

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 03/11/2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been a busy first week back after half term! The swimming pool has caused great excitement and we are receiving positive feedback from children and staff as to how well the lessons are going. To have frequent lessons is proven to help pupils make rapid progress. Hopefully, we will quickly settle into a routine ensuring the correct kit is here each day so everyone can swim in their designated slot.

With the darker mornings and nights drawing in, please ensure your child/ren have reflective clothes to walk to and from school along with a helmet and reflective lights if they are travelling on scooters or bikes.

Working together as home and school is imperative to help children make progress so please ensure you are reading with your child and completing any homework on time.

Next Tuesday, we have a theatre company coming into school to deliver an anti-bullying performance for all pupils in Years 1-4 and provide a workshop for pupils in Year Five and Six. This is to prepare the pupils for work they will complete during anti-bullying week which is the week commencing Monday 13th November.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Mass on Wednesday, it was a super service celebrating All Saints' Day and we had some fantastic feedback from parishioners about how well the children sang. Plans are already underway for our Advent Service on Friday 1st December.

This is a very busy half term so please pay attention to the calendar overleaf as there are so many events coming up.

Have a great weekend,

L Ward

Mrs L Ward

Headteacher

Dark nights



We are no-longer allowing children to walk home at 4.30pm following an after school club so please make arrangements to have your child collected.

Fixed Penalty Notices (Fines)



As a result of recent register and attendance inspection by the local authority, all absences requested from Wednesday 1st November 2023, that are a minimum of 10 sessions (or 5 school days) and are classified as an un-authorised absence during the current term, will now receive a Fixed Penalty Notice (fine) from Cheshire West and Chester Council.

The current amount of the fine is £60 per parent/ carer, per child and is to be paid within 21 days. This will rise to £120 per parent/carers per child after this date and will still need to be paid within 28 days.

Absences include unauthorised holidays, persistent absences with no medical evidence and persistent late marks after the register has closed (after 9.20am) as this indicates a missed session.

Mental Health Support Team Coffee Morning

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.

Thursday 9th November 2023

School Hall -9.30am

This weeks focus is on Sleep.



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 20.10.23	Week Ending 03.11.23
Australia	99%	92%
Europe	89%	95%
South America	92%	96%
North America	87%	96%
Africa	99%	96%
Asia	97%	98%
Antarctica	97%	98%
Whole School	94%	95%

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.

School Spider Payments

Can you please pay any outstanding payments you may have on your School Spider account. Including:

Previous Residential Trips

After School Clubs

Swimming £15.00 (total payment)

Pantomime £12.50 (total payment)

School Lunches Taken.

School subsidise all trips, swimming and school lunches so a prompt payment is essential. Please contact the school office if you have any trouble in paying.

To search for payments previously made on your School Spider account, log in and select 'Previous Orders'

School Calendar



- Mon 6th Nov: Multiskills Event Europe Class
- Tue 7th Nov: Multiskills Event South America Class
Antibullying Show & Workshops
- Thur 9th Nov: Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament (am)
Mental Health Coffee Morning 9.30am in hall
Cheshire Phoenix Basketball Assembly 1.30pm
- Fri 10th Nov: Year 3/4 Girls Football Event 12.30-2.45pm
- Thur 16th Nov: Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament 10.00-12.00pm
- Fri 17th Nov: Children in Need Day—Pyjamas and Spots!
Year 5/6 Girls Football Event 12.30-2.45pm
- Thur 23rd Nov: Year 6—Crucial Crew Trip
- Mon 27th Nov: Catch up Rocksteady Lessons
- Tue 28th Nov: Year 5 to watch 'Annie' at Catholic High School
- 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
KS1 Christmas Lunch
- Thur 14th Dec: KS2 Christmas Lunch
Mental Health Coffee Morning
- Tue 19th Dec: Rocksteady Concert School Hall 2.00pm
- Wed 20th Dec: KS2 Carol Service Dress Rehearsal 10.30am
Service in Church 6pm
- Thur 21st Dec: Last Day of Term

Sporting success

KS2 Tag Rugby



Year 5/6 Hockey



Rainbow Warriors

Our Superstars from the past two weeks!

