



# St Lukian Newsletter

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What summer we've had so far with so much sunshine and a real 'feel good factor' around us with the recent success of our England football team. Of course, there was much disappointment when the semi-final result just didn't go the way we wanted, but the fairy tale was great whilst it lasted and gave us real hope for the future. Sport really can have that unifying effect and lift the spirits which is why we are so committed to ensuring our children get as many opportunities as possible to participate in team games and why we place a high priority on physical activity and sport in school.

All this talk of the England football team did make me think about our recent SATS results in school which are a cause for celebration and show real improvements on last year, which is great. However, on the day, some children perhaps didn't perform as well as they had hoped and that is always disappointing for them. Does that mean that they have not succeeded at school? Of course it doesn't and one set of test results doesn't define a child and as I explained to the children when giving out the results envelopes: it's such a tiny part of who you are and if you know you've worked as hard as you can and given your best, you can hold your head up high- just like our England footballers! Of course, we all know, the tests are used as a starting point to judge the quality of the education a school provides but they are not the whole picture by any means and one school's context may be entirely different to another. Nevertheless, we are proud that our results all seem to be going in the right direction as we continue to improve the quality of education we offer to your children. The results do need to be validated nationally which can alter the percentages if schools have children who joined the school from overseas or send any papers back for re marking, but here is a snap shot of the unvalidated results as they stand at the moment:



## Y6 SATS

Key Stage 2	Reading	Writing	Spelling and grammar	Maths
2018	53%	65%	60%	62%
2017	50%	48%	47%	45%

A full set of results will be available on our website later in the Autumn term.



### Reception and Key Stage One Prize Assembly



This was a new event so we could really focus on the achievements of our younger children and also ensure that all the children in Year 2 received recognition and congratulations as they complete Key Stage One. By introducing this event, we can now be confident that every child will now have two special awards events to take part in and not have to wait until Year 6.



### Key Stage Two Prize Evening



So much organisation went into this to ensure we could offer a great occasion for our Key Stage 2 prize winners but also really celebrate our Year 6 children. We introduced Year 6 certificates and medals for participation in extra curricular activities to encourage them to continue with their endeavours at high school and also to motivate others to keep being involved and trying out new activities. We were so proud of all the children and thank parents for their support.

# Fond Farewells

I have already shared with you the staff members that are moving on at the end of term but it would be remiss of me not to pay special tribute to each of them here for their unique and valued contributions to our school. So in alphabetical order we at Hanley St Luke's salute you all:

**Mr Cordon:** A sporting legend and the master of fun, off to progress his teaching career and share his enthusiasm and skills at his childhood school - dream job in the bag, we think - congratulations and we're sure you'll be just great, Sir!

**Mrs Moreton:** Nearly a quarter of a century dedicated to the children of Hanley St Luke's ( how can it be possible as she looks so young!) but she's got the 'itch' to challenge herself further by taking her teaching expertise to share with other local schools and advance her career. They'll be lucky to have you Mrs Moreton - good luck!

**Miss Phelan:** An EAL expert and teaching assistant extraordinaire, she's off to complete a one Year PGCE to train to be a primary school teacher and we're sure you'll be just fabulous! Good luck , Miss!

**Mrs Ruscoe:** A setter of high standards, an English expert and dedicated professional, also inspired to build on her very successful career here at Hanley St Luke's and taking the next bold step to pastures new. We're sure you'll go from strength to strength!

**Mrs Shufflebotham:** Sadly Mrs Shufflebotham is not well enough to return to work and so leaves us after 24 dedicated years service at the school. As a dedicated professional with a heart for both the children's learning and welfare, she will be sadly missed but we wish her well and hope that her health improves as soon as possible.

**Mrs Wood:** A life time of service working for Stoke on Trent City Council and 18 of them spent in our school office so surely time to put her feet up just a little. What will we do without you Mrs Wood? Enjoy your wind down and don't rub it in too much!!!



## Babies on the way

We also wave a temporary goodbye to Miss Hodgen as she is now getting very close to her due date so we wish her the very best for a safe delivery and a lovely time spent with her new baby. As yet we have no news about Mrs Fury's new arrival who is also due any day now and we wish her the very best of health and happiness too.



## End of term Service

We will join together as a whole school to give thanks for our school on Friday at 9:00 a.m. Rev Darren and Rev Shelly will also be with us and parents are more than welcome to join us ( space is limited).

We hope that everyone has a great summer break.

School re opens on Wednesday September 5th at 8:45 a.m.



A prayer for the summer:

Dear Father God,

We pray you will bless us and our families during the summer

holidays. Please help us to find relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety in all we do. Comfort us and keep us strong if things don't work out the way we had hoped and guide us to make right decisions for the future.

Thank you Lord Jesus for loving us,

