

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 03/02/2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start with some wonderful news, Mrs Holt our Year Two teacher and Key Stage One lead, is expecting her first baby in early July. I am sure you will join me in congratulating her and her husband and wishing them an easy pregnancy.

You will have received a separate letter a few days ago explaining that as a school we are investing in our pupils mental health and well-being by launching the 'myhappymind' programme. This is a school wide programme which is teaching the pupils strategies to support a positive mindset and the ability to recognise and prevent themselves from feeling sustained periods of anxiety and stress. The programme focuses on the five areas: Meet the brain, celebrate, appreciate, relate and engage. The letter I sent earlier this week has a link for you to download the accompanying app so you can learn more and use some of the strategies at home.

Our wonderful PTA have been busy working behind the scenes to prepare a range of events and activities to give the children different opportunities as well as raising funds to be able to buy items for school. Please take note of the details of the Valentine's Disco below.

We have unfortunately been hit by an outbreak of nits across the school. We know some families are working hard to remove nits from their children's hair but if they remain in school, they can easily be re-caught which is very frustrating for families and children. Therefore, it would be great if everyone could check for nits and treat if needed so we can eradicate the spread. Thank you in advance.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Mrs L Ward

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### PTA Upcoming events



The PTA have arranged for the school to take part in Valentine's discos on Tuesday 14th February. The cost will be £1 as children will be given refreshments during the disco.

KS1 will be during school time:

2.30—3.15

Please collect at home time as normal.

KS2 will be 3.30—4.15

Please collect from your child's classroom at 4.15.

All children can bring a change of clothes in a bag.

### RE Sharing Assemblies

Following the success of our RE Sharing Assemblies for Years Two and Six, this term we would like to invite parents of children in Years Three and Five to join us in school whilst the children share and celebrate the hard work they have been doing in RE.

Year Three in on Monday 13th February at 2.30pm  
Year Five is on Tuesday 14th February at 1.30pm (notice the change is time so the hall is free in preparation for the Valentine's Disco).



## 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 27.01.23	Week Ending 03.02.23
Australia	95%	94.5%
Europe	96.5%	85.5%
South America	94.4%	92%
North America	92%	92%
Africa	95.7%	95.5%
Asia	82%	94.5%
Antarctica	88.5%	90%
Whole School	91.5%	90%

## 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.

## Strep A

We have a number of children who have been unwell with the Strep A virus. Common symptoms include flu like symptoms and a sore throat. Please seek medical advice if your child displays these symptoms as they may need a course of antibiotics.

## After School Clubs

We are so fortunate to have a range of after school clubs including sports clubs, enrichment clubs, academic clubs and Paul's wrap around club.

Please could I encourage you to ensure your child attends if you have been issued a place. If it is a chargeable club, please be aware you will still be charged if your child is present in school but fails to attend the club.

If you no longer wish for your child to be on the club register, please let the office know. On the other hand, please enquire if you are keen for your child to attend a club you are not currently allocated for.

## School Calendar

Sun 5th Feb	Mass of Enrolment 9.30am
Mon 13th Feb	Year 3 RE Assembly 2.30pm
Tue 14th Feb	Year 5 RE Assembly 1.30pm
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

## Sacramental Preparation

A reminder that all pupils preparing for the sacraments of First Forgiveness and First Holy Communion are invited to the 9.30am Mass in the School Hall this Sunday 5th February. The children will be presented to the parish as part of their preparations.



## 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.



## Rainbow Reward Winners Congratulations

