop man, please help him out and if you see anyone driving dangerously, then the police can only take action if it is reported by the person who saw it- this is the advice we have received when we contacted the police ourselves. Thank you for your support.

### Traffic Calming measures and Dangerous Driving

A number of parents have approached me, asking if it is possible to have traffic calming measures to prevent drivers speeding down Wellington Road putting children and adults at risk. I have contacted the council and a range of options are being considered but nothing has been promised at this stage so I will keep you updated. Common sense dictates that outside a school '20 is Plenty' and considerably less than that when it is so congested. Of course, cars parking on double yellow lines makes the situation worse so another plea not to do this - the traffic wardens appear to be keeping a particular eye on this issue at the minute so that surely must be an added incentive to respect the road markings. A reminder that permits for St Anne Street car park are still available from the school office for free parking just a few minutes' walk from school.



On the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 Year 6 went to Longton Cricket Club and we split into two teams (A and B).

Both of the groups went up against 4 teams each. Group A went into the final and they came 4<sup>th</sup> place overall and group B came 5<sup>th</sup> place overall (didn't get into the final). Since team B did not go in the final we did some friendly matches. The only reason why group B didn't come in the final is because group B got the same points as 2 other teams so we went to runs and the other teams beat us.

Albrion said, "I enjoyed the game but it was a little hard because the other teams were very good!"

By Ethan & Harry

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June, Hanley St Luke's athletics team went down to Northwood Stadium to represent our school in the Hanley Town Athletics Competition where 14 different schools took part. Exciting, yet nerve wracking. Different events were held like sack, sprint, relay and skipping and some we won, some we lost.

"When I did the javelin I was a bit scared, but when I found out that I had won I was proud of myself!" exclaimed Marah. "Overall I think our team did pretty well," said Lilieta.

By Aminah

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June Year 6 went on a trip to Staffordshire University for the Big Bag Science Fair. We split into groups and we explored the stands and had an amazing experience.

After dinner, we went to the Crime Scene house, where we studied forensics. We had to find the suspect out of two people. It helped us with our detective skills.

Then we went to the sports building and we had so much fun. There were football, darts, how powerfully can you kick a ball and also a star dome. In the star dome there was a 360 degree interactive performance on space. After that, some groups decided to go and visit the exotic zoo, full of a variety of amazing wild animals. The animals there were the bearded dragon, meerkats, armadillo and also an assassin bug. It was a brilliant trip!

By Samuel, Sophie & Erin



18th July 2018	9:00 a.m.	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
19th July 2018	9:00 a.m.	FS & KS1 Attendance Awards
	9:30 a.m.	KS2 Attendance Awards
20th July 2018	9:00 a.m.	End of Year Service
	3:15 p.m.	School Closes