

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 23/04/2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break, this week it has been a joy to welcome all pupils back and hear about their exciting experiences during the holiday. Children are obviously enjoying the opportunity to do more, now restrictions are being strategically lifted.

Before the Easter Holiday you will have noticed some kind parents helping to trim the hedge along part of the perimeter of the school grounds. Then whilst school was closed, this was cleared away. Many thanks for the generous support we were given in completing this task. I have had meetings with a Ranger, employed by Cheshire West and Chester, who is keen to support St Clare's in creating a Forest School area. The aim is to clear an area at the end of the fields which can then be used for outdoor learning and forest school experiences. In order to do this we need some support with the clearing of the area. If you would like to help please can you contact the school office via by calling the school office: 01244 981110.

As a result of a successful bid from the PTA, we were able to organise four days of Holiday Club during the Easter Holiday, two for key Stage One and two for Key Stage Two. I am delighted to report that these were a huge success and very well attended. The sports coaches described the wonderful motivation demonstrated by the pupils who participated in a wide range of activities. We are hoping to run more of these clubs in the future.

During the holiday we have had a set of toilets in Key Stage One refurbished. This work has been funded through the building fund which school pays to Shrewsbury Diocese each year. Thank you to families who have already donated this year, if you haven't contributed to this fund we would very much appreciate your support with this. We have got additional work on the school planned for the summer holidays.

**We have got a vacancy for a Midday Assistant, the daily hours are 11:45am-1:15pm. If you are interested in applying for the position please can you contact the school office for an application form. The closing date for applications is May 7th at 12pm.**

Have a lovely weekend, enjoy the sunshine,

### Great News about Sport in St Clare's

In the Autumn Term, pupils in Key Stage Two have been working towards the Chester Schools Virtual Games!. Due to the pandemic it has not been possible for our children to attend these events so the games have been running as Intra School competitions. All of our KS2 children have participated, demonstrating some incredible skills and teamwork. Mr Wright has been delighted with their progress.

Pupils have competed against all of the other Chester Schools in events such as Tag Rugby, Hockey, Sportshall Athletics and Football.

**We are delighted announced that we have WON the Chester Schools Virtual Games for:**

**Sportshall Athletics Pentathlon - Year 3&4**

**Sportshall Athletics Pentathlon - Year 5&6**

**Football - Year 3&4**



The next step is that St Clare's will now represent Chester in a County wide competition. We congratulate all our pupils who participated for their hard work and determination.

## Attendance

We had 100% attendance from all pupils at the start of the week. It is vital that children have good attendance so they can make good progress.

	Week Beginning	Week Beginning
	22.03.2021	19.04.2021
Australia	96.7%	99%
Europe	94.4%	96.2%
South America	96.1%	100%
North America	97%	98.9%
Africa	89.9%	98.7%
Asia Yr 5	92.5%	98.7%
Asia Yr 6	90.8%	98.5%
Whole School	93.9%	98.5%

## 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.

## 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.

## Important dates for the Term ahead

- Mon 3rd May- School Closed for Bank Holiday
- Thurs 20th May—Leavers Photographs 9.00am (Academy Photography)
- Tue 25th May—First Forgiveness 10.00am
- Thur 27th May— First Forgiveness 10.00am
- Fri 28th May—Break up for Half Term at 3.30pm
- Mon 7th June— School re-opens
- Fri 25th June—New Reception Pupils Visit (1)
- Sun 27th June—First Holy Communion (1)
- Wed 30th June - Olympics Exhibition
- Thur 1st July— Olympics Exhibition
- Thurs July—Sports Day Field 9.30am (no parents)  
Track 12.30pm (parents spectating TBC)
- Fri 2nd July— New Reception Pupil Visit (2)
- Sun 4th July— First Holy Communion (2)
- Fri 9th July—End of year school reports
- Sun 11th July—First Holy Communion (3)
- Thurs 12th July—'Joseph' performance
- Mon 19th July—Leavers' Mass (tbc)
- Mon 19th July—Leavers' disco/party/firepit/awards 6-9pm
- Wed 21st July—Leavers' Assembly

## First Holy Communion

This week we started our sessions to prepare pupils to receive the sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. It was wonderful to see so many pupils attend. We are looking forward to supporting pupils on this special next step in their faith journey. Each week pupils will be given a task to complete in their 'golden books' and they will need to bring their books to the session each week. We will keep you informed as plans are finalised with Fr Emeka over the coming days.



## Amazon Smile

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