

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 04/12/2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have stopped to take notice of our lovely nativity scene by the main gate. We thought, as we may not be able to access church in the same way this year, we would create our own Christmas scene for the whole school and local community to enjoy. I owe huge thanks to both Ray and Mr Phillips for building the stable and coming along last Sunday morning to complete it. Thanks also to the parents and children who helped. We are delighted with the outcome and hope it brings great pleasure as you venture out for your walks during the festive period.



I am delighted that we had two parents nominated for the role of parent governor—ballot papers have been sent home today, please take time to read the pen portraits and return your completed ballot papers by next Wednesday 9th December.

Members of the PTA have been working incredibly hard to ensure pupils have wonderful end of term. We are very grateful for their support and enthusiasm to help with school life.

Despite all our current difficulties, I am delighted that the atmosphere in school continues to be one of contentment, with pupils feeling secure and thriving. Thank you for your ongoing support and for working in close partnership with school. Have a lovely weekend.

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.



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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	Week Beginning
	23.11.20	30.11.20
Australia	97.4%	96.7%
Europe	90.4%	93.3%
South America	97.9%	97.2%
North America	92.1%	98.3%
Africa	94.1%	97.6%
Asia	94.3%	96.7%
Whole School	94.1%	96.7%

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 times.

Save the Family Charity

One of our parents is involved with the charity 'Save the Family'. They are supporting families through providing new toys for children. If families would like to donate a new toy for the charity to pass onto a family, we are happy for these to be put in the basket which we will put near the front entrance to school. There is no need to wrap the toy, as we will quarantine it before passing it on. Only new toys can be passed on. Thank you for your support.

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.

PTA Pop-Up Sale

Our PTA will hold a pop up sale next Friday 11th after school. It will be held outside on the KS1 playground and will consist of all sorts!

KS2 children will be permitted to attend before the end of the school day so may need some money for this. Items will be priced at 20p, 50p or £1.

Autumn Calendar

Mon 7th Dec—Asia Christmas Singing filming 5:30pm

Tue 8th Dec— St Clare's Church Diamond Anniversary Mass 9:30am, celebration day in school.

Africa Christmas Singing filming 5:30pm

Curriculum and Standards Committee Meeting 6pm

Wed 9th Dec—N. America Christmas Singing filming 5:30pm

Thurs 19th Dec- Africa go swimming

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

PTA POP UP Christmas Table Top

Mon 14th Dec—Christmas Craft Day

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

Whole School Panto

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

Class bubble parties and film afternoon

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

School closes for the Christmas Holiday

School reopens for pupils on Wednesday 6th January 2021



Pupils in North America have been making cards for residents in our local care homes.



Olivia in Africa, Year Four entered the nhs art competition and was highly commended for her super entry.



Children in Reception are helping Fr Christmas in their very own toy workshop!