



## Newsletter-Issue 19

### LEARNING THROUGH FAITH

Learning develops independent thinking children,  
through exciting challenges,  
expecting success with faith at the centre of all we do!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow, we've had a busy few weeks at St. Clare's. Since our last newsletter our Year 4/5 boys football team were playing in the North West Leicestershire Rose Bowl competition. Well done, last week's fixture with Belvoirdale got off to a tricky start, but we came back fighting in the second half and played some excellent football. A great game! Best of luck to the boys this week as they play Broom Leys and in the weeks to come with fixtures against Ashby Willesley and Ashby C of E.

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, our choir represented the school at De Montfort Hall along with other schools as part of Leicester-Shire School Music Service. Every child shone as they performed on stage in an amazing concert full of lively and meaningful songs that put a great smile on each and every person present. Thank you to all the staff and parents who clapped along. I'm sure that you were as proud of them as we were.

### Thank you

A special thank you goes to our Reception and Key Stage 1 children and staff for a beautiful Mother's Day liturgy. It was a great to see so many parents and grandparents there to see the children shine. Thank you also to the kitchen staff for the delicious tea and cream scones.

Remember to follow our twitter page for all the latest news-<https://twitter.com/StClaresPrimar1>

Or our school website- <http://www.st-clares.leics.sch.uk/>

### Stations of the Cross

We will be holding the stations of the cross every Friday during Lent at 8.30am. We would love it if you could join us for this.

### Liturgies

Next week's liturgy will be led by Year 3 on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. The liturgy on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April will be led by 4.

### Easter card challenge

If you would like to create a design for an Easter card that the school could use, please bring these in to Mrs Freeman by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. The winning designs will be used to send cards to local schools.

### Polite Reminders

Year 2 and Year 6 SATS tests will be taking place during the month of May. Can we please ask you to refrain from taking your children out of school during this time.

### Year 6 revision Class

If your child is in Year 6 and you would like them to attend the revision class, please bring your letter back to Mrs Perry by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

### Save the date

The PTA would like to hold an **Easter bonnet** parade and cake sale on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April in the morning. Donations of homemade and bought cakes would be much appreciated. **If you are able to help with this event can you please let the class teacher know by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Many thanks in advance.**

The PTA **summer fair** will be on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June after school -We will be asking for donations of quality toys, teddies, second hand uniform, books, DVDs and plants. If you would like to run a stall on the day please let the PTA [know-FOSC@st-clares.leics.sch.uk](mailto:know-FOSC@st-clares.leics.sch.uk)  
More information to follow nearer the time.

### Uniform

Please note that all uniform, shoes, coats, PE kits etc. should be named. Coats should only be **black or Navy**. The children should be wearing plimsoles as their indoor shoes. Please ensure that they have these in school every day. For further information on the school uniform please see the attached link-  
<http://www.st-clares.leics.sch.uk/pupil-information/uniform>

### P.E Uniform

It has been noted by staff recently that there has been a decline in children wearing the correct P.E uniform for P.E. P.E is an important part of the school curriculum and it is important that they are wearing the correct attire for this. (See the uniform policy on the school website)

### Health and Safety during P.E

Children are only permitted to wear stud earrings at school. On P.E days we need children to be able to take these studs out by themselves. If they are unable to do this, then they will be provided with medical tape to put on their ears.

### Books for Africa

If you would like to support The Fundanami Trust please read the attached letter. They are currently looking for-books that are in good condition and which are suitable for children from 2 - 13 years old. Pre-school pop up books are great and are welcomed by the nursery schools we also support. Reading books suitable for 9-13 year olds. Reference books that would be suitable for a key stage 2/3 school library. Dictionaries/atlases for example are always welcome. Text/course books are not normally of any value but any sets of key stage 1/2/3 reading schemes are great. The deadline for these is the beginning of May.



Congratulations to Year 4 who achieved the silver award with 68% and to Year 5 who achieved the gold award with 100%.

### Be Considerate

We have had a report from one of the neighbours of litter being thrown into her front garden by the children. Please show some consideration to others and speak to your children about putting their rubbish in the bin.

### Safeguarding your children

There have been reports of children climbing up on the roof of the Church hall and attempts to climb onto the roof of St. Wilfrid's Church. Please talk to your children about this as we don't want any of them to get hurt.

### Collecting children at home Time

If your child is allowed to be collected by a different adult other than yourselves, please put this in writing to your child's class teacher. A copy of this will be kept in the school office. Thanks.

### Open door policy

We have an open door policy at school. Should you wish to make an appointment, contact the school office. Please remember we are always here to listen and will support you and your child in the best way possible.

### Attendance and Punctuality

School begins every day **at 8.55am.** Please make sure that your child is at school on time. The gate opens at 8.45am and will close promptly at 8.55am. See the attendance for each class below for last week.

### Sickness

If your child has been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea can you please they keep children off school for 48 hours **after the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea.** If your child is off school due to illness you should contact the school office to let them know this.

### Places Available

We have spaces available across the school in various classes. If you or someone you know is interested in a place, please book an appointment with the school office and we would be happy to show you around.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open every day from 7.45-8.15am, the cost is £3.50 per session. Children arriving after this time **will not** be able to have breakfast. You can drop your children off from 8.30 am onwards for a charge of £1.00.

### After School Club

After school club is £3.50 per hour. This includes a snack. The club is open until 5.30 pm every day. **Bookings need to be booked in advance and paid for in advance-This includes those children who receive pupil premium.** If you have booked a place but your child is unable to attend or you need to collect your child early, please let the office know so we can free up a place for others.

**Parents need to let the staff know daily who the adult is that will be picking their child up from after school club.**

To keep up to date with the activities that the children do in After School Club please visit our school's Twitter page.

### Key Dates:

St. Clare's Primary School

Part of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Academy Trust

### Term dates for 2019

Spring Term	
INSET - school closed to pupils	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
School opens	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
Last day of half term	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Half Term Break – 1 week	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019
School reopens after half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Last day of Spring Term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Easter Break – 2 weeks	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
Summer Term	
School opens	Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2019
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Last day of half term	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Half Term Break – 1 week	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019
INSET - school closed to pupils	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2019
Last day of Sumer Term	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July 2019(1/2 day)
Summer Break	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2019

Teacher training days=School closed to pupils

Teacher Training Day	Friday 21 June 2019
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