

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 22/11/2019



Dear Parents/Carers,

On Monday 11th November pupils and staff gathered to pay their respects in a two minutes silence in the school hall. This year was particularly special as Ryan played the Last Post on his cornet. Lovely artwork, symbolizing their reflections on remembering the past, created a lovely display.



Thank you to all the parents/carers who came along to our Reading and Writing workshops. Many of you said how useful you found them, it was a great opportunity for you to see what the expectations are for pupils in different year groups. A lot of work went into the preparation of the event, so it was lovely to see parents/carers make use of it.

Our 'spots and pyjama day' was very well supported by all. Thank you for helping to make it the fun and success that it was. Our total at the end of the day was £128. In the lead up to Christmas we have got a wide variety of events taking place. Please keep up to date through the school newsletters and website.

Thanks for your continued support

Christmas Crib Festival

This year we are planning to hold a Christmas Crib festival in the Church during the last week of term. We would like all our families to work together to create a Christmas Nativity scene- it could be 2D or 3D and made using whatever materials you would like to use e.g. lego, cardboard, wood, cake. We would like all the cribs to be sent in on Friday 13th December so that they can be arranged in Church from Monday 16th December. This is a lovely opportunity to be creative and work on a family project



Mini Vinnies

Our wonderful team of Mini Vinnies have raised £300 recently with their cake sale and sponsored walk. The children have decided that the funds will be used to sponsor six children in India to access an education for at least the next three years- this will mean that each class sponsors their own child. This is such a lovely gesture, we will keep you updated with this project.



Sponsored Jog

A huge THANK YOU to the families who have returned the sponsor money from the sponsored jog. Please can all sponsor money be returned by Monday 25th November so that we can buy the new equipment for playtimes. The School Council suggested that the class which raises the most will have the honour of playing with all the new equipment first. It looks like 'Europe' are in the lead currently!

Chester Cathedral

This year we have got a school Christmas Tree amongst the festival of trees at Chester Cathedral., which opens on Friday 29th November. Please try to visit the Cathedral to see our tree and give children the opportunity to celebrate!



Baby Changing Unit- If anyone has a baby changing unit they no longer need, we have got space in one of our toilets to provide one for parents/carers to use and would gratefully take it off your hands. Please call the school office if you can help.

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	Week Beginning
	11/11/2019	18/11/2019
Australia	92.9%	88.9%
Europe	99%	97.2%
South America	97.9%	96.3%
North America	97.4%	95.6%
Africa	93.9%	94.6%
Asia	98.3%	98.7%
Whole School	96.6%	95.3%

School Calendar

- Thur 28th Nov — Year Curriculum Challenge at QPHS
 - Year 1 Multiskills Event
 - Lantern Parade—Africa Class
- Sun 1st Dec — Presentation of Candidate for First Holy Communion (Mass in church)
- Mon 2nd Dec — Reception Class trip to Chester Zoo
- Thur 5th Dec — Yr 2 Multiskills Event
- Fri 6th Dec - Asia Class Music Concert (pm)
- Sun 8th Dec - PTA Ta/Coffee after Mass
- Mon 9th - Mass (School Hall) Feast of the Immaculate Conception
 - Last week for after school cubs
- Tue 10th Dec - Dress rehearsal KS1 Nativity 10.00am
- Wed 11th Dec—KS1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm
- Thur 12th Dec— Christmas Jumper Day & bring raffle item
- Fri 13th Dec— Pantomime— 'Snow White' at New Brighton
- Mon 16th Dec— Last Swimming Asia Class
 - Craft Afternoon with parents
- Wed 18th Dec—Carol Service in Church 6.00pm
- Thur 19th Dec—Christmas Disco
- Fri 20th Dec—Last Day of term—3.30pm finish
 - Draw for Christmas Raffle in Assembly
- Tues 7th Jan—School reopens

Events planned in the near future include:



Christmas Cake sale on Friday 6th December and Rainbow Raffle draw on Friday 20th December.

Please join the PTA's new Facebook group! Here, you'll be informed about events, fundraising and ways that you can get involved!, - search for 'St Clare's Chester PTA'

Thank you in advance for helping to organise the Christmas Discos and providing snacks and prizes.

Chester Football Club



The school family ticket for the next Chester City match against Bradford on 30th November is available. Please let your child's class teacher know if you are interested in going along. Families are welcome to book matches in advance if you know you can go.

Sport at St Clare's

Unfortunately, the heavy rain recently has led to the cancellation of some of our sporting fixtures. Our hockey team were able to enjoy the tournament held at Deeside Ramblers Hockey Club on Thursday morning. Despite the bitter cold weather, the children displayed some excellent hockey skills which were commented on by many spectators. The children won five matches, drew one match and were delighted to win the event! They returned to a wonderful celebration back in school and were delighted with their medals and trophy. A group of Key Stage Two children attended an indoor multi skills festival in Ellesmere Port. The children loved the wide range of activities, including wheelchair basketball.



Two years ago a group of parents worked hard to purchase a new sports kit for pupils to wear when they are representing school. Sadly, in a recent audit we have got an alarming number of school sports kits missing. If your child has an item of school kit at home, please can you return it asap.