



Penelope P Lydia Mc
 Lily J Zofia S
 Caitlin M Amelie M
 Oscar F Eva R
 Quinn P Esme B
 Lois C Daisy D
 Samuel H Mitchell N
 Scarlett D Jacob L
 Joshua B Kajaanan S
 Joseph F Ethan B
 Harkitan B Logan S
 Joshua L Lydia F
 Nancy C Harriet J

Reception **92.5%**
 Y1 **96%**
 Y2 **97.9%**
 Y3 **94.7%**
 Y4 **96.2%**
 Y5 **94%**
 Y6 **93.8%**

ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for February was 95%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR SO FAR
96.3% - Great News!

Average national school attendance is 96%

Please contact the office to report your child's absence, thank you.

Diary Dates

We need help with the dates written in red. Please let us know if you can help, thanks.

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| 4/3/19 | Book Fair arrives in school (books on sale Tues-Fri 8:40am and 3pm) Separate letter went out about book week |
| 4/3/19 | More than Dance (Lenten dance) Year 1 to 6. |
| 5/3/19 | Class and clubs photograph Day |
| 7/3/19 | World Book Day-dress up and 9am coffee morning and parade. All welcome |
| 7/3/19 | Year 3 Tennis-Teesside University |
| Wb 11/3/19 | Lenten Prayer space to begin-all parents/carers/grandparents welcome. See article in newsletter for times. |
| 14/3/19 | School Council to Sacred Heart Primary 1:30pm to 2:30pm |
| 14/3/19 | First Confessions for year 4 at St. Clare's Church 6pm |
| 19/3/19 | Billy's Room Danceathon-all children |
| 28/3/19 | Year 5 Trip to MFC to meet an author/writing workshop |
| 28/3/19 | Year 1 Lenten Collective Worship |
| 29/3/19 | Year 2 Collective Worship |
| 1/4/19 | Year 3 Collective Worship |
| 2/4/19 | Year 5 Collective Worship |
| 3/4/19 | Year 4 Collective Worship |
| 5/4/19 | Foundation Stage Easter Bonnet Parade 9am Coffee morning for Foundation Stage parents |
| 5/4/19 | School closes for Easter holidays 3pm. No clubs the last week of this full term. (Late Birds only) |

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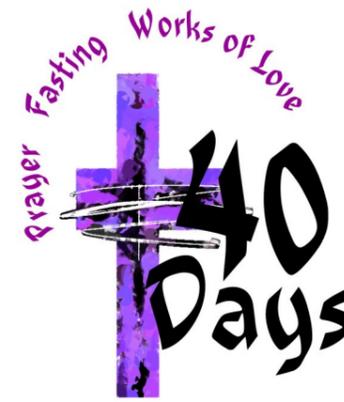
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Lent in School and Church



The journey through Lent is a very special time to reflect and renew ready for the special celebration of Easter. It is a time as families that we need to reflect and prayer together. At St. Clare's, we are offering two opportunities this Lent to come together to pray.

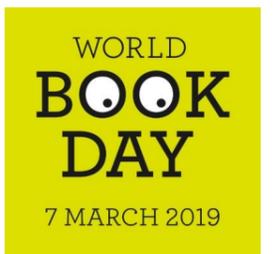
We will also be inviting all parents to take part in Lenten collective worships with their children. An opportunity to reflect on the Lenten journey in our busy lives. (Please see diary dates on the reverse of the newsletter)

On the week beginning 11th March, we are creating a prayer space in our top classroom. Parents, carers, grandparents and parishioners are invited to come along and take part in the prayer spaces with their children.

On 4th March years 1 to 6 will have the chance to take part in More than Dance. This is an opportunity to re-tell the story of Lent and Easter through dance and sign language.

World Book Day Thursday 7th March

Come and see join in with the fun at our 9am coffee morning where we will parade with our outfits.



All of the staff at St. Clare's are very excited about World Book Day this year. We can't wait to see what your outfits will be like. Please come and buy a book from the book fair. Any money raised from the book fair goes into buying new books for our library. **(Book Fair open Tuesday 4th March-Friday 8th March 8:40am and 3pm)**



Please can any children riding a bike to school dismount once arriving onto our school grounds. There are many small children and toddlers on the playground at the beginning and end of each day so we need to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

A big welcome to Mr List

This week we have welcomed Mr List, our new year 5 teacher, to St. Clare's.



Sporting Achievements

A few weeks ago our year 5 and 6 girls won a basketball tournament and came home with gold medals and a trophy which we are all very proud of.

Well done girls-you smashed it!



Our new topic this half term across the school is called Explorers. Foundation Stage children are focussing on the adventures on land and sea with pirates, year 1 and 2 are focussing on Captain Cook's adventures, year 3 and 4 are learning all about polar explorers and year 5 and 6 are learning about space explorers.

Thank you for all of the questionnaire returns. It was great to read as parents what you enjoyed at school and the returns have given us plenty of ideas to continue making our curriculum as fun and engaging as possible. Thank you!

Maths Whizz-online maths games

We have just signed up for Maths Whizz which is an online maths support for children using games and tutorials. Children will be able to earn rewards to buy things for a virtual bedroom.

Once each child from year 1 to year 6 has completed their online assessment then passwords will be given out to children so that they can access Maths Whizz at home.

Each teacher can track their child's progress so it is important that no help is given at home. There is opportunities during games and tutorials to ask for help. Teachers can track areas of weaknesses within maths which children struggle with and they will then offer extra support where needed.

It will also be a great opportunity for parents to see your child's maths progress and for school to ensure that extra support or challenge is given where needed.



Lenten Prayer Space-week beginning 11th March

To help with our Lenten preparations, we are creating a pop up prayer space for a week in school so parents/carers/grandparents have the opportunity to prayer and reflect with their own child/children. The room will have small prayer stations to provide opportunities for quiet reflection.

Parents are invited to school **Monday 11th March to Friday 15th March**
at **10am-10:30am or 1:30am-2pm**

twitter

It would be great to see more of our parents accessing our St. Clare's Twitter account. This is a great way for us to promote your children, the work they have done and events that are coming up. Follow us @stclaresprimary

Mental health, well-being and resilience

We have recently had training as staff on children's mental health, well-being and resilience. We are working in each class to help children recognise why well-being is so important and strategies that we can use to help when we meet problems or worries in life. The emotional wellbeing of children is just as important as their physical health. Good mental health allows children and young people to develop the resilience to cope with whatever life throws at them and grow into well-rounded, healthy adults.

Things that can help keep children and young people mentally well include:

- being in good physical health, eating a balanced diet and getting regular exercise
- having time and the freedom to play, indoors and outdoors
- being part of a family that gets along well most of the time
- going to a school that looks after the wellbeing of all its pupils
- taking part in local activities for young people.



Other factors are also important, including:

- feeling loved, trusted, understood, valued and safe
- being interested in life and having opportunities to enjoy themselves
- being hopeful and optimistic
- being able to learn and having opportunities to succeed
- accepting who they are and recognising what they are good at
- having a sense of belonging in their family, school and community
- feeling they have some control over their own life
- having the strength to cope when something is wrong (resilience) and the ability to solve problems.

Most children grow up mentally healthy, but surveys suggest that more children and young people have problems with their mental health today than 30 years ago. That's probably because of changes in the way we live now and how that affects the experience of growing up.

Some of our older children in school are in the middle of having mental well-being training so that they can support others in school. We have also introduced a confidential recording system called Toot Toot where children can share their worries via an Ipad and they will then be supported by a member of staff.

