



Newsletter-Issue 17

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,

We hope you had a fantastic half term with your children and enjoyed the beautiful weather. Let's hope that this continues next week whilst our Year 5's are on school journey! Keep updated on their adventures by following on Twitter.

Thank you

Thank you to all the children who completed their half term homework about St. Thomas Aquinas. There has been some great research carried out, writing, pictures and prayers created as a result. Well done!

Contact details

Can all parents/Carers ensure that they have given the office two contact numbers, which are up to date for their child in the case of an emergency.

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.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will continue to be held at St. Clare's until Thursday 6th March in the school library. Your child will have received a £1.00 book token this week which they can put towards a book purchased at the fair. 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

On Thursday 7th March -We are asking the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. We will start the day with a special assembly to celebrate books and the characters from books. We will have a competition to see who can design the most creative costume based on a book and there will be prizes! 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.

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.

Liturgies

There will be no in school liturgy this week as we will be attending Ash Wednesday Mass at St. Wilfrid's Church at 10.00am. All welcome.



We have children from Year 2-6 that actively take part in Times Tables Rockstars and the competition is now on! Last week's winners were Year 5 with 71%. Silver was awarded to Year 6 with 31%.

Family challenge

We would love to develop our outdoor environment and make it even more vibrant. We are asking the Children/parents 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 to make them 'bright and beautiful.'

Uniform

All children should be wearing the winter school uniform with a school tie as per the school uniform policy. Coats should be black or navy please. Please note that all uniform, shoes, coats, PE kits etc. should be named. See attached link- <http://www.st-clares.leics.sch.uk/pupil-information/uniform>

P.E

All children should have their **full P.E kit** as per the uniform policy, at school every day. This includes their outside P.E kits.

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

Can all children be in school every day **by 8.55am** as the gate will be closed promptly at this time.

Sickness

If your child has been unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea can you please 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

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.

Family Learning Maths Course at Coalville Library

Coalville Library are holding Family Learning Maths sessions. These 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)

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.

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.

Staying Safe Online

Dear Parents/Carers, as you might be aware there have been serious concerns about the Momo Challenge on social media. Could we ask you to read the attached document carefully and discuss it with your child.

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.

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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