

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 04/09/2018



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed a summer of lovely weather. Pupils have come back to school reenergised and ready for lots of wonderful learning opportunities. They have been very excited about meeting up with friends and sharing all the experiences they had during their break from school. This week we have welcomed our new Reception children: Zachary, Isaiah, Matilda, Daisy, Reese, Finley, Thomas, Phoebe, Olivia, Jayden, Julia, Paisley-Rae, Eric, Harry, Francesca, Ludwik, James, Seren, Olivia, Isabella, Henry, Victor, Aden, Hunter-Jay, Harry, James and Thomas. The children have settled in beautifully and have enjoyed exploring their new learning resources. We have also welcomed some new members of staff team- Mr M Wilson, our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr C Gates our new Year One teacher and Support Staff: Mrs M Callaghan, Mrs H Loftus, Miss C Bradley and Miss R Newall. They all seem to be settling in very quickly and have thrown themselves into our busy school life!

During the holiday we have had a new, classroom area created for our Year Two Class- South America. This has been very successful and has made great use of the huge amount of space we have in Key Stage One. Pupils in our Reception Class- 'Australia' will enter school through the door in their outdoor area and will be picked up from there also, whilst children in Mr Gates and Mr Wilson's Classes will both enter and exit school through the 'sun room'.

AB Ryder

Start of Year Mass

Fr Emeka will be celebrating Mass in the school hall on Thursday 6th September at 10am. This is a special part of the week as we start our new school year. Please try to come and join us- Parents, extended family and parishioners are welcome to join us.

Celebration Assembly

Parents and Family are welcome to attend our Celebration Assemblies in the school hall every Friday at 9:10am. They will start next week on Friday 14th September. If your child is receiving a certificate you will be informed on the Wednesday before.

Lunch Money and Snack Money

The price of school lunches is now £2.30 for pupils in Key Stage Two. They are free for Key Stage One pupils.

Children in Key Stage Two can buy a mid morning snack- the price list is on the school website.

School Uniform

We have been incredibly impressed with how smart all our pupils look coming back to school. The children are very proud of their new school uniforms. Please make sure every item is labelled as this helps identify items found and makes it much easier to find items when misplaced.

Mini Vinnie Sponsored Walk

Wirral. Both Mr Wilson and myself will be attending and are happy to transport children. Families are very welcome to come along also. On Sunday 30th September we are hoping that some of our Mini Vinnie's will join the parish SVP group in completing a sponsored walk on the Wirral Way. More information will follow soon.



School Holiday Dates

The school holiday dates are on the school website. Please remember that we cannot authorise holidays during school term times. If a child has ten or more unauthorised absences parents could receive fines. Poor attendance prevents children from making the progress we want them to make as they miss out on key learning opportunities.



Our school pet Pickles

Pickles, our school guinea pig, has had a wonderful summer holiday being well looked after by Harry from Reception. Enormous thanks to everyone who helped to look after him.

We need families to look after Pickles at the weekends. If you are able to help please let the school office know. We provide all the food and bedding and Pickles is the best behaved guinea pig we know!



School Calendar

- Thursday 6th September- Start of year Mass in school 10am Parents/Carers welcome
- Thursday 6th September- Class Four- 'Africa' start swimming lessons
- Monday 17th September- Class Four- 'Africa' go to Tattenhall Residential Centre until Wednesday 19th
- Wednesday 26th September- Class Five go to Menai Residential Centre until Friday 28th
- Sunday 30th September- Sponsored walk for SVP (Mini Vinnies)
- Tuesday 2nd October- Academy Photography in school to take Class, Family and Individual photos
- Tuesday 16th/Wednesday 17th October Parents Evening 3:45pm-6:00pm
- Friday 19th October—Autumn Thanksgiving Mass 9:30am
- Trip to watch Oliver at Story House- optional
- Monday 15th October — 'South America' sing at the Big Sing Concert Chester Catholic High
- Tuesday 16th October—Open Morning for prospective parents 9:45am
- Tuesday 18th October - Big Sing Concert Chester Catholic High
- Thursday 25th October— Last day of half term for pupils
- Friday 26th October— Staff training day
- Monday 5th November — School opens for pupils
- Wednesday 7th November— 'Asia' class Mass
- Wednesday 14th November— Maths Cubic Challenge at Kings School
- Wednesday 21st November - Full Governors Meeting 6pm
- Thursday 29th November— Walk my Journey Lantern Parade in Chester—"Africa"
- Sunday 3rd December—Presentation of children preparing for Sacraments in Church
- Thursday 7th December—Curriculum and Standards governors meeting
- Tuesday 12th December—Classes One and Two Christmas Nativity
- Thursday 14th—Key Stage 2 Carol Service 6:00pm