

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 01/12/2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

We are entering a very busy time in school with a lot going on, so please take note of the attached calendar with all the different events the children are participating in over the next couple of weeks.

I am delighted to share that last week Mr Varey, our PE coach, extended his family by welcoming a baby boy. I'm sure you will join me in wishing him and his family a huge congratulations.

On Wednesday next week, we welcome Miss Dixon back from maternity leave. Miss Dixon will be working three days a week to enable her time at home with her daughter. Sadly, this means Miss Dodwell will be leaving us. Miss Dodwell will stay with us until we break up for Christmas to ensure a thorough handover of the SEND provision in school so any actions or referrals continue seamlessly. We wish Miss Dodwell the best of luck as she ventures on to an exciting new future. She is going to work part time as a SENCo in another school, freeing her up to complete a Masters Degree.

This change in staffing will impact Year Four from January. Mrs Kelly Murphy and Mr Gates will now share the teaching in Year Four, with Mrs Kelly Murphy working three days and Mr Gates working two. During the Autumn Term, Mrs Kelly Murphy has worked in Year Six for one day to allow Miss Whitley time to complete her Deputy Head duties, this time will now be covered by Miss Dixon.

As we enter the season of advent, one child from each class will bring the Travelling Nativity home each day. The instructions are in the bag. Please ensure you return it the next day so we can allow as many children as possible the opportunity to complete the reflection as a family.

In January, we will be returning to a diversity and equality week. The children will be exploring a range of themes that link to the Equality Act 2010 including the protected characteristics. We will explore refugees and Black Lives Matter throughout the school. EYFS and Year One is focusing on how we should celebrate our individuality and it's good to be me. Year Two is focusing on Anti-bullying. Year Three is exploring people with disabilities through the Paralympics. Year Four are looking at Malala Yousafzai, and the rights of a child. Year Five are exploring gender stereotyping through the England Women's Football Team and Year Six will look at families of varying dynamics.

Please note on the last day, Thursday 21st December, school will close at 1.30pm. Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mrs Ward

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### Purple Club

Join team purple for an extraordinary North Pole breakfast filled with all your favourites and some special treats too! Available every Monday in December for just £3. 00. 8 to 9am



Fancy having a go at making your own baubles, a calendar for next year or making decorations with a hot glue gun? Get creative in our Christmas craft sessions every Thursday in purple club. 3.30-4.30pm £4.00 or 3.30-5.30pm £5.00

Please note you must join Famly before booking.  
Contact [saintclairespreschool@gmail.com](mailto:saintclairespreschool@gmail.com)

### PTA Raffle Boxes

On Friday 15th December we are asking children to come in their own clothes for a donation for our Christmas Raffle boxes. As previously the boxes are different colours to please provide gifts of the correct colour for your year group, as follows:

Reception—Purple  
Year One— Gold/ Yellow  
Year Two—Red  
Year Three—Blue  
Year Four—Silver/White  
Year Five—Rainbow (any colour for this box—was Green)  
Year Six—Rainbow (any colour for this box)

**CHRISTMAS  
RAFFLE**

## Attendance

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.

	Week Ending 24/11/2023	Week Ending 01/12/2023
Australia	90%	85.3%
Europe	91.6%	94%
South America	92%	100%
North America	88.9%	85.9%
Africa	93.5%	88.9%
Asia	87.3%	95.8%
Antarctica	93.6%	95%
Whole School	90.9%	92.6%

**Unauthorised absences, including unauthorised holidays, persistent absences with no medical evidence and persistent late marks after the register has closed (after 9.20am) may occur a fine if 10 sessions (Five full school days) are missed in a term.**

All absences must be reported via your School Spider App or our absence line 01244 445266, press 1 and leave child's name, your name and reason for illness.

## Reader Awards



## Menu Changes

Due to preferences of the children— the following permanent changes have been made to the school menus:



**Week 1:** Friday main meal is now Fish Fingers & Chips with Peas

**Week 2:** Monday Dessert is now Flapjack

**Week 3:** Monday main meal is now Sausage, Chips & Peas

## School Calendar

Wed 6th Dec:	Year 5 Blue Coat Charity Singing
Thur 7/8/11/Dec:	Bikeability Year 6 (registered pupils only)
Friday 8th Dec:	ALL AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS NOW FINISHED Including Passion for Learning
Tue 12th Dec:	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (grandparents) 9.30am All Tickets now allocated  Whole School to Pantomime 1.30pm (Return to school 4.45pm approx.)
Wed 13th Dec:	KS1 Nativity Performances— 9.30am & 5.30 pm  KS1 Christmas Lunch
Thur 14th Dec:	KS2 Christmas Lunch  Mental Health Coffee Morning 9.30am School Hall
Friday 15th Dec:	'Christmas Colours' Own Clothes day  In exchange for items for PTA colour raffle.
Tue 19th Dec:	Rocksteady Concert School Hall 2.00pm
Wed 20th Dec:	KS2 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal 10.30am in Church  Service in Church 6pm
Thur 21st Dec:	Christmas Colour Raffle to be drawn in assembly  <b>Last day of term—School closes at 1.30pm</b>
Monday 8th Jan:	***** Return to school
Mon 13th May	SAT's Week Year 6

## Mass Times

Fr Bernard wishes to remind you of the times of weekend Masses in St Clare's Church.



**Saturday evenings at 6.00pm and Sunday mornings at 9.30am**

In the run up to Christmas the parishioners and Fr Bernard look forward to welcoming families and children to Sunday Mass

## Children in Need



We enjoyed our Spots and Pyjama day last Friday for Children in Need.

Thank you so much for your donations.  
We managed to raise £131

## Rainbow Warriors

