

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 01/04/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of this Spring Term, we want to thank all our families for the work you have done in supporting pupils during the weeks when school was closed, adopting the roles of teachers, and then whilst they returned to school. Although it has been an unprecedented time, we have still been able to celebrate many wonderful achievements. It is credit to the whole school community, working closely together, that has facilitated such smooth transitions.

Thank you for following all the systems we set up to ensure everyone remains safe and healthy. We are delighted that the times of class bubbles having to isolate have been very limited and sincerely hope that this continues.

Today we are saying goodbye to Miss Loftus. We thank her for all her great work at St Clare's and hope that she remains very much in contact with our school community.

This week the children have enjoyed participating in a wide range of Easter activities, each day we have focused on a different aspect of Holy Week which has helped developed pupils' understanding. We have had some generous donations of Easter eggs from our school PTA, Live, Laugh, Lache, Saltney Community and CB Scaffolding, so throughout the day we have had lots of fun games and treasure hunts!

Please note school will be closed next Friday as it is Good Friday.

School 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

Thank You

Many of you will have noticed all the hard work that Ray, Mr Phillips, Mrs Meshil and Mr Bell have been doing to trim and clear hedgerow on the perimeter of the school grounds. We are so grateful with their generosity in sharing their time and energy to help improve the school grounds. Ray's friend, Tony and his son have spent many hours helping also. As a gesture of thanks, we sent a donation to an orphanage, Jantsandorj Mongol Child, Mongolia, which Tony is involved with.

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.

Happy Easter



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

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



Cafod—Walk for water Lenten Appeal



Enormous congratulations to all our pupils and staff for completing our Lenten challenge of walking laps of the school grounds so that we could raise funds to support Cafod's Lenten appeal. We are delighted to announce that we raised a magnificent:

£345

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