

St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

September 2015

Mrs. Colette White, Principal



Welcome back!

Dear Parents,
Welcome to our new school year. You will receive monthly newsletter, giving details of all coming events in the school and everything your child will be involved in. It is important that you read this newsletter to keep informed. If you have any other queries please contact the school office.

Change of

Address/Telephone Number

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 written down for the children and given to the teacher/secretary.

School Opening Mass & Early Closure



Our P3-7 pupils will take part in a celebratory Mass in the school hall on Friday 18th September. Our P1&2 pupils will also receive a blessing. Please note this Mass is for pupils and staff only. As part of our celebration, school will finish at 12.00 p.m. on this day.

New Primary 1 Information

Please note that all Primary 1 pupils will stay in school until 1.00 p.m. Mon 21st for one week and have their first full day 8.55 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. On Monday 28th September. Beginning with line up and morning prayers in the playground.

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Teacher/Parent Curriculum Meetings

Curriculum meetings will be held for parents in the week beginning 16th 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.

Tues 15th September

Primary 2	1.30-2.00pm
Primary 6	2.30-3.00pm

Wednesday 16th September

Primary 3	1.30-2.00pm
Primary 7	2.30-3.00pm

Thursday 17th September

Primary 4	1.30-2.00pm
Primary 5	2.30-3.00p.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. Shoes must be removed each morning and plimsoles worn throughout the school day.
3. 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.

Healthy Break

Please note that St Clare's operates a Healthy Eating Policy and all breaks must be healthy and nutritious. Fizzy drinks, chocolate snacks, crisps or biscuits are not acceptable and are a detriment to children's learning and behaviour.

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 70p and is for pupils only.



We would like to remind parents and pupils of our excellent online resource. Available now as an aid to home learning.

User name: student4492

Password: password

HOME ALONE?

Parents who are allowing their children to walk home from school alone for the first time are requested to advise the school in writing, giving your consent and taking responsibility. This is in keeping with St. Clare's Child Protection Policy.

Blue & Green Book Machine



Please note that the 'Blue & Green Book Machine' will arrive in the school on Monday 21st September.

Extended Schools, 123 Club



Bug Club



Parents are reminded that our excellent online reading resource is now available to all pupils. The school password is gskh.

Please note that our after school 123 Club for pupils in P1,2 or 3, who have siblings in P4,5,6 or 7 begins on Tues 8th September at 2.00 p.m.

