

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 26/04/2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

During Holy week the children participated in a range of lovely activities which helped them to learn about and reflect on the Easter story. Fr Emeka visited Year Six pupils in 'Asia' and Year Four and Five pupils in 'Africa' to lead services of Reconciliation within the classes. Teachers created a prayer trail around the school grounds these included artwork and responses to music. The activities really engaged the children, whilst creating opportunities for them to discuss themes. During the week classes also visited Church to follow the Stations of the Cross. These events were a lovely preparation for the celebration of Easter.

The highlight of the week was the celebration of the Sacrament of Forgiveness received for the first time by: Izabella, Joseph, Julia, Killian, Lexie, Lillie, Romy, Tiffanie, Veronica and Wiktor in Church. The children were incredibly focused on the importance of the Sacrament and I am sure will always remember the special experience.

This week the children were delighted to share all their stories about participating in Easter egg hunts and celebrating Easter with friends and family. It sounds like lots of chocolate eggs were enjoyed in the sunshine!

AS Ryder

CAFOD

CAFOD Just one world Thank you to everyone who supported the Parish Cafod appeal through buying the knitted Easter chicks which hold delicious chocolate eggs. These proved to be popular with pupils, who loved buying them. All proceeds went to CAFOD.

Pickles

Thank you to everyone who has helped to look after Pickles during holidays and weekends. During the Easter holiday Pickles has a great time at Riley Jae's house. **Please let the school office staff know if you would like to have Pickles visit your home. We are currently looking for volunteers for the summer holidays.**



St George's Day Celebrations

Last week we had the pleasure of welcoming artist Russell Kirk to school. He worked with pupils in 'Africa', preparing banners and tabards for a special event in Chester to celebrate St George's day. Then on Tuesday this week, the children went into Chester to participate in a parade and celebrations to mark the feast day. The children were involved in the acting out of different parts of the story of St George as they wandered to different points around Chester. It was a wonderful experience and the children thoroughly enjoyed all the activities. Mrs Ward was delighted with the way the children performed with enthusiasm.



Sport at St Clare's

Our Key Stage One football team played a football match with Lache Primary last week. The children were incredibly excited when they scored three goals to win the match. Archie, Harry, Harvey, Jacob, Leo, Olly and Zach had a wonderful time and enjoyed the experience.



Mr Wright, our Sports coach, was very impressed with the number of pupils who have signed up for after school sports clubs, which started this week. We have got a very busy sporting calendar for this term and pupils will be able to practise their skills after school as well as during the school day. This term our Year Six pupils are receiving swimming lessons. In their first lesson it was great to see how most of the children are able to swim at least 25 metres. This bodes well for the rest of the term. Tomas, a tennis coach from Glan Aber Tennis Club, has returned to teach the children the skills of playing tennis. Pupils in 'Africa' and 'South America' are working with Tomas this half term.



Attendance

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

	week beginning	week beginning
	15/04/19	23/04/19
Australia	90.7%	93.5%
Europe	95.1%	94.0%
South America	96.2%	94.7%
North America	93.5%	94.0%
Africa	94.9%	97.7%
Asia	97.4%	95.3%
Whole School	94.7%	95.0%

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.

Vacancies in school

Currently, we have two vacancies in school:

Breakfast Club Assistant- this is to help with the running of our very popular before school club. It is open each day during the school week. The hours are from 8am until 9am.

Midday supervisor- this is to help supervise pupils whilst they are eating their lunch, then playing outside. Hours are 12pm until 1:30pm.

Both posts are term time only. If you are interested in applying for these posts, please contact the school office for application forms.

Missio' Boxes

Please bring in your 'Missio' Boxes into school as soon they are full. We are looking forward to hear all about how our donation will be used.

School Calendar

- Monday 29th April- Delamere Meeting for parents/carers of children in North America
- Tuesday 30th April- Year 3/4 football match 3:30pm
- Wednesday 1st May— Cricket tournament Year 3/4 10-12pm
- Monday 6th May—School Closed Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 7th May- 'North America' residential trip to Delamere Centre
- Thursday 9th May-Year 3/4 Hockey tournament 9-12pm
- **Monday 13th May- Thursday 16th May- KS2 statutory assessment tests for all Year Six pupils**
- Monday 20th May- Healthy Schools Week
- Thursday 23rd May—Quad Kids Athletics 1-4.30pm
- Friday 24th May- Sports Day
- Monday 27th May to 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
- Monday 10th June- Year One Phonics screening begins
- Wednesday 12th June- Year 5/6 Cricket Tournament
- Tuesday 18th June- Year Five Challenge Day Chester Catholic High School
- Rounders Tournament- Bishops High School 3:30pm
- Sunday 23rd June- PTA teas and coffees after Mass.
- Friday 28th June- St Peter and St Paul- Mass in Church 9:30am
- Key Stage Two athletics event- Ellesmere Port
- Monday 1st July—Year 6 'Bikeability'
- Tuesday 2nd July- Transition day in school
- Friday 19th July- Last day of term