

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 09/02/2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

I'd like to remind you of the dates for Parent's Evening. They are Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th March. The booking system is now live for you to book an appointment with your child's teacher. This is for you to receive an update on your child's progress. Please book on as soon as you are able to. If you are unable to attend please get in touch so an alternative appointment can be made.

For those families in receipt of Pupil Premium, we will be releasing the vouchers to cover the half term holiday on Wednesday next week. This is to allow any errors to be corrected before we break up for the holiday. We currently have had no communication as to whether or not the vouchers will continue for the Easter holiday and beyond but will let you know as soon as we do.

Your child will be bringing a home-school agreement home today, please take the time to read it and sign and return one copy as soon as possible. If you have any queries or comments, please contact the office and make an appointment to see me.

From Monday 26th February, Year Five and Six will need to be in school PE kit every Monday for their Tag Rugby session with Sale sharks, for five weeks. Years One, Two, Three and Four will need school PE kit every Wednesday for five weeks from 28th February as they will be receiving training from Cheshire Cricket Board. They are offering a lunchtime club for KS1 children, there will be a form coming out next week for you book a place for your child. Places are limited. Cheshire Cricket board will be supporting our Multi-sports after school club for KS2, which is already set up.

I am attending the Cheshire West Association of Primary Headteachers conference next week so will not be in school from Wednesday to Friday. Miss Whitley will be here to answer any queries and Mrs K is working everyday from Tuesday to Friday, should you need any Family Support. So I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful half term and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 26th February.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs L Ward *LCWard*

Reading support

We know that being able to read underpins everything a child does in school and is directly linked to their self-esteem, confidence and achievements as they go through life.

In order to support your child with reading, please ensure they are reading at home at least three times a week. Any child from Year 2-6 who does not read three times a week will join our reading workshop during Friday breaktime to practise reading. However we know learning to read is best taught on a one-to-one basis, so giving your child a bit of shared reading time every day will make a big difference.

WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day. 3,600 minutes per school year. 1,800,000 words per year. Scores in the 90th percentile on standardized tests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day. 900 minutes per school year. 282,000 words per year. Scores in the 50th percentile on standardized tests. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day. 180 minutes per school year. 5,000 words per year. Scores in the 10th percentile on standardized tests.

The National Literacy Trust conducted a survey which included 11,000 children. Children who read daily outside school were **5x more likely** to perform **above** the expected level for their age in reading.

Valentine's Day Cake Sale



You are invited to a cake sale on Wednesday 14th February in our school hall at 3.30pm, run by our School Council and PTA to raise money for CAFOD.

We will take the children in one class at a time from 2.30pm to buy a cake so please send money to school with your child so they can buy cakes.

Please donate as many cakes as you can. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

Ash Wednesday Mass



You are all warmly invited to join us for Ash Wednesday Mass on Wednesday 14th February at 9.30am in church. The children will receive an ash cross on their forehead during the Mass.

Attendance

Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through School Spider. 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.

	Week Ending 02/02/2024	Week Ending 09/02/2024
Australia	94.7%	92%
Europe	93.5%	89%
South America	95.6%	86.8%
North America	95.2%	90.7%
Africa	96.5%	93.9%
Asia	92.1%	89.7%
Antarctica	92.1%	92.2%
Whole School	94.1%	90.6%

Unauthorised absences, including unauthorised holidays, persistent absences with no medical evidence and persistent late marks after the register has closed (after 9.20am) may occur a fine if 10 sessions (Five full school days) are missed in a term.

All absences must be reported via your School Spider App or our absence line 01244 445266, press 1 and leave child's name, your name and reason for illness.



Free School Meals



Your child will be able to get Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

The school office can now process your application or you can apply via phone by calling 0300 123 7039 online via Cheshire West and Chester Website, Council Tax & Benefits, Apply for Free School Meals.

School Calendar

Wed 14th Feb:	Ash Wednesday Mass in Church
Fri 16th Feb:	Last day of term
Mon 26th Feb:	Return to school
	Sale Sharks Rugby teaching Year 5/6 (for 5 weeks)
Tue 5th March:	Parents Evening—Bookings Open
Wed 6th March:	Parents Evening- Bookings Open
Thur 7th March:	World Book Day
Fri 8th March:	Year 6 to Snap Trap at Lache 1:00pm
Fri 15th March:	Red Nose Day
Wed 20th March:	First Forgiveness in Church KS2
Thur 21st March:	First Forgiveness in Church 11:00am
Tue 26th March:	Dental Survey (5 year olds)
	Rock Steady Concert 2:00pm
	PTA Easter Bingo (Eve)
Wed 27th March:	Holy Week Mass in Church 9:30am
Thur 28th March:	Last day of term
Mon 15th Apr:	Return to school
Tue 30th Apr—Wed 1st May:	Year 3 Class Delamere Residential
Mon 13th May:	SAT's Week Year 6
	Vision & Hearing for Reception Class
Wed 22nd May:	Sports Day
Tue 4th June:	Year 6 leavers photographs
Sat 8th June:	First Holy Communion 11am
Tue 18th June:	Catholic High Parents Information Evening
Tue 2nd July:	Transition & Year 6 to Catholic High School
Mon 8th July:	AmaSing Show—Year 3 (TBC)
Wed 3rd - Fri 5th July	Year 6—London Residential Trip
Tue 16th July:	Leavers Mass 9.30am
	Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm

Our school calendar will be updated with each newsletter—some dates may change

Rainbow Warriors

