



Newsletter April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been quite a while since the last Newsletter and we are now starting to think about the **Summer Fair on Saturday 28th June**. Please save the date – the giant bouncy castle (or, to be precise, giant obstacle run) has already been ordered, and we are booking the bands – and consider helping out if you can. There will be a **Planning Meeting on Wednesday 30th April at 7pm at the Castle Inn** on Castle Hill. All welcome!

After the wonderful Christmas event – a belated thank you to all our volunteers – we have also enjoyed a fabulous school disco and are now looking forward to getting together for the cake sale on **Friday 9nd May**. Hopefully the weather will be kind. The cake sales are an opportunity not just to raise funds for the school, but for everyone to get together and show off their baking skills.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our funds by shopping at ASDA during the month of November last year. This raised more than £65 for the school! These funds were used to support our school choir's trip to the Young Voices event in London in February, for example.

Just a reminder that we often keep in touch about the PTFA (note this stands for: Parents, Teachers and Friends Association) and forthcoming events through class WhatsApp groups, which have been set up for each year group. If you are new to the school or haven't yet joined one of these groups, please ask other parents, or members of the PTFA, about how to join and help each other to make St Luke's the hub of a thriving community. Alternatively email us on stlukesschoolpta@gmail.com.

Volunteers

Sadly we have had to say goodbye to Vicky, mum of Iris in year 1, this term, as she has left the school. We will certainly miss her enthusiasm and amazing facepainting skills. At the end of the year, we will also be losing several key members of the PTFA as their children move on to secondary school. **If your children enjoy discos, cake or bouncy castles, please do consider helping out. These events are only possible if we all work together!**

Activities planned for this term:

- **Wednesday 30th April:** 7pm at the Castle Inn, Castle Hill. Planning Meeting for Summer Fair/St Luke's Festival. Please come along with your ideas 😊
- **Friday 9nd May:** Cake Sale after school as part of VE day celebrations. Please bring in your baked goods on the morning or afternoon and label all the cakes' ingredients. NO NUTS PLEASE.
- **Wednesday 11th June:** 7pm at the Castle Inn, Castle Hill. PTFA committee meeting
- **Saturday 28th June:** PTFA Summer Fair/St Luke's Festival, featuring a giant bouncy castle, games, food and drink. Please save the date. c.14:30 - 17:30 (exact timings tbc)

- **Wednesday 23rd July:** Leavers Tea. Enjoy the last day of school with tea, scones and ice lollies under the Willow trees (to be confirmed)

As always, please remember that if you wish to make regular or one-off donations you can do so through the Charity Aid Foundation: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/18709#!/DonationDetails> . Please also remember us when doing online shopping using easy fundraising (see grey box below). However – the greatest contribution you can make is by helping out at our events and getting involved with the organisation. 😊

If you have any questions, you can approach any of us in the playground or contact stlukesschoolpta@gmail.com . Please also like our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StLukesPTA>

Best wishes,

Your PTFA

Easy Fundraising

Please don't forget that you can support the PTFA easily through your online shopping – at no cost to yourself – by using the easyfundraising website:

- Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk>
- Search for St Lukes school Cambridge and click on “St Lukes CE (VA) Primary School, Cambridge”
- Click on “Support this cause” & create account
- Create account
- **Next time you shop click on [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for your online retailer. Donations will be made to the school PTFA without costing you anything!**

The current members of the committee are:

Chair: Debs (mum to Beth, Year 6)

Treasurer: Irina* (mum to Alice, Year 4)

Secretary: (Liz*, mum to Agnes, Year 5)

Britta* (mum to Gemma, Year 6)

Camila * (mum to Connie, Year 5)

Nick* (dad to Austin, Year 6 and Ruby, Year 5)

Glen (dad to Grace, Year 5; Freddie, Year 2; and Ellie, Year 1)

Miss Holmes

* also trustees. We are a registered charity (charity registration number: 274460)

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