

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 15/12/2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

What a wonderful time of year it is in school! The children are experiencing so many different Christmas activities. The Key Stage One Nativity was wonderful, the children did remarkably well and made themselves and all the staff exceptionally proud. The Christmas dinners have been a huge hit and the Pantomime was thoroughly enjoyed by all! Of course it doesn't end there. Next week, we have the Key Stage Two Carol Concert, which having seen a snippet of, I can tell you is going to be magical! Plus we have a very special visitor coming to visit with gifts for all the children, which will be very exciting.

I would like to offer my gratitude to our fabulous PTA who provided drinks and snacks for the children at the Pantomime, tea and coffee before the Key Stage One Nativity and have arranged for our special visitor next week.

Your child will be bringing a selection box home today, these have been kindly given to us by Lache Community.

As this term draws to a close, we are sadly saying goodbye to a number of staff. Miss Sollars, our Teaching Assistant in Year Five, is changing profession and we wish her the best of luck in her future. Miss Dodwell has been a fantastic SENCo whilst Miss Dixon was on maternity leave and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her a fond farewell and best of luck in her future.

As mentioned before the summer, school has the option to provide vouchers if you are struggling financially, so should you need any support over the holiday please email me on head@stclares.cheshire.sch.uk until December 27th or Vanessa on stocktonv@stclares.cheshire.sch.uk between December 27th and when we return to school and we will endeavour to help you.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to welcoming the children back to school when we reopen on Monday 8th January 2024.

Mrs L Ward

Headteacher

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PTA Raffle Boxes

The Christmas Colour Raffle will be drawn in assembly on Thursday 21st December at 9.15am.

Please bring in all of your raffle tickets and donations before the end of school on Wednesday 20th December.

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 08/12/2023	Week Ending 15/12/2023
Australia	93%	94.7%
Europe	89.9%	99.4%
South America	98.4%	97.2%
North America	92.2%	94.8%
Africa	85.8%	95%
Asia	93.3%	94.6%
Antarctica	91.4%	97.1%
Whole School	93%	96.0%

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.

Rainbow Warriors



Free School Meals

Your child will be able to get Free School Meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

The school office can now process your application or you can apply via phone by calling 0300 123 7039 online via Cheshire West and Chester Website, Council Tax & Benefits, Apply for Free School Meals.



School Calendar



Mon 18th Dec:	Santa Visit
Tue 19th Dec:	Year's 3 & 4 Singing at Nuffield Health Rocksteady Concert School Hall 2.00pm
Wed 20th Dec:	10.30 am KS2 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal in Church 6.00pm—Carol Service in Church
Thur 21st Dec:	Christmas Colour Raffle to be drawn in assembly 9.15am start

Last day of term—School closes at 1.30pm

Mon 8th Jan:	Return to school
Mon 15th Jan:	Year 5/6 Tutoring Re starts— Invited Pupils
Sun 4th Feb:	Mass of Enrolment
Fri 16th Feb:	Last Day of Term
Mon 26th Feb:	Return to school
Mon 13th May:	SAT's Week Year 6
Sat 8th Jun:	First Holy Communion

Our school calendar will be updated with each Newsletter

Christmas Mass Times in Church

Christmas Eve:
4:00pm Crib Service & First Mass of Christmas.
8:00pm Christmas Carols and Mass of Christmas Night.

Christmas Day:
8.30am Mass of Christmas Day



Purple Club

Breakfast Club	8:00 to 9:00am	£3.00
After School Club	3:30pm to 4:30pm	£4.00
	or 3:30pm to 5:30pm	£5.00

All bookings are now be made through Pre School using an app called 'Family'. You will no longer be able to book through the school and all bookings are made via this app.

If you would like to register your child for Purple Club and the app, you will need to email Pre School providing your child's name, date of birth and email address of parents/carers who would like to add to Family.

saintclarespreschool@gmail.com

A MINIMUM OF 48 HOURS IS REQUIRED FOR FIRST REGISTRATION BEFORE YOU CAN BOOK YOUR CHILD INTO THE CLUBS

You will need to download the app onto your phone, laptop or tablet (www.family.co.uk).

