

St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

September 2018

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Welcome back!

New Principal of St Clare's

Dear Parents,
This year we welcome our new principal, Mr Cahal O'Doherty. Mr O'Doherty will take up his position in St Clare's on Monday 5th November. I'm sure you will join us in wishing him every success and happiness in our school.

School Opening Mass



Our P3-7 pupils will take part in a celebratory Mass in the school hall on Wednesday 26th September. Our P1&2 pupils will also receive a blessing. Please note this Mass is for pupils and staff only.

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Address/Telephone Updates

Any changes to contact details at any time throughout the year should be reported to the office immediately.

It is essential that school records be updated to ensure contact in the event of an emergency. It is very distressing for a child when there is difficulty contacting his or her family.

It would be helpful if any changes could be recorded and returned on the Data Collection sheets that were sent home with each child.

New Primary 1 Information

Please note from Thursday 20th September all Primary 1 pupils will stay in school until 1.00 p.m.

From Thursday 27th September P1 children will begin full days from 8.55 a.m. - 2.00 p.m.

They will begin their school day by lining up for morning prayers in the playground.

Nut Free School



A reminder that St Clare's is a 'Nut Free School'. Please ensure that Your child does not bring any food products containing nuts into school. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Curriculum meetings will be held for parents in the week beginning 19th September. At these meetings class teachers will explain their plans for the coming year. It is essential that each child is represented by a parent or guardian at these meetings as teachers will be advising you on how you can best support your child in the coming year.

Meetings will be held in the school assembly hall or your child's classroom.

Please note the date and time of your child's year group meeting.

Teacher/Parent Curriculum Meetings

Tues 18th September
Primary 2 1.30-2.00 p.m.
Primary 4 2.30-3.00 p.m.

Wednesday 19th September
Primary 3 1.30-2.00 p.m.
Primary 5 2.30-3.00 p.m.

Friday 21st September
Primary 6 2.15 p.m.
Primary 7 2.30 p.m.

Monday 1st October
Primary 1 1.30 p.m.

Reminder of school rules

1. Full school uniform must be worn at all times. Please ensure that all items of uniform, coats and shoes are clearly marked with the child's name and class to save time and avoid confusion.
2. Platform or high heel shoes are not appropriate footwear for school for our children.
3. It is not possible to participate in PE lessons without plimsoles.
4. In the interest of health and safety, small studs are the only acceptable form of earring that may be worn in school. Double sets of earrings, earrings along the outer rim of the ear and hoops are not permitted. Children wearing such items will be asked to remove them.
4. No chewing gum is allowed on the school premises.

School Canteen



Please note there are a range of services available from our school canteen.

In addition to our nutritious school dinners and breakfast club, for your convenience, packed lunches and healthy snacks and drinks will be available to buy from the canteen throughout the year.

Breakfast Club

Please note that 'Breakfast Club' begins at 8.15 a.m. costs £1.00 per day and is for pupils only.

Further Information

Please note that there is a range of social media sites with information relating to school activities. Please visit St Clare's website, St Clare's Parent's Group facebook page or the 'MUMO facebook page to keep up with events.

Child Protection

Please note that Child Protection procedures are available on our website.

As a matter of Child Protection we ask that parents leave their children in the school playground and do not enter the school without an appointment or by calling at the school office to arrange one suitable to them and the teacher.

Home Alone

P4-7 Pupils walking home

Please note that it is essential that your child provides the class teacher with a note giving permission to walk home alone.

Friends of St Clare's

We would like to encourage parents and grandparents to join our 'Friends of St Clare's Group' our first meet up will take place on Tuesday 11th September at 2.00 p.m. in the staff room.

Punctuality & Attendance



This year in St Clare's we are rewarding excellent punctuality and attendance.

Excellent attendance and punctuality is essential for our pupils. Missing days and arriving late deprives children of their access to the full school curriculum.

Please ensure that your child arrives on time and stays for a full school day.

Our school day begins at 8.55 a.m. each day in the playground.

Essential learning takes place early in the day and often the child who is late finds it difficult to catch up with what they have missed. Similarly, a child who often leaves early is equally disadvantaged.

