

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 6/09/2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

After two busy days of staff training on Monday and Tuesday, it was an absolute joy to welcome all our enthusiastic, happy pupils back to school. Our new Reception children have amazed everyone with how quickly they are settling in. We enjoyed hearing about all the pupils' exciting experiences from the summer holiday.

We used the summer holiday to complete some minor improvements: two classrooms were painted, Pre School has new flooring, the staffroom has been decorated and there is a new roof on the covered area for Reception. Enormous thanks to Ray who popped into school frequently during the holiday to maintain our school allotments. Thanks also to Issac C & Killian's families for looking after Pickles, our school guinea pig, he had a great holiday!

Before the summer holiday we invested in lots of new reading books so we are very excited about our pupils enjoying them. We have also introduced new Maths resources which will enhance teaching and learning.

On Wednesday many of our Year Six pupils came back to say hello and share their experience of first day at high school! It is lovely to see them looking all grown up and confident. We are very much looking forward to the year ahead and working together with our families to ensure best outcomes for our pupils.

### School Council and Road Safety

In school we encourage pupils to have a say in what happens within school. Our new School Council has been elected with representatives from most classes: *Matthew, Shaun, Millie, Harry, Olivia, Alfie, Levi, Jim, Isaiah* and *Tyler* are very excited about meeting and planning great projects for the year. *Wiktor* and *Milly* are our new Road Safety Officers and will work together to organise presentations to inform pupils about how to keep safe.

### Sport at St Clare's

Our new Playleaders, who will lead games for our younger pupils in Early Years and Key Stage One, are: *Miley, Ryan J, Amber, Riley, Millie, Tiffanie, Callum, Taylor, Ryan Mc* and *Gareth*. All the children are very motivated about their new roles. *Emma, Paddy, Lexi* and *Michael* are our new Sports Ambassadors. They will work very closely with Mr

Wright to ensure St Clare's pupils are active.

We are very grateful to Chester City Football Club for donating a family season ticket which can be used by families from St Clare's. If you are interested in going to a home match please return the response form attached to the letter which will be sent home with all the information.



## Attendance

Last year we saw an improvement in attendance figures and we also saw the positive impact that this has on pupil attainment and progress.

|               | week beginning |
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|               | 04/09/19       |
| Australia     | 98.7%          |
| Europe        | 95.4%          |
| South America | 95.7%          |
| North America | 100%           |
| Africa        | 97.6%          |
| Asia          | 96.7%          |
| Whole School  | 97.7%          |

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.

We have regular attendance meetings to monitor pupil attendance. Unfortunately we have had to issue fix penalties for holidays during term time last year.

## 'Africa' residential to Tattenhall

Pupils in 'Africa' are looking forward to going to Tattenhall on Wednesday 18th September. They will be doing a wide range of exciting outdoor activities. Miss Whitley is holding an information sharing meeting about the trip on Friday 13th September at 3pm. Parents and Carers are welcome to come along and find out information about the event.

## Nuts Allergy

We have pupils in school with allergies to nuts. Thank you for your help in ensuring these children are safe by abstaining from sending nuts



## Earrings

Please ensure your child is able to remove earrings for P.E or have plasters to cover them. P.E is a compulsory part of the curriculum and we cannot allow children to miss these lessons.

## School Calendar

- Wed 18th Sept—Africa Class to Tattenhall Residential
- Wed 25th Sept— Asia Class to Menai Residential
- Wed 2nd October— School Photographs
- Wed 9th October—Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby
- Thurs 10th October—Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby
- Wed 23rd October —Parents Evening
- Thurs 24th October— Parents Evening

## PTA

Next Thursday morning 12th September, at 9:15am, our PTA is holding a coffee morning to celebrate the start of the new academic year and also to welcome new members. Last year we had great success with the events which were organised and Families thoroughly enjoyed the fun.

Please come along and meet other parents/carers of children in St Clare's.

The new Chairperson is Mel Allsop and Treasurer is Jenny Pugsley. Please feel free to speak to them if you would like to join or help our PTA.

## 'Asia' residential to Menai, Anglesey

Pupils in 'Asia' are looking forward to going to Menai in Conwy on Wednesday 25th September. They will be doing a wide range of exciting outdoor activities. Mrs Ward is holding an information sharing meeting about the trip on **Monday 16th September at 3pm**. Parents and Carers are welcome to come along and find out information about the event.

