



St. Clare's Newsletter

September 2022



Warm Welcome Back

And in the blink of an eye, the summer is over and we are back to the new academic year as the weather changes and the nights are drawing in.

Although on our summer break, the school was kept busy throughout July and August with the various summer schemes that were taking place. I would like to thank the staff for their contributions to this, a case of going above and beyond. What else would you expect from the St Clare's staff??

In terms of routine, nothing has really changed. Our start and finishing times are the same as before with all classes finishing at 2.00pm on a Monday. Breakfast club is open every morning at 8.15am and is a very popular club amongst the pupils. As well as getting a well balanced and nutritional breakfast, it is a super way of beginning the day in a more relaxed setting. Our kitchen staff put a lot of effort into the food and we thank them for their service.

123 club has also recommenced from 2.00pm-3.00pm each day. This club is specifically for the children who have an older sibling in a KS2 class. It helps the parents if they do-not have to come up to the school twice in an hour.

We as a school will be communicating with you all exclusively via Seesaw this year, including the publication of the Newsletters. They will also be shared on our website, our Twitter Feed and Facebook page at the addresses listed below. Mr O'Doherty and Mr Birt are available every morning at the gate if you need to speak to someone. Teachers can-not take calls and hold interviews during teaching time but certainly feel free to make an appointment for after school anytime.

Nursery and P1 Starting School

There has been great excitement across the school in the first few weeks back especially for all our new starts. We have been amazed with the ease in which all our pupils have begun to settle in. Today (Monday) our P1 pupils are in for the full day for the very first time. They have successfully lined up and made their way to the school canteen as if they have been always doing it. We want to ensure that the pupils get into their routine as quickly as possible. The same applies to the nursery where the pupils are all looking smartly dressed in their new uniforms. It is so heartening to see so many of the pupils happy to march into the nursery each morning.

Seesaw will continue to be used to inform parents of how their children are getting on. This will include pictures of the children at work.

In order to help foster good independence, from tomorrow (Thursday) we ask that all P1 pupils are taken only to the gate and we will escort them to the classroom. This enables the school to manage any anxiety which the children may have when leaving their mum, Dad or grandparents.

First Days of School P1A



PIB



For your
Calendar

Mon 31st October to Friday 4th November
MID-TERM BREAK

Mon 7th November
School closed to pupils
Parent/Teacher Interviews

Curriculum Meetings and Face to Face Reporting to Parents

It is vitally important for a successful year in school that we have good communication with you our parents. There are two important meetings that we ask for you to attend. One is the curriculum meetings at the beginning of October which allows us to tell you in more detail about the types and content of the learning that will take place throughout the year. It is also an opportunity for us to outline how you can work in partnership with your child and the school. The second meeting is the face to face Teacher/ | Parent meetings on Monday 7th November. As we are planning these meetings, we will of course try to accommodate parents who have more than one child at the school. We will endeavour to place your meeting times in November to ensure that you move from one class to the next. Curriculum meetings are also spread out across the week to ensure you get to hear the important messages from your child's teacher (see important dates opposite).

St Clare's Award Winning School School of Sanctuary Award

We at St Clare's are very proud of our diversity and this work has been acknowledged by the school receiving the prestigious School of Sanctuary Award at a special ceremony at City Hall last Tuesday. This award recognizes the amazing work the school does to welcome and work with children from all over the world who are making Belfast their new home. Many thanks to all the staff and in particular, to Mrs Brennan and Mrs Logue who put together all the evidence required to receive this accreditation.



Mrs Brennan, Mrs Logue and pupils from the school receiving their School of Sanctuary Award at City Hall, Belfast.

Dates for the Diary

Week beginning 3rd
October curriculum
meetings

School Disco- Thurs 28th Oct
Fancy Dress Day- Fri 29th Oct
Fitness Freddy- Tues 11th Oct
Mid-term- Mon-Fri 31st Oct-
4th Nov
Parent/Teacher Interviews-
Mon 7th November

New Term Reflection

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Curriculum meetings

Tuesday 4th Oct P3 1.30pm
& P5 2.30pm

Wednesday 5th Oct
P2 1.30pm & P4 2.30pm

Thursday 6th Oct
P7 2.30pm

Friday 7th Oct
P6 2.30pm

**** P1 date will be announced
at a later date.**



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