

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 10/01/2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break. It was lovely to welcome all the children back and hear all about the exciting experiences they had over their holiday.

Thank you to everyone who helped with all the activities planned for the children before Christmas. Special thanks to our PTA who gave up a lot of time and energy to support initiatives—our pupils certainly have some great memories of the magical events! Our school guinea pig Pickles was well looked after in Viktor's home and returned to school with a new home and some new delicious food!

Remember to let the school office know if you would like to look after Pickles for a weekend or a holiday.

On Monday we had our parents/carers' meeting for children in our Reception Class- 'Australia'. It was lovely to see so many come along to celebrate the new skills and knowledge which the children have since starting school in September. If you haven't been able to attend, please pop into school and make an appointment with Miss Reece.

Pupils started new class books and topics this week. There has been great excitement throughout school as children have found dragon eggs and trails left behind by a 'naughty bus'! I cannot wait to see what wonders the children produce!

Remember you are always welcome to our Friday celebration assemblies. Thank you for your ongoing support.

PE, Health and Wellbeing

Mr Wright is absolutely delighted to be working in his new role at St Clares, having been a part of the school for over two years and having worked within many of the schools in Chester as a Specialist Sports Coach he has a vast knowledge from these experiences. He loves the passion, team ethic & energy of our school.

He has a lot of exciting ideas to help the children enjoy their physical activity, experience new sports, work with in a team environment and aims to drive our school's increasing reputation/success at Chester/County Schools Sports events.

We have a wide range of clubs running each day after school (starting next week!!!), many have been chosen by our children in a recent poll. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to increase their fitness/skills, work within a team environment, build confidence and most importantly, tire the children out so that they are ready for an early night giving you the chance for some down time also!

That is Mr Wright's promise to all parents!

If you have any questions in relation to any of our clubs please feel free to speak to Mr Wright in school!



School Uniform It was lovely to see all pupils return in smart uniform. Please remember that black shoes are to be worn, not trainers. Recently I have noticed that some children are wearing 'looped' earrings. If children have pierced ears they should wear stud earrings which they need to be able to remove for their PE lessons. Please ensure all uniform items are labelled with your child's name so that we can track uniform if it is lost.

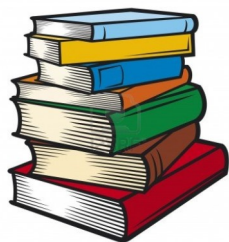
Attendance

Please contact school in the morning by phone if your child is going to be off school.

| | week beginning 21/12/18 | week beginning 11/01/2019 |
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| Australia | 97.3% | 99.2% |
| Europe | 98.1% | 99.0% |
| South America | 95.0% | 96.7% |
| North America | 96.9% | 94.5% |
| Africa | 89.7% | 95.6% |
| Asia | 95.9% | 96.9% |
| Whole School | 95.2% | 96.8% |

Last term we saw a great improvement in our attendance data. I am sure that this will have a positive impact on pupil progress. Please continue to ensure that your child's attendance is good. Pupils who have weak attendance struggle with the gaps in their knowledge and understanding.

Reading This week staff have been assessing pupils' reading skills. Children who read at home make good progress. Please ensure children have the opportunity to read as often as possible. 90% of our vocabulary comes from the books we read. Reading also helps children's writing skills, as they understand what makes a good story.....



After School Clubs

You will have received a text message today regarding your child's choices for clubs. All previous clubs must be paid up to date to allow your child to participate in this terms clubs.

School Calendar

- Wednesday 23rd January- Year 5/6 Indoor athletics
- Sunday 10th February—First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass
- Monday 11th February- Year Five pupil to watch Grease at Queens' Park High School
- Tuesday 12th February School Saints (KS1) and Multi Faith day (KS2)
- Wednesday 13th February School Saints (KS1) and Multi Faith day (KS2)
- Wednesday 13th February High Five Netball (2.30pm-4.30pm)
- Thursday 14th February Valentine Cake Sale
- Friday 15th February last day of half term
- Half Term - Monday 18th February- Friday 22nd February
- Monday 25th February- school reopens
- Monday 25th February- Governors meeting
- Wednesday 27th February- Parents Evening
- Thursday 28th February- Parents' Evening
- Wednesday 13th March- 'North America' sing in Amasing at the Storyhouse, Chester
- Wednesday 20th March- Governor's Meeting
- Sunday 24th March- PTA teas and coffees after Mass
- Friday 29th March- Last day of Spring Term
- Monday 1st April- Friday 12th April- Spring Term Holiday
- Monday 15th April- First day of Summer Term
- Thursday 18th April- First Forgiveness
- Friday 19th April- School closed—Good Friday
- Monday 22nd April- School Closed- Easter Monday
- Tuesday 23rd April- School reopens
- Tuesday 7th May- 'North America' residential trip to Delamere Centre
- Monday 13th May- Thursday 16th May- KS2 statutory assessment tests
- Monday 20th May- Healthy Schools Week
- Friday 24th May- Sports Day, last day of term.
- Monday 27h May- Friday 31st May- School closed for half term