

St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

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We are fast coming to the end of our academic year. School will finish for all pupils on Thursday 30th June at 11.00am. There will be no dinners served on that day but all pupils will be marked as present.

The P2-P7 pupils for the next academic year will begin classes on 31st August with classes beginning at 9.00am with no breakfast club and no dinners available. Pupils will finish on that day at 12 noon.

Leavers Mass and P7 Disco

It is incredible to know that our P7 pupils have come to the end of their educational journey with us. We have been privileged to get to know these fine young pupils and have a contribution in their educational and faith journey.

Our last few days with them are now upon us. We want to see them out in a blaze of glory. It begins with their last evening with us on Wednesday 22nd June with their leavers Disco. This will take place in the school from 6.00pm-8.00pm. We are having a special buffet and the full red carpet treatment for them on the night itself. The dress code is smart casual and the school photographer will be on hand for a special green screen photo session with all the pupils.

The music for the evening will be supplied by our resident DJ Mr Michael Hughes so we know the tracks will be carefully selected to ensure that the pupils will enjoy every last second of their time with us.

To conclude our time together, we are gathering together, teachers, pupils and parents for the Leavers Mass which will take place in St Paul's Church on Thursday morning at 11.00pm. We ask that all our parents attend this most important ceremony in order for us to say a final farewell together as a family of St Clare's. Our P5 and P6 pupils will be joining us in the church to assist us in the celebration of the Leavers Mass and to be a part of the momentous occasion which they will enjoy in future years. Parents are asked to bring their P7 pupils directly to the church for 11.00am mass and to be in their seats for 10.45am. All P7 pupils will be allowed to go home after the celebration of the mass. We are so looking forward to the coming days when we can say our thanks to you our parents and to our pupils for seven years of happiness and of working together for the benefit of all our pupils. Thank you for everything.

P6 Transfer Meeting

All parents of our P6 pupils who are undertaking the transfer tests in November, are asked to attend a very important information meeting this Tuesday (today) Tuesday 21st June here in the school assembly hall at 2.15pm. It will hopefully be an opportunity to answer many of your questions in relation to the test itself. Our present P6 teachers will be on hand to answer many of your questions and allow us to explain our plans for the coming months.



We are so grateful for the contributions which you our parents have made in recent weeks towards the Macmillan Foundation. This is a charity that is very close to our hearts as we remember in a particular way our dearly departed colleague Miss Maguire. Thanks to your most generous donations to our fund raising efforts, we have been able to raise a substantial amount of money for this most worthy of causes. We are still counting the contributions as this newsletter is going live. On Thursday of last week, our staff held a charity dinner amongst ourselves to raise even more money. We will be inviting our partners from Macmillan to the school next week to present them with a substantial cheque and the final total will be posted on seesaw, our Facebook site and on the website. Once again our St Clare's Family have stepped up to the mark to ensure that we have shown a generosity of spirit which is unrivalled in all other schools. Thank you again for your support.

Schools of Sanctuary

St Clare's PS continues to accumulate awards for their work and the we are pleased to announce our action plans for the schools of Sanctuary Award which acknowledges our ethos as a school which welcomes all pupils from a diverse background. Many thanks to Mrs Logue and Mrs Brennan for their efforts in achieving this award

New School Term, September 2022.

The new school term will begin for our P2-P7 pupils in full on 1st September 2022. Breakfast club and after schools 123 club will be available from this date onwards. The P1 pupils will as usual have a staggered start to the year to allow for a smooth transition and some preliminary assessments to be carried out. The start dates for the new P1 intake will be given to the parents in due course but is very important that all parents of the new P1 intake attend the induction meeting for these pupils this coming Friday 24th June when all the necessary paper work and important dates will be disseminated to the parents for the new term. This will be an opportunity for the children to meet their new P1 teacher, see their classroom and for parents to ask any questions they may have with regards to starting primary school.

Celebration of Pupil Successes

Well done to our award winners from our after school's girl's football teams. They have achieved a great level of soccer skill and we had a super awards ceremony on Monday 20th June where the pupils' accomplishments were acknowledged. Thank you of course to our expert coaches Mr and Mrs Brennan for their time and efforts in allowing these eager footballers the opportunity to realise their potential.

Summer Schemes

Some of our children and teachers are not quite finished yet for the summer. There are several summer schemes taking place in the school during the first two weeks of July. There is a literacy and numeracy study programme for our current P6 pupils who will be undertaking the Transfer Test in November. Mrs Fox and Mrs Shaw will be guiding their pupils through the work. Registration and the first session will take place at 11.00am next Thursday as the rest of the school finish for the summer. This will last no longer than an hour. Each week day after that except for 12th July up until and including Friday 15th July, the pupils will attend class from 9.30am-12 Noon. It is very important that the children are picked up on time each day. More information on this will be given at the Transfer meeting later on today (Tuesday).

There are some pupils which the school are identifying who require additional help this summer and Mrs Logue will be leading this group. Each of these pupils have been especially invited to participate in this scheme. This scheme will run at similar times to the P6 one but P5-P6 pupils will attend firstly from 30th June- 7th July while P2-P4 pupils will be attending form 8th July-15th July (except 12th July when the school be closed). Mrs Brennan will host a week long scheme for our Newcomer pupils from Monday 4th July-Friday 8th July. The times for the various pupils taking part will be given to them by Mrs Brennan in the coming days.



