



Newsletter-Issue 16

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,

It was wonderful to see so many of you attend our parent's evening yesterday. The staff at St. Clare's love to share your child's successes and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you.

Family Learning Maths Course at Coalville Library

Coalville Library are holding Family Learning Maths sessions. These consist of 6 free sessions will help you to discover more about how Maths is taught in a Reception class and how you can help your children to develop their number skills. It is also a great way of collecting ideas and fun home activities to support your child's learning. (There will be free resources for you to help along the way) These will take place on Tuesday evenings starting 5th February 2019 from 6:30 to 8:00pm (Adults only)

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting St. Clare's between 28.2.19 and 6.3.19. You are invited to come and look at the range of books on offer and purchase these on the dates above, after school.

Come and celebrate World Book Day with us

World Book Day will soon be upon us. On Thursday 7th March - World Book Day we will have a special assembly to celebrate World Book Day. We are asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will have a competition to see who can be the most creative/original in their costume design. Please can the children bring in their favourite book to talk about the character they have chosen to dress up as. At 2.30pm the children will go up to the next year group to hear the class teacher's favourite story.

Liturgies

Year One will lead next weeks' class liturgy on Wednesday 13th February 2019. We would love to see as many parents and carers there as possible.

Places Available

St. Clare's have spaces available across the school in various classes, should you know anyone who is looking for a school place. We would love to welcome them to our school family. If interested, contact the school office for more information.

Open door policy

We, the staff of St. Clare's pride ourselves in having an open door policy where you as parents/carers feel that if you have any questions or issues you can book an appointment through the school office to meet with us. This is very important to us, that we are able to work in partnership with you to address any concerns, to enable your child/ren to enjoy their time at St. Clare's. Your thoughts and feelings are important to us. If there is anything that you would like us to know about, please feel free to speak to us and not go to public forums to air your feelings.

Attendance and Punctuality

We are asking all parents/carers to ensure that their child/ren are in school every day and on time. This is so that every child has the right to an education and has the maximum opportunity to reach their full potential. **The school gate will be closed promptly at 8.55am** therefore the children need to be in school before this, to enable them to be ready for the start of the school day.

Sickness

There have been a number of children in school who have been off sick. Please can parents ensure they keep children off school for 48 hours **after the last bout of sickness and/or diahorrea** to further prevent spread of the illness. If your child is off school due to illness you should contact the school office to let them know this.

Bright and Beautiful

Last year we had an amazing response from parents, grandparents and families when we had our 'Spring Spruce Up Day' when we all worked together to spruce up our outdoor school environment. This year we are asking the children to paint a rock with either nail varnish or paint, then go over it with varnish. These rocks will be added to our raised flower beds after February half term to make them 'bright and beautiful.'

Free School Meals

Please remember to apply for free school meals if you are eligible. You can apply at:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/>

All you need is your National Insurance Number and an email address. If you need help applying, please speak to Mrs Liddle.

Polite Reminders

All long hair is to be tied back (both girls and boys) to avoid accidents and the chances of catching head lice.

Passports

Although the school does not charge for passport signing and will not charge for it, we would appreciate a donation towards school funds. Thank you.

Uniform

As it is much colder now, the children should all be wearing the winter school uniform with a school tie as per the school uniform policy. Please check the appropriateness of the length of your child's skirt for school. **Large, colourful dojo bows, leggings and different coloured tights and shoes are not in the school uniform policy and should not be worn.** Please name all uniform, shoes, coats, PE kits etc.. See attached link- <http://www.st-clares.leics.sch.uk/pupil-information/uniform>

P.E

P.E is an extremely important part of our curriculum as we want to promote 'healthy bodies, healthy minds'. Therefore, all children should have their **full P.E kit** at school every day. This also means that the children should be wearing their outside P.E kits as per our uniform policy above.

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

Afterschool club is open until 5.30 pm every day and the cost is £3.50 per hour and this includes a snack. If you would like your child to attend, please speak to one of the after school club team or contact the school office. **Bookings need to be booked in advance and paid for in advance** as the club is extremely busy at the moment. If you have booked a place but your child is unable to attend, please let the office know so we can free up a place for others. **Outstanding payments need to be paid, otherwise your child will be prohibited from attending future sessions.** Parents need to let the staff know daily who the adult is that will be picking their child up from after school club.

Pupil Premium children

If your child is Pupil Premium, you need to let the staff know at least daily if your child will/will not be attending breakfast/after school club. **Failure to do this will result in your child not receiving a future place at the club.**

Snow Alerts

At this time of the year we are always vigilant when it comes to the weather. When snow is imminent we do our best to inform parents of any closure as far in advance as we can. It is always very difficult to make the decision to close as we know how much it affects working families. However, we will always make our decision based on the safety of our children and staff. Should the school close due to the weather, we will alert you by text message, the school's web page and BBC Radio Leicester. Please ensure therefore, that we have your most up to date contact information and where snow is forecast, keep an eye on your phone. Thank You.



Well done goes to Year 5 with 100% who achieved gold and to Year 6 with 83% who achieved silver. Keep up the hard work!

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

Teacher training days=School closed to pupils

Teacher Training Day	Friday 21 June 2019
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