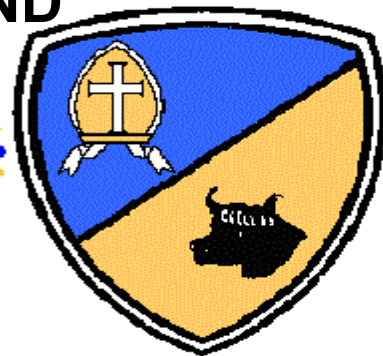


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Dear Parents/ Carers,

St Luke's is an inclusive school where we celebrate difference and what makes us unique. We all learn in different ways and find some things easy and some things harder. One of the things that we are proud of is being a dyslexia friendly school (you may have noticed the 'Dyslexia Friendly Schools' award logo in the footer of our letters).

In order to raise awareness of what dyslexia is with the children; show them how it might make learning harder for some people; what we might be able to do in school to help, and ways that dyslexia might be seen as a positive thing, I lead a 'Dyslexia Awareness' assembly each year. I thought that it might be useful for parents to see some of the slides I used as a basis for the assembly I led earlier this week (the power point is available on the website). Please note that this forms only a small part of what we do in school. Staff members have all had separate training and we have made adaptations to our classrooms, and have resources that can help some children if they are experiencing difficulties. It can be hard with younger children to know whether some of the possible indicators of dyslexia are actually signs of dyslexia or are just developmental. Please do not assume that your child has dyslexia or dyslexic traits if they are finding things hard when they are young- that is only to be expected! If, however, they are still finding problems with some of the indicators when they are older, you may wish to approach your class teacher or myself and discuss any specific concerns. There is no extra funding available in primary schools in Wigan connected to dyslexia, however the dyslexia friendly strategies that we use in school support dyslexic children, as well as being effective for other learners. It is also possible to apply for extra time for exams, e.g. Y6 SATs if dyslexia affects reading processing speed.

The staff at St Luke's are constantly trying to find ways to improve the learning opportunities for all our pupils, and the dyslexia friendly strategies we use make St Luke's a happier place for all our learners.

If you are interested in finding out more about dyslexia, you may find the links below useful as a starting point (these are also on the dyslexia page of the website in the Parent section):

https://www.nessy.com/downloads/Dyslexia_Explained_UK.pdf
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFExDAqgmQY>

Kara Tointon: Don't Call Me Stupid
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b00vy8c7>

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Egan (Inclusion Leader)



