

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 25/11/2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are heading towards Christmas with full speed and the staff in school are busy preparing for all the wonderful activities we do to celebrate this special time of year in school.

Due to the church being out of action as we prepare for Christmas we have had to make alternate arrangements for our Key Stage Two Carol concert. The new plan is to hold the Carol concert in the school hall. However we have nearly 120 children in Key Stage Two, so we cannot accommodate all the children and all the parents on one evening due to the maximum capacity of our hall for health and safety.

Therefore we will be doing two evenings **Wednesday 14th** and **Thursday 15th December**, both starting at **6pm**. As I said we cannot accommodate all parents at the same time so we would like to invite the parents of **Years Three and Four to the Wednesday 14th December** performance and parents of **Years Five and Six to the Thursday 15th December** performance. We will be sending home **two tickets** with your child early next week for the allocated night, these will need to be presented to allow entry as we have to be strict with capacity. **All Key Stage Two children will need to attend both nights.** We know this is not ideal and we have explored other options but this is the only feasible option.

The Key Stage One Nativity is not affected and will therefore still go ahead as planned on Tuesday 13th December.

Finally, I'm thrilled to inform you that because Miss Dixon will begin her maternity leave at Christmas, we have appointed Miss Dodwell to take on the role of SENCO here at St Clare's until Miss Dixon returns. Miss Dodwell is spending considerable time with Miss Dixon over the coming weeks to ensure we have a seamless transition and she is fully aware of any referrals or applications that are still being processed.

Wishing you all a restful weekend, Mrs L Ward *LCWard*

No gifts for staff

Just a reminder, whilst we are very grateful for any gifts received we are asking you to not buy gifts this year due to the rise in the cost of living. A thank you and Merry Christmas is appreciated just as much.



Scooters and Bikes on school grounds



Please ensure your children do not ride their scooters or bikes whilst on school grounds. We do not want an accident to occur.

PTA Raffle Boxes

On Friday 9th 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—Rainbow (any colour for this box)
Year One—Green
Year Two—Blue
Year Three—Red
Year Four—Purple
Year Five—Silver/White
Year Six—Gold/ Yellow

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

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 £150!



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 18.11.22	Week Ending 25.11.22
Australia	84%	97.2%
Europe	95.8%	808%
South America	92.7%	91.5%
North America	89.3%	94.8%
Africa	90.7%	91%
Asia	94.3%	94%
Antarctica	97.6%	93.7%
Whole School	92.5%	93.3%

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.

Travelling Nativity

Over the next few weeks, one child from each class, will be bringing 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.



Outstanding Payments

There are a number of outstanding payments for school lunches, various after school clubs and trips.

All trips and clubs are subsidised by school and this money comes out of our school budget.

Can you please check your School Spider account for anything that you owe and make any payments you can towards this.

We do not want to prevent any child from attending school trips or clubs but will be left with no option if outstanding payments are not cleared.

It is important you contact the school office if you have any difficulty in paying.

School Calendar

Wed 30th Nov	Africa Class Lantern Parade 7:00pm Chester Yr 2 Multiskills at Northgate Arena
Mon 5th Dec	Last week for after school clubs
Tue 6th Dec	Pantomime 'Cinderella' Floral Pavillion Rocksteady Concert 3:00pm TBC
Wed 7th Dec	Yr 1 – Multiskills at Northgate Arena
Mon 12th Dec	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal 2:00pm (Grandparents Invite only)
Tue 13th Dec	KS1 Nativity performance 2:00pm & 6:00pm (Parents Invite only)
Wed 14th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert School Hall— All KS2 6:00pm (Parents of Year 3 & 4 invite only) KS1 Christmas Lunch—Christmas Jumpers
Thur 15th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert School Hall— All KS2 6:00pm (Parents of Year 5 & 6 invite only) KS2 Christmas Lunch -Christmas Jumpers
Fri 16th Dec	Christmas Party and Disco Day—Party Clothes Last Day of term

Panto

The performance of Cinderella on Tuesday 6th December begins at 10am. To ensure we arrive in time we will **be leaving school at 8.30am so please ensure your child is in school by 8.15am** that day. Payments must be made via your School Spider App before Friday 2nd December.



Rainbow Warriors



Congratulations to all our Rainbow Warriors over the last two

