

**11<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

*Through God's love, we are the rich soil where roots grow and seeds flourish. Luke 8:4-15*

Dear Parents/Carers

Good afternoon, as I write we are in the middle of the KS1 Disco and when I looked in the hall there were some very groovy moves being demonstrated by the children (and adults). We are so lucky to have such a fabulous PTA to arrange these lovely events.

As I listen to the music, I thought I would write to you to give you an update about school life and pass on a few messages.

### **Welcome**

Welcome to our new pupils, since our last newsletter we have had another family join us. It is lovely to have you as part of our community.

### **SIAMS**

Last Friday we had our SIAMS inspection. It was a very positive day and although I am unable to give you the result yet, as the report hasn't been published, we were happy with how the day went.

I would like to say a big thank you to everyone for your support.

### **Staffing**

Our new office co-ordinator, Miss Alexandru starts on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Miss Alexandru comes from a different sector and so is new to education. We have planned an extensive induction, so she won't take over the sole running of the office until after half term. I am sure you will welcome her with the *generous hospitality* that our community is known for.

### **ParentPay**

We will shortly be moving all of our payments to MCAS, this will make it much easier for you as you will only have to use one app. The main change is that we will no longer be able to let dinner money accounts to go into arrears. Currently we have **37** accounts in arrears which is a significant sum of money and it requires a lot of admin time to keep checking accounts and communicating with parents to get the arrears cleared on a timely basis. We do appreciate that when you are busy, it can be hard to remember to put money on the account, so we have given you two weeks to clear any arrears and get into the habit of putting money into the account in advance.

### **Useful reminder**

1 meal= £2.75

5 meals = £13.75

1 months (20 meals) = £55

If at any time you find yourself in financial difficulty, then please do let us know so we can see how we can help.

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## **Diary Dates**

I have been asked to produce a printable copy of the dates that are in school calendar so far– please find these attached to the newsletter email.

## **Half Term**

**Please note that we break up on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October.**

## **PTA**

The members of the PTA are all volunteers and use their own time to arrange wonderful activities for our children. If your child has enjoyed this evening, you may wish to give something back by volunteering for the next event. Even a few hours is greatly appreciated and we need people with a range of skills. If you would like more information then please email [office@stlukes.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stlukes.cambs.sch.uk) and we will pass your details to the PTA to contact you.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Beccy Ireland-Curtis and the St Luke's Team