

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 14/01/2022



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a super full week back in school, it has been lovely welcoming everyone back and hearing all about their holiday. Pupils have settled back quickly and are already busy enjoying lots of wonderful learning opportunities.

During the Christmas holiday we were delighted that Miss Higgins managed to celebrate her wedding and is now called Mrs Davies. We wish the new Mr and Mrs Davies many happy years of marriage. They are hoping to enjoy a honeymoon later this year, when travel is simpler! Mrs Beattie has left St Clare's to start a new role in a nursery. We thank her for all her work with pupils and wish her all the very best health and happiness for the future. Miss Sollars and Mrs Armstrong are supporting pupils' learning, whilst we recruit.

This week we have planned a large focus on writing skills. The children have enjoyed the class books used for their 'catch up' units and throughout the week we have celebrated some brilliant pieces of writing. It has been very pleasing to hear about the large number of pupils who are practising their reading, writing and maths skills at home. Thank you for your support with children's learning.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sacramental Preparation

We are delighted that so many pupils are preparing to receive the sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion this year. They were very excited to start their special books which will help them to prepare. Hopefully these will become treasured memories in the future.

On Sunday 30th January 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.

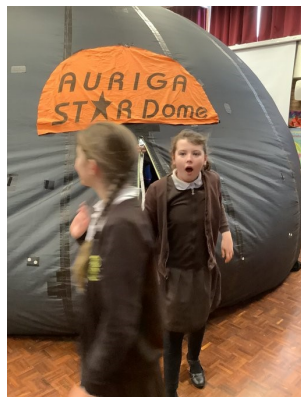


Sport at St Clare's

Next Wednesday some of our pupils are participating in an athletics meet in Ellesmere Port. I have been very impressed with the determination shown by all pupils as they practice for their events. I am sure they will have a great time and enjoy the experience. We look forward to hearing all about it.



A Planetarium Visits St Clare's



On Tuesday Years Five and Six were amazed with the mobile planetarium which visited school. There were gasps of awe and wonder as pupils' knowledge of space and the solar system grew. Auriga Astronomy, who led the science workshop, commented on how motivated and enthusiastic pupils were. They were impressed with pupils' understanding and use of questions to further their knowledge.

Equipment for School- Please can you ensure all pupils have the correct equipment for school. Please encourage children to read at least three times per week.

Rainbow Warriors of the Week

With the current spike with infection rates, we have had to reduce the footfall within school and have temporarily stopped inviting parent/carers to our Friday Celebration Assemblies. This is not something we do readily and we hope parents/carers can return to these as soon as possible.



Attendance

Congratulations to all pupils who have excellent attendance. Every second counts. We appreciate there are occasions, especially at the moment, when pupils have got to stay at home, however we continue to closely track and monitor attendance.

	Week Beginning 07.01.22	Week Beginning 14.01.2022
Australia	88.1%	97.2%
Europe	95.7%	99.1%
South America	92.3%	92.8%
North America	100%	97.1%
Africa	86.5%	98.8%
Asia 5	100%	94.9%
Asia 6	85.7%	92.1%
Whole School	93.2%	93%

Absences You call the school number 01244 445266 and use the absence line to report your child's absence before 9.00am. 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.

Forest School

We are delighted that St Clare's Forest School is starting next week. Every Wednesday for the this term pupils in Australia and Europe will be engaging in Forest School activities and then we are hoping all classes will engage with our Forest School during the summer term.



Tesco Grant

Please can you help? We are currently one of the projects which shoppers in Tesco can support with blue tokens!

We are hoping to lead a project on improving mental health and wellbeing through music and want to purchase resources for this.

If you shop in any local Tesco, please can you vote for St Clare's project with your blue token- your support will be greatly valued.



School Calendar

Happier January 2022

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Find three things to look forward to this year	2 Make time today to do something kind for yourself	3 Do a kind act for someone else to help brighten their day	4 Write a list of things you feel grateful for and why	5 Look for the good in others and notice their strengths	6 Take five minutes to sit still and just breathe	7 Learn something new and share it with others
8 Say positive things to the people you meet today	9 Get moving- Do something active (Ideally outdoors)	10 Thank someone you're grateful to and tell them why	11 Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime	12 Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat	13 Take a different route today and see what you notice	14 Eat healthy food which really nourishes you today
15 Get outside and notice five things that are beautiful	16 Contribute positively to your local community	17 Be gentle with yourself when you make mistakes	18 Get back in contact with an old friend	19 Focus on what's good, even if today feels tough	20 Go to bed in good time and allow yourself to recharge	21 Try out something new to get out of your comfort zone
22 Plan something fun and invite others to join you	23 Put away digital devices and focus on being in the moment	24 Take a small step towards an important goal	25 Decide to lift people up rather than put them down	26 Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today	27 Challenge your negative thoughts and look for the upside	28 Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently
29 Say hello to a neighbour and get to know them better	30 See how many people you can smile at today	31 Write down your hopes or plans for the future				

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Wed 19th Jan- Indoor Athletics—Year Five and Six

Sun 30th Jan- Mass 9:30am for pupils preparing to receive sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion.

Mon 31st Jan- Football Tournament 12pm

Tues 8th Feb- E safety awareness

Mon 14th Feb- Virtual Ethos Conference (Year Five)

Mon 21st-Fri 25th Feb- Half Term- School Closed

Wed 2nd Mar- Ash Wednesday, start of Lent

Wed 23rd Mar/Thurs 24th Mar- Parents Evenings

Fri 25th Mar- Mothers' Day Assembly

Wed 30th Mar- Sacrament of First Forgiveness

Mon 4th -Mon 18th April- Easter Holiday- School Closed

Wed 4th May/Thursday 5th May- North America trip to Delamere

Mon 9th May- Year Six Statutory Assessments (all week)

Thurs 26th May- Sports Day

Fri 27th May- St Clare's Jubilee Garden Party

Mon 30th May-Tues 7th June- Half Term- School Closed

Sun 19th Jun- First Holy Communion (tbc)

Mon 4th- Wed 6th July- Year Six visit London

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

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are available in St Clare's and provide an opportunity for your child to learn new skills, develop friendships and have a good time. Watch this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:



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