

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 08/03/2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

After welcoming all our wonderful pupils back to school after the half term break, what a busy two weeks we have had! It was lovely to welcome you all into school for Progress and Attainment Meetings and celebrate the great work our pupils have been doing. Thank you for your responses to our questionnaire which is the one used by Religious Education inspectors. The outcomes are available on the school website. On the whole, the staff and governors were thrilled with the positive responses which reflects the fantastic work which takes place in St Clare's. If anyone wants to discuss any of the areas referenced in the questionnaire please do not hesitate to contact me.

Last half term our pupils in 'St Oscar Romero' house gained the most house points and thoroughly enjoyed pancake tossing and decorating as their reward! This afternoon our Year Six bass and woodwind band performed for the whole school and their parents. They played a range of pieces and demonstrated great progress and confidence. Next Wednesday pupils in North American will be performing in a concert at the Story house in Chester. They are very excited and have worked hard, learning lots of different songs. I am sure they all will be superstars.

We have got a lot of sporting events coming up. If you have got items from our school sports kite-football, netball or hockey please return asap. Thank you to you all for your continued support.

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### World Book Day

Thank you so much for your support in celebrating World Book Day by sending pupils to school in either their pyjamas with a bedtime story or as their favourite book character. The children had great fun completing lots of book related. All the classes contributed to a 'whole school story'. Thank you to the parents/carers who came into school to read with pupils and share your love of books.

The book sale was a great success with many children being able to use their book tokens towards a new book. The 10p book sale was very popular and an inventive way to share books which have been read.



### Ash Wednesday- Lent

Thank you to everyone who joined the children in Church to celebrate Ash Wednesday. The Church was full and thank you to the many parishioners who commented on the way the children engaged with the Mass so sensibly. Ann McCarthy from Cafod came into school to launch the Lenten Appeal and explain how we can help others.



All children have taken home a little collection box in the shape of a house and during Lent we are hoping that we can collect any spare pennies to send off to help two wonderful charities- Cafod and Missio.

**Pickles- remember our school guinea pig loves to visit homes at the weekend or for holidays.**

**School Uniform** Recently I have noticed that some pupils are wearing black trainers instead of shoes. Please can you make sure that pupils have sensible black school shoes for school. Children can bring trainers to change into for break times but they need to have shoes to wear around school.

Long hair is much better tied up so that it is kept tidy and clean. School colours for hair elastics, hairbands and ribbons looks great.

Only small, stud earrings can be worn in school and for safety reasons these cannot be worn in PE lessons. Pupils must be able to remove them or bring plasters into school to cover over the ear ring..

### Attendance

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

	week beginning	week beginning
	1/03/19	8/03/19
Australia	95%	93%
Europe	95%	92%
South America	99%	92%
North America	100%	95%
Africa	96%	98%
Asia	97%	96%
Whole School	97%	96%

Please ensure your child is in school on time. It is important that your child has at least 96% attendance- absences causes children to have gaps in their knowledge and understanding.

### Careers Palace

On Wednesday I took a group of six children to a careers palace at Cheshire View. This gave children an opportunity to see different occupations in action. The children spoke to scientists, software technicians, the fire service and police just to name a few. The day was organised to inspire aspiration and it certainly achieved that.....on the way home the children were thrilled about the experiences and were able to talk about what they might like to do when they are older.



### Sport at St Clare's

*This week our long distant runners have been training for a cross country event which takes place next Friday. Year 5/6 have got a football match on Wednesday and our Year Two footballers are taking part in the mini kickers tournament at Vauxhall motors, Ellesmere Port. We wish all the pupils good luck in these events. I hope they have a great time.*

### School Calendar

- **Wednesday 13th March- 'North America' sing in Amasing at the Storyhouse, Chester**
- **Thursday 14th Year Fice Curriculum Challenge Day- Chester Catholic High**
- **Friday 15th Year Two Mini Kicker event**
- **Cross Country Race- Ellesmere Port**
- **Wednesday 20th March- Governor's Meeting**
- **Thursday 21st March—Netball event 4-5pm at Chester Catholic High School**
- **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**
- **Monday 27th May- Friday 31st May- School closed for half term**
- **Thursday 6th June- Year Five Curriculum Challenge Day at Queens Park High School**
- **Sunday 9th June- First Holy Communion**
- **Sunday 23rd June- PTA teas and coffees after Mass.**