

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 26/03/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been one of those weeks that has flashed by! I explained to the children this morning in celebration assembly how time flies when we are having fun! Thank you to everyone who attended our parents' afternoon/evening- it was great to catch up and share firstly how pupils have settled back into school and secondly share some of our plans for the summer term.

You may have noticed our ribbons of thanks tied to the school fence to mark twelve months since school entered it's first period of school closure. Pupils enjoyed reflecting on the journey we have been on and also made bookmarks as a memento of the time we have been through.

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our CAFOD 'walk for water appeal'. Pupils were delighted when they heard we had passed our target of raising £200. When we last looked we had raised an impressive £315. Staff in school have been so impressed with the wonderful determination shown by the children to play their part in helping others. Our dress in red day to support 'Red Nose Day' last week raised £126, so thank you for your support in our fundraising ventures.

Next week is Holy Week and each day we will be taking a different part of the Easter Story to reflect on. Please take time to talk with pupils about what they have done. On Thursday 1st April we will hold an Easter Assembly at 1:30pm. This will provide an opportunity for parents/carers to see the Easter Story retold and acted out by pupils.

The winning school house this half term, with eleven points, is 'Mother Teresa'. Pupils in this house will enjoy making and indeed eating Easter crispy cakes! The whole school half term reward is participating in an Easter Treasure Hunt- this will also take place next Thursday. There are wonderful, generous people in the world..... Our PTA have donated Easter Eggs, so each pupil will receive an egg. We have also received eggs from Live, Laugh, Lache and Miss Whitley's partner has also donated eggs for all pupils! We are planning to have some Easter Bingo along with other Easter celebrations.

Please note school will be closed next Friday as it is Good Friday and will reopen on Tuesday 20th April (Monday is an INSET day for staff).

We hope you have a wonderful Easter holiday, thank you for all your close partnership over the last few weeks ensuring everyone remains safe and healthy.

AB Ryder

Dropping & Off & Pick Up

- Please wear a mask within the school grounds unless exempt.
- Please do not ride scooters on the school grounds. Parents and children.
- One parent/carer to collect per family.
- Please do not use your mobile phone within the school grounds.
- Please avoid chatting in close contact with others—remember the 2 metre rule.



Sacramental Preparation

Unfortunately, children were unable to receive the sacraments of First Forgiveness or Holy Communion last year as churches were closed. This year we are hoping that towards the end of the summer term we will be able to celebrate these sacraments with the children who were already preparing last year, along with the new children who have joined the cohort. This is a special next step of their faith journey.

On Tuesday 20th April at 2pm there will be a meeting for parents/carers of pupils preparing to receive the sacraments when we can share our plans. We are very mindful of the fact that restrictions are changing all the time and the celebrations for receiving these sacraments for the first time will be arranged to the current guidelines at the time. The link for this meeting will be sent out during the morning on Tuesday 20th.

Families who would like children to be baptised need to complete a form which we will pass onto Fr Emeka. Forms are available from school. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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
	15.03.2021	22.03.2021
Australia	98.8%	96.7%
Europe	96%	94.4%
South America	97.5%	96.1%
North America	95.5%	97%
Africa	96%	89.9%
Asia Yr 5	98.8%	92.5%
Asia Yr 6	95.1%	90.8%
Whole School	96.7%	93.9%

Absences

Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through **Parentmail**. This will be quicker for you. 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.

Nut Free

Please remember we are a nut free school.

To ensure the safety of others, children are not permitted to bring to school any product with nuts in which includes 'Nutella' type products, some cereal bars or nut butter sandwiches.



School Lunches

When we return to school after the Easter break we will be on week 2 of our menu.

Ham, Tomato and Cheese pasta

Or

Tomato and Cheese pasta



Easter in St Clare's Catholic Church

Sat 27th Confessions 11-11.40am or on request
Sat 27th 5 pm 'Drive in' vigil Mass
(Clocks go forward)

Sun 28th 9.30am PALM SUNDAY

Weds 31st 9.30 am Mass Wednesday of Holy Week

Weds 31st 3.00 pm Chrism Mass from Shrewsbury Cathedral, link: <https://www.shrewsburycathedral.org/live-stream-mass>

Thurs 1st Apr 7pm Holy Thurs
Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri 2nd Apr 3pm Good Friday The Lord's Passion
7 pm Stations of the Cross

3rd Apr Holy Saturday 5pm Drive-in Mass
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 7pm

4th Apr EASTER SUNDAY , 9.30am Mass

Happy Easter from all the staff in St Clare's



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