

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 04/03/2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy first week we have had back in school. Pupils have been superb in the way they have responded to their learning, we are so proud of them.

We are tentatively moving away from wearing masks around school which is a great relief. Please keep communicating with school to inform us if your child is going to be off school. Staff in all mainstream education settings are no longer advised to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. **Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.**

This is a short half term, and there is a lot planned in the diary, so please keep an eye on School Spider for messages. On Wednesday pupils joined parishioners for a Mass to mark the start of Lent. It was lovely to see the large number of parents who came along to join staff and pupils for this. Thank you so much for your ongoing support- we have had a number of visitors visit school recently and comment on what a wonderful school community we are! Have a lovely weekend,

PS Ryder

Sacraments

Pupils will be receiving the sacrament of Forgiveness on Wednesday 30th March at 10:30am in St Clare's church. They will receive their First Holy Communion on either Sunday 19th or 26th June 2022. A form will be sent out next week asking for preferences.

Football

On Thursday our girls' football team played two matches at Chester Catholic High School. They won 4-0 when they played Saughall and also won 1-0 when they played St Werburgh's. Parents who watched the matches commented on how confidently the team played as a unit. Well done to all involved- Klara, Iyla, Evah-Mae, Dalia, Daisy, Aoife, Olivia, Grace. One of our Year Five pupils, Joseph, turned up to support and ended up leading the pre match warm up!



World Book Day

Thank you for all your help with World Book Day- pupils looked superb and had a great time in a wide range of book activities. Mr Topping visited pupils in Key Stage Two to launch a story competition, whilst the younger pupils enjoyed listening to older buddy readers. We are hoping that the exciting activities will promote a love of reading for all



Attendance

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

	Week Beginning	Week Beginning
	14.02.22	28.02.22
Australia	93.2%	91.6%
Europe	98.8%	95.0%
South America	91.4%	89.6%
North America	99.3%	96.2%
Africa	94.1%	94.8%
Asia Yr 5	91.4%	96.9%
Asia Yr 6	96.0%	96.7%
Whole School	94.7%	94.3%

Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through the School Spider App or via the absence line 01244 445266 and then option 1. Can you please let us know the symptoms of any illnesses.

School Calendar

Fri 18th March—Red Nose Day

Wed 23rd Mar/Thurs 24th Mar- Parents Evenings

Fri 25th Mar- Mothers' Day Assembly

Mon 28th Mar—Vision and Hearing Tests—Australia Class

Wed 30th Mar- Sacrament of First Forgiveness

Thur 31st Mar—PTA Easter Bingo

Mon 4th -Mon 18th April- Easter Holiday- School Closed

Thur 21st April—Year 3 Swimming Lessons start

Wed 4th May/Thursday 5th May- North America trip to Delamere

Mon 9th May- Year Six Statutory Assessments (all week)

Thurs 26th May - Sports Day

Fri 27th May - St Clare's Jubilee Garden Party

Mon 30th May-Tues 7th June- Half Term- School Closed

Sun 19th Jun- First Holy Communion (tbc)

Sun 26th Jun—First Holy Communion (tbc)



During Lent the school community of St Clare's is going to participate in a sponsored walk organised by CAFOD to raise for funds for those who don't have enough food. Each class will use the 250m track around school and together we will total up our walks. If you would like to support our efforts you can do so through our just giving page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-clares-is-walking-against-hunger>

Red Nose Day

We will be joining in with Red Nose Day on Friday 18th March- this year the theme is superheroes and we will be inviting pupils to come to school dressed as their superhero. Please do not feel that you have to go to any expense with this. We would much rather pupils be creative. We have some read noses which are available to purchase at the school office for £1:50 each.



Help for Ukraine

Our School Council has invited families to donate provisions to support families from Ukraine. If you would like to help, please drop these off at school in a bag and we will arrange for them to be passed on so that they can reach people in need. Items required include flasks, hot water bottles, protein bars, bandages, dry food (rice and pasta), sleeping bags, wet baby wipes, first aid kits, toiletries, warm clothes, hats and scarves.



Celebrating 1st March in Bulgaria.....

Emma's family is Bulgarian and this week she taught everyone about 'Baba Marta' (Grandma March) which is a national holiday on 1st March.

The holiday symbolizes the coming of Spring and Bulgarians wear a small, special ornament made of red and white yarn called a 'Martenista'. These are given to family, friends and neighbours—either in the form of a simple bracelet of entwined red and white wool or a brooch of red and white tassels. Pupils in school were very interested in this Bulgarian tradition and were delighted to receive Emma's very kind gifts of bracelets and brooches- thank you!

