

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 22/09/2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a wonderful, albeit busy two weeks in school. The children have all enjoyed a dance workshop from AmaSing, where they practised their breakdancing skills. Our Year Four class, Africa, went on a residential trip to Tattenhall and thoroughly enjoyed the range of activities they were offered. We celebrated our start of the school year Mass with Fr Bernard in school and we had a musician come into school to record our school song, 'Our Second Home'.

The song was written by a group of about 40 children from across the school last year. They composed both the melody and the lyrics, please see the lyrics overleaf, I'm sure your child from Y1—Y6 could sing it to you and show you the actions.

We have had replies from the vast majority of our families giving or rejecting permission for photos on our new Facebook page, if you haven't done this yet, please respond to the form on 'surveys and forms' in the School Spider App. Our Facebook page: St Clare's Lache, is becoming more active, so if you don't already follow us, then please do so.

Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. The booking system on the School Spider App is open for you to book your appointment. We will also have work/activities in the hall for you to visit, as we did last year, so please leave time around your appointment to visit the hall.

If you are receipt of any benefit or credit, you may eligible to receive Free School meals. This not only provides your child with a free meal every school day until Year Six, it also means the school is given additional funding so we can further subsidise payments required from parents, for example any school and residential trips. Whilst all children in EYFS and KS1 are in receipt of Universal Free School Meals, this does not provide the school with any additional funding for your child. Please see the information below to apply, school is no longer able to apply for you.

We are looking forward to taking our Year Five pupils in Asia class to Menai on Monday, please ensure you have read the information provided by Miss Newell so we have a smooth departure on Monday morning.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Ward *LCward*

**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)

Please apply by calling 0300 123 7039  
Or online via Cheshire West and Chester Website, Council Tax & Benefits, Apply for Free School Meals

### Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning

Thursday 12th October 2023

Thursday 9th November 2023

Thursday 14th December 2023

Do you need someone to talk to or gain advice about your child's mental health? Does your child display anxiety or worries?

Please come and meet the NHS Mental Health Support Team and have a coffee and chat.

They can signpost you or child to support or offer you strategies to support and understand your child's mental health.

School Hall -9.30am



## 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.

## Absences

	Week Ending 15.09.23	Week Ending 22.09.23
Australia	80.5%	89.3%
Europe	88.4%	90%
South America	94%	96.8%
North America	96.7%	97%
Africa	97.7%	93.5%
Asia	98.5%	93.3%
Antarctica	97.8%	96.7%
Whole School	96.4%	94.2%

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.

## Our Second Home

We all have passion  
We all have faith  
We can be heroes  
We can all save  
We are unique  
Who we want to be  
Be the best we can be



As strong as a lion  
As bright as the sun  
The rainbow that shines with love  
A community of faith  
We take care of our own  
As doves fly together  
To our second home

We all work hard  
We all achieve  
We all stand up for what we believe  
St Clare make us caring  
To stand with you  
Guide our spirits all the way through



## Harvest Mass

On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October, the children will be celebrating and saying 'thank you' for all our Harvest during Mass in St Clare's Church at 9.30am.



We are hoping to collect foods (tinned or packet) which can be donated to our local foodbank.

We would be very grateful for any donations of food which we will offer up during the Mass. Please can you send them into school from next Week.

You are all very welcome to join us for the Mass, it is always lovely for the children to see families there

## School Calendar

- Mon 25th Sept: Asia (Year 5) to Menai Residential Trip
- Thur 28th Sept: QPHS Open Evening
- Mon 2nd Oct: Year 5/6 Tutoring Starts 3.30pm (invited pupils)
- Thur 4th Oct: Bangers or Burger Meal at lunchtime
- Tue 3rd Oct: Flu Vaccine—Whole School
- Wed 11th Oct: Harvest Festival Mass 9.30am
- Tue 17th Oct: Parents Evening
- Wed 18th Oct: Parents Evening
- Thur 19th Oct: Last Day of half term
- Fri 20th Oct: INSET Day
- Mon 30th Oct: Return to school
- Thur 23rd Nov: Crucial Crew Trip -Year 6
- Mon 1st Dec: Advent Mass 9.30am in Church
- Thur 7/8/11/13 Dec: Bikeability Year 6
- Tue 12th Dec: KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal (grandparents Invited)
- Panto 1.30pm (Return 4.45pm approx.)
- Wed 13th Dec: KS1 Nativity Performances— 9.30am & 5.30 pm
- Wed 20th Dec: KS2 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal 10.30am Service in Church 6pm
- Thur 21st Dec: Last Day of Term



## Pantomime

'Jack & the Beanstalk' Panto information is now on school Spider. The trip costs £12.50 and can be paid in instalments up to Friday 8th December.



## Rainbow Warriors



## Forest School

Australia Class are undercover with Mr Gates

