

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 12/01/2024



Dear Parents & Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a restful Christmas and joyous New Year. The children have returned this week full of stories from their holidays and ready to learn.

This week we have been focusing on Diversity and Equality throughout the school. It has been a wonderful week of learning. Some highlights include: EYFS having a visit from a guide dog and his owner, looking at the amazing work animals do to support people in our society with disabilities. Year Five children have been vocally outraged by gender inequality and how some people have the opinion that girls football isn't a real sport. Year Six have looked at the Equality Act 2010 and explored how we are all loved by God and should all be treated fairly regardless of our appearance and beliefs.

Please remember to keep an eye on our pages on Facebook 'St Clare's Lache' and on X (previously known as Twitter) '@StClaresCP' where we keep you updated with all the wonderful work taking place in school.

Unfortunately Gaynor in our school office has been unwell and is currently not in school, please keep Gaynor in your prayers as we wish her a speedy recovery. We are pleased that Jo is supporting in the office for a couple of hours each day but please consider that Janine is managing the office alone the majority of the time. Please avoid dropping in late kit or lunch if at all possible and be mindful that calls may not be answered the first time, but please keep trying.

I am thrilled we have such strong links with Chester Catholic High School and we are excited that this term, Year Five will be visited by the Design and Technology teacher to support them with their textiles unit.

We have an exciting term ahead, with a group of Year Three children embarking on their journey towards taking their First Forgiveness during Lent.

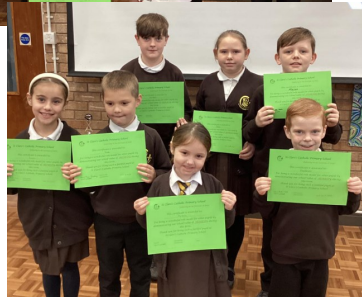
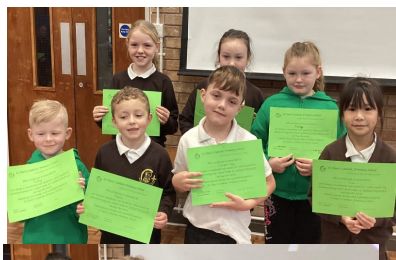
Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mrs L Ward

Headteacher

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Value Winners

Congratulations to our winners of the school values of Respect, Perseverance, Faith and Honesty for the Autumn Term, as shared on the last day.



After School Clubs

After school Clubs have now been finalised and you should receive a message to confirm your child's place before the end of the day on Friday. Please note if you have outstanding payments from previous clubs a place cannot be taken until these are cleared. We do have spare places, please contact the office if you have missed the deadline.

Mon: **KS1 Multisports**

Mon: Maths Tutoring Year 5/6 (Invited)

Tue: **Football (Year 3-5)**

Tue: Year 6 SAT's

Tue: Passion For Learning (Invited)

Wed: **KS2 Multisport**

Wed: Gardening (starts Wed 28th Feb)

Thur: **KS2 Dodgeball**

Thur: Drama (Year 4-6)

**Clubs start next week and will end
W/C 18/03/2024**

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 21/12/2023	Week Ending 12/01/2024
Australia	83.3%	97.3%
Europe	89.6%	94.9%
South America	90.5%	97.3%
North America	83.8%	97%
Africa	89.4%	91.5%
Asia	91.7%	99.4%
Antarctica	86.2%	91.1%
Whole School	88%	95.5%

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 15th Jan:	Year 5/6 Tutoring Re starts— Invited Pupils
Thur 18th Jan:	Yr5/6 Indoor Athletics
Sun 4th Feb:	Mass of Enrolment
Wed 14th Feb:	Ash Wednesday Mass
Fri 16th Feb:	Last Day of Term
Mon 26th Feb:	Return to school
Mon 4th March:	Chester Schools Cross Country Competition
Wed 6th March:	Parents Evening
Thur 7th March:	Parents Evening
Thur 7th March:	World Book Day
Thur 21st March:	First Forgiveness 11am in Church
Wed 27th March:	Holy Week Mass 9.30am in Church

Mon 13th May:	SAT's Week Year 6
Sat 8th June:	First Holy Communion

Our school calendar will be updated with each newsletter

Mass Times in Church

Fr Bernard wishes to remind you of the Mass times at St Clare's Church.

Saturday evenings at 6:00pm and Sunday mornings at 9.30am

Fr Bernard looks forward to welcoming families to church

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).

