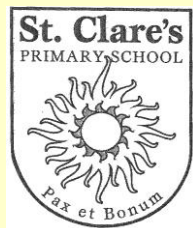


St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

September 2016

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.

School Closure

Please note that the school will be closed for staff training on Friday 30th September

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



Our P3-7 pupils will take part in a celebratory Mass in the school hall on Thursday 22nd September. Our P1&2 pupils will also receive a blessing. Please note this Mass is for pupils and staff only.

New Primary 1 Information

Please note that all Primary 1 pupils will stay in school until 1.00 p.m. Mon 26th September for one week and have their first full day 8.55 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. On Monday 3rd October. They will begin their school day by lining up for morning prayers in the playground.

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Teacher/Parent Curriculum Meetings

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.

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| Tues 20 th September | |
| Primary 2 | 1.30-2.00 p.m. |
| Primary 6 | 2.30-3.00 p.m. |
| Wednesday 21 st September | |
| Primary 3 | 1.30-2.00 p.m. |
| Primary 7 | 2.30-3.00 p.m. |
| Thursday 22 nd September | |
| Primary 5 | 1.30-2.00 p.m. |
| Primary 4 | 2.30-3.00 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. Shoes must be removed each morning and plimsoles worn throughout the school day.
3. Please note that plimsoles are an essential requirement of the school uniform and must be worn each day. 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.

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 80p and is for pupils only.

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.

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 hall if they are late. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Extended Schools, 123 Club



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 7th September at 2.00 p.m.



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

St Clare's Parent's Group

We would like to encourage parents to join our 'Parent's Group' for see updates of events and meetings, please look on our facebook page.