

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 18/12/2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a term we have had! Thank you so much for all your support and close partnership, working through what has been an incredibly challenging term. That said, it is wonderful how pupils have been very settled and focused in school. Staff have managed to engage pupils in a broad range of great learning opportunities and experiences.

The last few weeks have demonstrated to me how blessed we are to have so many parents prepared to go over and above in a whole manner of ways.....from making and erecting the Christmas crib to obtaining and decorating the outdoor Christmas Tree. The PTA members have worked hard to provide gifts and treats for the Christmas Panto and Parties, I thank them all for their time and energy spent on helping to make these events so successful.



All the staff and myself wish you all peace and happiness this Christmas. We hope you all manage to have a lovely, but safe, time with your families.. If you are out on a local walk do pop past our Christmas crib scene which looks amazing- especially at night.

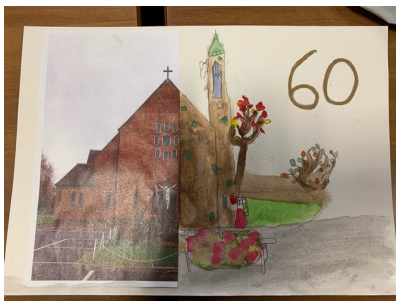
School reopens for pupils on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Best wishes,

COVID Track and Tracing

If you need to report if a child is symptomatic and seeking a test up until 3:30pm on 20th December please contact the school through the mobile number :07565 754 298 between 5pm and 6pm.

Some lovely artwork of St Clare's in honour of the diamond jubilee and also our stars from the Christmas Nativities.



Rainbow Raffle Winners

The lucky winners of our Rainbow Raffle where:

Gold: Gail Taylor (Aoife/Teddy Bell)
Green: Iustin & Andrei Atánásoe
Blue: Emma Levie
Purple: Ella & Rihanna Hollyoak
Red: Tymon & Dalia Bulik
White: Lillie Sansom Nanny
White: Leo Fisher

Congratulations to all the lucky winner we hope you enjoy all the lovely surprises!

Christmas Lanterns

If you are in Chester during the Christmas break, please visit the forum as lanterns made by the pupils in Africa are on display.



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 07.12.2020	Week Beginning 14.12.2020
Australia	93.8%	98.8%
Europe	99.2%	93.5%
South America	98.6%	97.9%
North America	95%	n/a
Africa	95.8%	92.2%
Asia	99.5%	95.5%
Whole School	97.2%	95.6%

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.

Children in Europe and South America dressed for their Nativity



Message from the Governors

As Chair of Governors I appreciate the opportunity to write to you towards the end of this very challenging term and extraordinary year for everyone.

I must first of all applaud all of the staff of St. Clare's for their timeless efforts to enable children to attend school and fully engage a broad and balanced curriculum. Mrs Ryder and the senior leadership of the school deserve special mention in that through their communication with parents, carers and the governors everyone has had a clear understanding of the measures to be taken in order to ensure the continued safety of children and staff in and around the school.

It is due to the consistency of approach by all concerned and the willingness of parents and carers to follow risk assessment arrangements that the attendance figures are excellent and the children's engagement in learning, playing and being fully involved in the curriculum is so positive.

This has been a time of challenge for parents and carers on many different levels. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for working so successfully with the staff through your co-operation and positive response to the many different arrangements the school has in place.

From the Zoom meetings held with parents before the summer holidays it was clear that although parents were anxious for your children's well being, you wanted the best for them and worked with the school in Partnership to ensure the children returned to as 'near normal' school as possible.

Over the past year Mrs Ryder and all of the staff have worked as hard as possible to ensure every child feels safe and secure in school and is given every opportunity to reach their full potential. They know that they share that ambition with you and look forward to continuing to work successfully with you.

On behalf of the governors can I wish you and your families the joy and peace of Christmas and a healthy and successful 2021.

John McCann
Chair of Governors