

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 06/01/2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you've all had a relaxing Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

We were delighted to welcome all the children back to school on Wednesday. They have been full of chatter about their holidays, it was so lovely to hear how some families relaxed so much they had no idea what day it was! Many of the children, like the staff, are also happy to be gaining some form of routine back and are looking forward to the term ahead.

This week, we have been focusing our work on wellbeing activities. We have looked at a book called 'It's okay to be different' which has explored how we should be accepting of ourselves and each others differences.

This work precedes a whole school writing project next week looking at diversity and exploring different inspirational people from ethnic minorities including Barak Obama and Katherine Johnson. This project will help pupils gain a better understanding of living in Modern Britain along with improving their writing skills ready for the next unit of work.

I am delighted to share some wonderful news with you all. Miss Dixon gave birth to a healthy baby girl on Monday 2nd January. Mummy and baby are both doing well and we look forward to meeting baby Lottie in school soon. We have welcomed Miss Dodwell into school this week as our new SENCo, she has introduced herself below.

A polite reminder to request that you label all items of clothing that children bring into school including coats, hats and scarves as we have a number of unclaimed items that we are unable to return as they have no name.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mrs L Ward

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### Sacramental Preparation

We are delighted that so many pupils are preparing to receive the sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion this year. Their first lesson will begin next Thursday after school in the Y3 classroom. They will be using special books which will help them to prepare. Hopefully these will become treasured memories in the future.

On Sunday 5th February 2023 all pupils receiving sacramental preparation are invited to the 9:30am mass, so that they can be presented to the parish. More information will be shared nearer to the date.



### Miss Dodwell - SENCo

Hello, my name is Miss Dodwell and I am the SENCo (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) here at St Clare's Catholic Primary. I am currently covering Miss Dixon's Maternity leave following our thorough handover before the Christmas Break.



I have spent the last four years of my teaching career working closely within Special Educational Needs. I have previously worked as a SENCo at a Primary School on the Wirral, where I also completed my National Award in Special Educational Needs Coordination (PGcert) at Manchester Metropolitan University. Following this, I worked as an Inclusion Teacher at a British International School in Dubai.

I am absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to work at such a fantastic school and I look forward to working alongside many children and families during my time here.

If you have any queries or concerns about any issues concerning SEND, please do not hesitate to speak to either myself or your child's class teacher. If you wish to speak to me, please contact the school office and ask to make an appointment. Alternatively, you can visit the school website for more information.

Kind regards,  
Miss A Dodwell

## 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 16.12.22	Week Ending 06.01.23
Australia	86.1%	98.1%
Europe	84.2%	93.1%
South America	76.7%	85.2%
North America	95.6%	94.4%
Africa	87%	90%
Asia	89%	97%
Antarctica	76.2%	94.4%
Whole School	84.9%	92.9%

## 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.

## Would your child like to play in their very own rock band?

Rocksteady lessons are starting up again next Tuesday. These lessons are a wonderful opportunity for your children to learn how to play an instrument as part of a band. They can learn a range of instruments or be the lead singer! These sessions are fantastic for boosting confidence as they prepare to perform to the school and families. To sign up or for more information please follow the link.

<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

## 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. Children cannot be offered a place in after school clubs until these payments are cleared.**

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

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

## School Calendar

Mon 9th Jan	New After School Clubs start
Tue 10th Jan	Rock Steady Classes resume
Thur 12th Jan	Swimming Lesson AF Class
Tue 17th Jan	Able Writers Athletics Competition Ellesmere Port
Wed 25th Jan	Sports Ambassadors Meeting
Sun 5th Feb	Mass of Enrolment 9.30am
Mon 13th Feb	Year 3 RE Assembly 2.30pm
Tue 14th Feb	Year 5 RE Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 15th Feb	Parents Evening (in school)
Thur 16th Feb	Parents Evening (in school)
Fri 17th Feb	School closes for half term
Mon 27th Feb	School Re-Opens
Thur 2nd Mar	World Book Day
Fri 17th Mar	Red Nose Day
Tue 21st Mar	Rocksteady Concert 2:30pm (TBC)
Wed 29th Mar	First Forgiveness
Fri 31st Mar	Last Day of Term

## Scooters and bikes on school grounds

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



## Be Safe Be Seen

A reminder for the children to wear bright clothes when walking and cycling on the dark mornings and evenings. Reflective clothing is best. Ensure bikes and scooters have lights and reflectors that work so children can be easily seen by cars.

