

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 20/11/2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

Pupils are so busy in school, the weeks seem to be flying by! Although we are all going through quite a difficult time, the atmosphere in school has been wonderful. There is a real ethos of focused learning and although visitors are limited and trips are cancelled, teachers are ensuring that pupils have an exciting, rich curriculum. Today pupils in Africa are busy creating large lanterns which are going to be displayed in Chester Forum.

Many of you may have noticed that a new 'stable' has been erected at the front of the school grounds, ready for our nativity scene. This year we decided that as we cannot access church as we would do, we would display a Christmas Nativity in the school grounds for all to see. This could not happen without the wonderful support of some great dads who gave up part of their weekend to build the stable. In time for Advent.

Parents involved in our PTA are also beavering away preparing surprises for pupils- they are passionate that this year it is particularly important for all pupils to have wonderful Christmas experiences in school with their friends. Thank you for all the time you are spending on helping with the initiatives planned- your support is very welcome.

We have a vacancy for a parent governor—letters have been sent home today for nominations. If you would like to support school through being on the Governing Body, please complete all the details on the form and return to school by Wednesday 2nd December. If you would like to find out more about the role please contact school.

Please ensure you keep up to date with events in school—you will find the school calendar updated on the website and all dates listed on the back of our school newsletters.

PS Ryder

A Virtual Tour of St Clare's

We have created a virtual tour of the school for prospective parents and pupils to enjoy. This can be found on the school website. **If you know any families who have school aged children due to start in September 2021, please encourage them to contact school so we can share information and direct them to our school website.** Last year we had a number of families who missed the opportunity to secure a place in St Clare's.



Children in Need Fundraiser

A big, big thank you for your support with our fundraiser for Children in Need, We raised a wonderful £235, whilst pupils had a fun day doing lots of exciting activities.

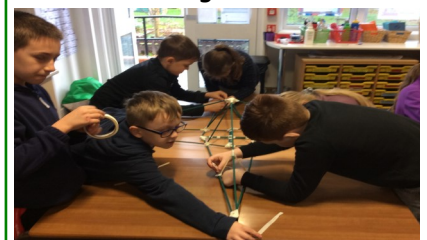


Remembrance

St Clare's remembered those who selflessly served their country in the war. At 11am on 11.11.2020 there was complete silence in the school during a special assembly. During the month of November we have our book of Remembrance on display, please send in any names of family members you would like to be added to our book.



Africa making their lanterns



Attendance

Congratulations to all pupils who have excellent attendance. Every second counts. We appreciate there are occasions, especially at the moment, when pupils have got to stay at home, however we continue to closely track and monitor attendance.

	Week Beginning 9th November	Week Beginning 16th November
Australia	99%	94%
Europe	95%	95%
South America	98%	99%
North America	95%	99%
Africa	95%	94%
Asia	95%	97%
Whole School	96%	97%

Absences

Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through Parent mail. This will be quicker for you, can you please note any symptoms your child has. Please ensure that you notify school of any changes in contact details, as we need to be able to get in touch with you at all

Car Park

Recently, I have noticed cars parked in dangerous spaces in the car park in front of school. Please can you be aware that pupils are making their way to school and although we teach them to be careful and look out for cars, it is important that adults also help keep everyone safe by driving slowly and carefully. Thank you in advance for your support with this situation.



St Clare's PTA has signed up to Amazon Smile! It's a simple way for you to support the school every time you shop with Amazon...at no extra cost to you!

For every eligible purchase you make Amazon gives 0.5% of the purchase price to us.

Go to the smile.amazon.co.uk website and click on *Get Started*. Please type 'St Clare's Primary School' into the charity search.

School Calendar

Wed 25th Nov—Mad Scientist Assembly

Fri 27th Nov- Dress as a Rainbow, donations for rainbow raffle-

Mon 7th Dec—Asia Christmas Singing filming 5pm

Tue 8th Dec— St Clare's Church Diamond Anniversary Mass 9:30am

Africa Christmas Singing filming 5pm

Curriculum and Standards Committee Meeting 6pm

Wed 9th Dec—N. America Christmas Singing filming 5pm

Fri 11th Dec- Year 5 and 6 (Asia) final music lesson of term

Mon 14th Dec—Christmas Craft Day

Tue 15th Dec—Christmas Jumper day & Christmas Lunch -KS1

Whole School Panto

Wed 16th Dec—Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch- KS2

Thur 17th Dec—EYFS & Year One (Europe)—Nativity (via Zoom) am

Pm KS2 Carol Service (via zoom)

Fri 18th Dec — Rainbow Raffle in Celebration Assembly

Year Two (South America) Nativity via zoom

Congratulations.....

This week we received the news that Ryan, one of our ex pupils- now in Year Seven at Chester Catholic High School, has passed an interview and audition to join the Children's Brass Band of Great Britain!

Many of you will remember Ryan playing his trumpet in Masses and assemblies.



We are delighted with the news and we are sure Ryan will be a great asset to the band.

Free School Meals

If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals you can apply online by clicking on this link:

<https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/school-meals.aspx>

Or call them on 0300 123 7021 to discuss making a telephone or paper application.

School will then be informed if your application is successful.