

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 07/05/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

This morning in Celebration Assembly we enthused about all the wonderful things pupils are doing out of school as well as in school. Many pupils are practising skills learnt in school and are engaging in positive activities in their local communities. As teachers work hard to boost pupils' learning after the school lockdown, it is vital that pupils are in school. This week our whole school attendance slipped which was disappointing. We are always happy to support children who might feel a little under the weather. Absence from school has a significantly negative impact on progress pupils make.



Children in our reception class, Australia, have thoroughly enjoyed playing in the garden centre role play area. They have been growing cress. When I asked one of the children what did her cress seeds need to grow, her reply was, "Water and love!" She then added that the sun helps a little too!

Pupils in South America, Year Two, enjoyed creating their 'Eyes of the world' for our CAFOD campaign. Ludi followed this up by asking his parents to help him do a litter pick. We were delighted to see how words turn into actions. Children in this class had a really fun English lesson taking the roles of the Last Wolf, the Last Lynx and the Last bear from their class story.



This week Fr Emeka joined our preparation lesson for children who will be receiving the sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion for the first time. Children enjoyed learning about the theme of reconciliation and they also became more knowledgeable about how they will receive the Sacrament of Forgiveness. More information about dates for the Sacraments will be sent out next week.

Have a lovely weekend and thank you for your ongoing support,

## Forest School

I often say to the children how the best classroom is the one where the ceiling is the sky! I have had meetings with external agencies about setting up a Forest School provision within St Clare's. To clear the area at the end of the school field we will need some volunteers to assist with the task- 'many hands make light work!' Creating a Forest School would create an opportunity for children to enjoy a wider range of wonderful outdoor learning opportunities within a sheltered environment.



Please could you let your child's class teacher know if you would be prepared to come to school for an hour to help clear a 'long grassed area'. I haven't got a fixed date for this work as yet. At this stage it would be useful to know what assistance we have got for this exciting project.

## Notifications

If children are attending morning booster sessions, please ensure they enter through their classroom doors not main reception.

Please ensure you know which day your child is in afterschool active club or after school booster lessons as we have children being collected at the wrong times and an increase in calls to the office for them to 'check'.

Lateness is becoming an issue for some children, please stick to your allocated times for dropping off as after this time slot your child will accrue minutes late on the register.

## Attendance

We had 100% attendance from all pupils at the start of the week. It is vital that children have good attendance so they can make good progress.

	Week Beginning 26.04.2021	Week Beginning 03.05.2021
Australia	92.5%	91.7%
Europe	96.5%	90.4%
South America	97.1%	93.8%
North America	98.2%	91.3%
Africa	95.1%	90.1%
Asia Yr 5	98.8%	96.9%
Asia Yr 6	96.8%	91.5%
Whole School <u>Absences</u>	96.3%	92%

Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through Parentmail. This will be quicker for you. Please ensure that you notify school of any changes in contact details, as we need to be able to get in touch with you at all times.

## Nut Free

Please remember we are a nut free school.



To ensure the safety of others, children are not permitted to bring to school any product with nuts in which includes 'Nutella' type products, some cereal bars or nut butter sandwiches.

## Dropping & Off & Pick Up

- Please wear a mask within the school grounds unless exempt.
- Please do not ride scooters on the school grounds. Parents and children.
- One parent/carer to collect per family.
- Please do not use your mobile phone within the school grounds.
- Please avoid chatting in close contact with others—remember the 2 metre rule.

## Important dates for the Term ahead

T Thurs 13th May—Return of PE Hoodies for amendments.

T Thurs 20th May—Leavers Photographs 9.00am (Academy Photography)

Tue 25th May—First Forgiveness 10.00am

Thur 27th May—First Forgiveness 10.00am

Fri 28th May—Break up for Half Term at 3.30pm

Mon 7th June—School re-opens

Fri 25th June—New Reception Pupils Visit (1)

Sun 27th June—First Holy Communion (1)

Wed 30th June—Olympics Exhibition

Thur 1st July—Olympics Exhibition

T Thurs July—Sports Day Field 9.30am (no parents)

Track 12.30pm (parents spectating TBC)

Fri 2nd July—New Reception Pupil Visit (2)

Sun 4th July—First Holy Communion (2)

Fri 9th July—End of year school reports

Sun 11th July—First Holy Communion (3)

T Thurs 15th July—'Joseph' performance

M Mon 19th July—Leavers' Mass (tbc)

M Mon 19th July—Leavers' disco/party/firepit/awards 6-9pm

## May half term Holiday Club

Due to the success of our Easter Holiday Club, we are planning to run a holiday club for two days of May half term. Once details are finalised we will send the details out to you.

A reminder also that currently -Active After school club with Mr Wright is Free of Charge. Children can attend on the following days: Monday-North America, Tuesday-Africa, Wednesday-South America, Thursday-Asia Year 5, Friday-Asia Year 6

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