

August Newsletter

August 2023



WELCOME BACK!

It is a pleasure to welcome you back for a new academic year at St Lucia's. We are very much looking forward to the plans for the year ahead and are certain it will be a positive and productive year, which provides an exciting range of opportunities for the children.

It has been wonderful to welcome all of the pupils back this week and great to see their pride as they arrived in their uniform. The children have all made a brilliant start in their classes and it has been lovely to see friendships (new and old!) continue to grow.

ECO SCHOOL GREEN FLAG AWARD ACHIEVED...



A huge congratulations to our Eco-Committee. St Lucia's have been awarded the Green Flag Award, recognising all of the hard work and positive impact of our fantastic Eco-Committee. We received some great feedback:

"Thank you so much for submitting such a terrific application. We have loved reading about your journey and are incredibly impressed by all you have achieved. We have no hesitation in awarding you an Eco-Schools Green Flag, Eco-Schools congratulations!"



Thank you to Mrs Brennan, Jacqui and Mr Wilmore for the time and care across the year to enable us to have such a successful Eco-Committee. We look forward to further Eco endeavours this year as the committee grows!







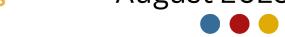












SCHOOL WORKING PARTY SUCCESS!

We have been overwhelmed by the support and kindness of the many volunteers, who have helped us with our working party project over the Summer Holidays. A huge thank you for all of the help and support, which has enabled us to make so many fantastic

developments to the site for the pupils.







WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AND PUPILS!

We have been delighted to welcome staff and pupils to the St Lucia family this term. Tuesday was a positive and successful first day for pupils starting school, followed by a fantastic start to the Nursery induction week on Wednesday. We look forward to supporting our new pupils to grow and thrive at St Lucia's.

Following successful interview processes held with Miss Coleman and the Chair and Vice Chair of Governors, we are also pleased to welcome new staff to the team: Mr Smith (Year 5/6 Teacher), Mrs Woods (Year 3/4 Teacher on Thursday and Friday), and Miss Bennett, Mrs Buttery, Mrs Breakwell, Miss Charnell and Miss Oliver, who all join our support staff team. As a school we are feeling very lucky to welcome such enthusiastic staff to join the committed, experienced team and look forward to all the year ahead holds.

OFFICE HOURS

Please note, as the term begins we currently have a slight change in our school office hours. The office will be open before school from 8.15am-8.50am each day; please aim to report absence to the office by 8.40am. The office will then be open from 1pm onwards for general queries. During the morning the phone and admin email inbox will be monitored for urgent messages and emergencies, but we would appreciate your support with general queries in the afternoon. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office and we will be happy to help.







AUTUMN TERM PE AND FOREST SCHOOL

NURSERY - Forest School, Tuesday morning - please come in kit

RECEPTION - PE Monday - please bring PE kit, Forest School Thursday morning - please come in kit

YEAR 1/2 - Forest School, Wednesday afternoon - please bring kit, PE Friday afternoon - please bring PE kit

YEAR 3/4 - Outdoor Learning, Tuesday afternoon - please bring kit, PE Friday afternoon - please bring PE kit

YEAR 5/6 - PE Monday and Tuesday afternoon - please bring PE kit

A remind that full details of uniform and PE kit can be found on the school website.

For Forest School/Outdoor learning sessions please ensure children have clothes with sleeves and long trousers with wellies and waterproofs. We will enjoy learning outdoors whatever the weather!

SUNRISE AND SUNSET CLUB

WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO HAVE NEW THEMED CLUBS FOR ALL

PUPILS (NURSERY-YEAR SIX)

Monday - COMPUTING CLUB with Mr Smith

Tuesday - YOGA CLUB with Emily

Wednesday - DRAMA CLUB with Miss Bennett

Thursday - GARDENING CLUB with Jacqui

Friday - MULTI-SKILLS SPORTS CLUB with Mr McPhail

These clubs will run until October half term and then themes will be rotated!

Bookings for Sunrise and Sunset Club should be made on the School Money system please.

Sunrise Club will remain at £5.50 per session, running from 7.45am each day, with breakfast included within the price.

Sunset themed clubs offer all children the opportunity to enjoy a theme club for the first hour and then wrap around care from 4.15pm onwards.

Sunset Club continues to be booked in three slots with staggered pricing:

- 3.15-4.15 Theme Club (pick up at 4.15) £3.50
- 4.15-5.15 Wraparound (to include a drink and biscuit, anytime pick up within slot) +£3.50
- 5.15-5.45 Extended wraparound +£2

THANK YOU FROM MRS BRENNAN

Mrs Brennan has asked us to share her message of thanks with you all for the many kind gifts and well wishes she received upon her retirement at the end of the Summer Term.

We very much look forward to welcoming Mrs Brennan back to visit us all this term.













Tuesday 5th September - Back to School! - First day of Autumn Term

W/C 11th September - new blocks of themed After School Clubs begin

Friday 15th September - Whole School Topic Day - children to dress up linked to new class topic (EYFS - Autumn/Harvest, KS1 - Toys, Y3/4 - Stone Age, Bronze Age, Iron Age, Y5/6 - The Vikings)

Tuesday 26th September - Families to Lunch - Surnames A-F

Tuesday 3rd October - Families to Lunch - Surnames G-P

Tuesday 10th October - Families to Lunch - Surnames Q-Z Friends clothing collection

Friday 20th October - Harvest Service at Church - Parents/Carers invited

Friday 27th October - PD day

W/C 30th October 2023 - Half Term

Tuesday 19th December - final day of Autumn Term - Break up for Christmas Holiday.

Further diary dates to be shared September 2023, advance notice given of the above dates to help with forward planning!

The full 2023-24 term dates can be found on our website.

