

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 17/02/2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

Here we are at the end of another busy week and another busy half term. Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evening over the last two evenings, the teachers commented how lovely it was to be able to celebrate your child's successes with you. Parents of children in Year Four, I will be in touch with you early next half term with your re-arranged date. Thank you to everyone who completed our questionnaire, the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

Since my last newsletter, the children have been busy with a range of opportunities including a Young Carers Assembly, Internet Safety Day and a Maths Problem Solving Morning.

For Internet Safety Day on Tuesday 7th February we explored the theme 'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online'. It brought to our attention a number of concerns around social media and mobile devices. Please ensure you have the appropriate parental controls on your child's device and it is wise to check your child's online use regularly.

Please could I request that you return any school books you have at home. We have a number of colour bands in the Key Stage One library that have barely any books left as they haven't been returned.

I am pleased to report that the clean-up in the church has started so hopefully it won't be long before we can gather for Mass back in our lovely church again.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful half term break and remind you that school re-opens on Monday 27th February.

Best wishes, Mrs Lucy Ward *LCWard*

PTA News



Thank you to everyone who attended the Valentine's Disco. The children had a wonderful time and raised £141 for our school PTA. A big thank you to all the parents who helped make this event special by decorating the hall, organising the playlist and supplying the drinks and snacks.

The PTA, working with the Minnie Vinnie's, ran a successful Cake Sale today to raise £246 for SVP and the Turkey/Syria Earthquake appeal. Thank you to everyone who donated and bought cakes.

Phones

Please could I request that children only bring mobile phones to school if they walk to or from school alone.

Please remind your child/ren that all phones should be switched off once they have arrived at school and not turned back on until they leave. They also need to be stored in the class phone box throughout



Ash Wednesday Mass



On Wednesday 22nd February, the Ash Wednesday Mass will take place in the school hall.

All are welcome to attend.

Attendance

Congratulations to all pupils who have excellent attendance. Every second counts. We appreciate there are occasions when pupils have got to stay at home, however we continue to closely track and monitor attendance.

	Week Ending 10.02.23	Week Ending 17.02.23
Australia	95.6%	95.6%
Europe	96.5%	97.8%
South America	94.1%	89.6%
North America	91.4%	95%
Africa	98.7%	97.3%
Asia	90%	91.7%
Antarctica	78.3%	95.7%
Whole School	91.3%	94.5%

Absences

Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through School Spider. 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.

Earthquake appeal

You will have seen the devastating news of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. CAFOD, a charity closely linked with our school, has launched an appeal to provide urgent food, water and shelter for survivors. Please visit <https://cafod.org.uk/> to donate.

SEN Meeting

On Friday 3rd March, at 2.30pm in the Parish Room, a number of parents from the school are holding an informal meeting to allow you to have the opportunity to talk about any concerns you may have regarding your child's special educational needs.

Miss Dodwell, our school SENCo, will be there to talk to you regarding any concerns you might have and offer support.

The parents organising this meeting are keen to share their own experiences over a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

All are welcome.

School Calendar

Fri 17th Feb	School closes for half term
Wed 22nd Feb	Ash Wednesday Mass in school
Mon 27th Feb	School Re-Opens
Thur 2nd Mar	World Book Day
Fri 3rd Mar	SEN Meeting 2.30pm Parish Room
Fri 17th Mar	Red Nose Day
Thurs 23rd Mar	Easter Bingo at 6pm
Tue 21st Mar	Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm (TBC)
Wed 29th Mar	First Forgiveness
Fri 31st Mar	Last Day of Term

Snacks

Please can I remind you that break time snacks need to be a healthy snack. Fruit is best. Breakfast bars that are covered in chocolate or full of sugar will not be accepted, neither will packets of crisps or chocolate bars. Please remember we are a no nuts school so avoid any cereal bars with nuts.



Rainbow Reward Winners Congratulations

