

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter 19/05/2023



Dear Parents & Carers,

We have had a successful two weeks in school, we are so proud of our wonderful Year Six pupils who did themselves proud with their End of Key Stage Assessments. You may have seen in the news about the Headteacher from another Cheshire School highlighting the level of difficulty this year being unfair on the pupils. I could not be prouder of our pupils for approaching them with such great resilience.

This week Year Two did their End of Key Stage Assessments and we are equally proud of them and how they approached the tasks with perseverance, giving their absolute best. Results from both of these national assessments and our internal assessments for the other year groups will be shared in our end of year reports.

A group of Year Three and Four footballers went to Finch farm, Everton's training ground, on Wednesday afternoon. They played with gumption against players who are signed to a range of academies and did themselves and the school proud.

Year Six attended Safety Central on Tuesday, where they looked at how they needed to be safe in a range of situations both in and away from the home. This included looking at fire safety, contacting emergency services, being safe near the canal and not playing near the train lines.

In regards to safety, may I remind you to park considerately if using a car at the start and end of the day. The disabled spaces should only be used by people with a blue badge. These spaces are used by the doctors surgery so please do not park in them. Equally avoid parking on the zebra crossing as this is needed to help the children cross safely. If possible, please walk to school to avoid the excess traffic.

Finally, may I remind you not to bring dogs onto the school grounds, whether carried or not and that swearing and inappropriate language is unacceptable around the school premises.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend, *LCWard*

### Attendance

Attached to this newsletter is our updated Attendance Policy. Please take the time to read it. If you have any questions please ask.

Department for Education states: Attendance rate of **95%** is generally considered good. Persistent absence is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.

You will be receiving a letter in the coming weeks of your child's attendance. Whilst we understand there can be bouts of illness and legitimate reasons for absence, as per the Attendance Policy, we will not accept 'feeling under the weather' or 'tired' as a legitimate reason and will not authorise it.

If you have persistent unauthorised absence we have been advised by the Education Welfare Officer to issue fixed penalty notices.



### Lateness

We had a register inspection recently, untaken by the local authority. It was highlighted that we have a large number of families who consistently arrive late to school, we have to take action to improve this. It is for this reason we are enforcing tighter measures with regards to lateness.



Doors open at 8.50am  
Doors close and registers are taken at 9.05am  
The main school gate will be locked at 9.05am

If you arrive after this time, you must report to the school office to sign the late book with a reason for your lateness.

This will be monitored and if you are persistently late, we have been advised by the Education Welfare Officer to issue fixed penalty notices.

## 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 12.05.2023	Week Ending 19.05.2023
Australia	94%	91%
Europe	94%	96%
South America	94%	99%
North America	96%	95%
Africa	97%	93%
Asia	95%	88%
Antarctica	100%	92%
Whole School	96%	93%

## Absences

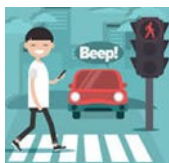
Please can you send through reasons for pupil absences through School Spider. This will be quicker for you. Please ensure that you notify school of any changes in contact details, as we need to be able to get in touch with you at all times.

## Safe choices

There have been a number of incidents of staff noticing the children making poor choices near the roads at the start and end of the day. This includes pupils staring at mobile phones and then stepping into a busy road.

We will remind the children about this in school but please reinforce this message at home.

Also, with the lighter nights. Please ensure if your children are playing out, they are in a suitable place. Around the school and church is not suitable.



## Rainbow Warriors



## School Calendar

Mon 22nd May	EYFS RE Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Tue 23th May	Year One Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Wed 24th May	Year Four Sharing Assembly 2.30pm
Fri 26th May	Last day for half term
Sat 27th May	Lache Feast Day
Mon 5th June	1st day new term
Mon 5th June	KS2 Field events (pm)—school only
Tue 6th June	KS1 Field events (pm)—school only
Tue 6th June	Leaver's Photographs
Wed 7th June	Sports Day Track Day (pm) —Parents Invited
Fri 9th June	Catholic High School Mass —Year 6 only
Sun 11th June	First Holy Communion
Mon 12th June	Holy Communion Party (am)
Mon 19th June	Multi Faith Week
	Athletics at EPSV
Tue 26th June	Y6 CCHS Transition Day
	Teddy Bears Picnic—New Reception Class
Thur 29th June	Quad Kids Event
Fri 30th June	Minnie Vinnies sleepover in the hall
Wed 5th July	Year 6 to London (until Fri 7th July)
Tue 4th July	Year 5 to CCHS
Wed 5th July	Year 6 to London
Tue 11th July	Rocksteady Concert 2.30pm
Fri 14th July	School Reports Out to parents
	Summer Fair & Yr 5/6 Musical Performance
Tue 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Mass
Wed 19th July	Year 6 Leaver end of year performance 6pm
Thur 20th July	Year 6 Leavers Party
Fri 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	Last Day of Academic Year