

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 19/09/2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the academic year with lots of exciting things happening. Our fantastic Reception children have been incredibly engaged in the story of the 'Ginger Bread Man'! They were amazed to find a trail of flour in their classroom which motivated them to make posters to find the Ginger Bread Man. It was lovely to hear them talking about the story with such enthusiasm.



This week pupils in Africa enjoyed a wonderful three days in Tattenhall. They experienced a wide range of activities including the 'zip line', archery, jungle craft, bouldering and toasting marshmallows! We were delighted with the way the children rose to the challenges and supported each other in achieving. The cook at the centre commented on how well-mannered and lovely the children were. It was a delight to see all the children grow in confidence. Thanks to Miss Whitley, Mrs Callaghan and Vanessa for taking such good care of the children. Next week it is the turn of pupils in Asia to travel further

afield when they travel to the Conwy Centre in Anglesey. I am sure they will have a wonderful time enjoying fantastic outdoor activities.

PS Ryder

PTA



In the past two weeks we have had some wonderful meetings, planning events for the school year. It has been lovely to welcome new parents/carers. The PTA provides an invaluable support in organising social events, funding school activities and raising funds for new resources. All parents/carers are welcome to get involved in whatever way they can. All help and support is welcome- you can make a difference.

Thank you!

Thank you for your co operation in keeping all our pupils safe through supporting our 'no nuts' policy. The pupils have responded very sensitively and demonstrated how much they want to respect each other.

Sport at St Clare's

Mr. Wright and Miss Bradley are taking a group of children to a cross country event on Saturday 21st September, in Ellesmere Port. The children have been training since returning from their summer holiday, so that they are prepared and confident. We wish all the children good luck and hope they have a great time.



Start of School Year Celebration

On Tuesday we welcomed Fr Emeka to school for our start of year Mass. It was lovely to see parishioners join the school community to celebrate the start of the school year. The children made handprints onto which they wrote a personal target they want to achieve during the year.



Stop, Drop, Roll

Children in North America went to Safety Central in Warrington, to start a very exciting creative project working with Manchester Camerata. The children are going to learn about how to keep themselves safe and create a musical performance around the theme which will be performed later in October. We are delighted that children will be part of this event.



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 09/09/2019	Week Beginning 16/09/2019
Australia	96.5%	92.3%
Europe	98.6%	93.9%
South America	98.3%	95.8%
North America	98.6%	98.5%
Africa	99.6%	100%
Asia	97.7%	98.7%
Whole School	98.6%	96.6%

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.

Building Fund.

You will have received a letter this week for St Clare's Building Fund. Please take time to read this. The Building Fund is vital in ensuring the Governing Body is able to upgrade and complete necessary repairs which will no doubt benefit our children.

Aldi Stickers for Schools

We are participating in Aldi's Kit for school. Spend £30 in Aldi to receive a Team GB

Sticker. Hand in your tickets at school to help us complete our poster. St Clare's will receive a sports kit and a chance to win £20,000!



Breakfast & After School Club.

Joan's Breakfast & Afterschool clubs are becoming increasingly popular. Children can come to school from 8.15am for breakfast club, this does not require booking. After school club runs from 3.30-4.30pm, please book a place for after school club as early as possible as numbers are limited.

School Calendar

- Saturday 21st Sept—Inter Schools Cross Country
- Wed 25th Sept— Asia Class to Menai Residential
- Wed 2nd Oct— School Photographs
- Wed 9th Oct—Yr 3/4 Tag Rugby
- Thurs 10th Oct—Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby
- Thurs 17th Oct- Yr 5/6 Quick Sticks Hockey
- Wed 23rd Oct —Parents Evening
- Thurs 24th Oct— Parents Evening
- Fri 25th October—Last day of term

Parentmail



We have noticed an increase in the number of Parents not connected to Parentmail We are committed to sending out as less paper letters as we can from the school office. **From Monday 16th all communication will be sent via email, text and any letters for a response from you will be sent via 'Forms' on Parentmail.**

(Where possible). This now includes all sports invitation letters. Please contact the school office with an up to date email address and mobile number so we can update any records that may be out of date, or if you cannot access Parentmail.

Pickles

We are looking for families to take our school pet 'Pickles' the guinea pig home for weekends and over the school holidays. A form will be sent out today for you to complete on Parentmail if you would like to be added to the list. He will be sent home with all bedding and food and a guide of how to look after him should you need it.



A Christmas Carol

One of our pupils, Matthew, is starring in a production of Joseph in the coming weeks and then in November he will be in a Christmas Carol in Liverpool. We are hoping to take a small group of pupils to the Royal Court so that they enjoy the show!

