



# ST CLEMENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th September 2017

## WELCOME BACK



It has been lovely welcoming all the children back this week to their new classes and we have had a great start to the new school year. The first group of our new Reception children will be starting on Wednesday next week with two further groups the following week. I am sure you will join us in extending a very warm St Clement's welcome to all the new families and children.

The staff have been working hard to prepare for this new academic year and are looking forward to the many exciting things planned. All staff would like to extend their sincere thanks for the kind words of appreciation and gifts that were received at the end of last term, they were very much appreciated.

Miss Steerwood got married during the break and she returns to us as Mrs James; congratulations Mr and Mrs James!

You will know from the letter issued earlier this week that we had some minor works undertaken over the holidays and have a current issue with an overhanging tree in the back playground – I would urge you to take extra care when supervising children in the back playground until we have resolved the issue.

We have also begun to clear the area behind the pool building, with further clearance due this weekend. There has been a temporary fence there for a number of weeks after a car that was being parked in the station car park crashed into our land causing damage – again, please take extra care when walking past the area and parking bicycles until the works are completed and fence repaired.

We have had a fantastic response to the Summer Reading Challenge. The children have worked hard to keep up their reading skills and have been very creative in finding 'extreme' locations to read in! We are busy looking through all their efforts and photographs and there will be a few small prizes awarded, though it will be very hard to judge! All challenges and photographs will be displayed around the school so please look out for them.

**Please note that from this term we plan to issue this newsletter fortnightly.**

# IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the following important dates for this term. Some of these may be subject to change.

DATE	EVENT
Wednesday 13 September	Parents' Evening
Friday 15 September	Year 6 Assessment
Thursday 21 September	Friends of St Clement's AGM 7.15pm
Friday 22 September	New School Year Mass 2.15pm - All welcome
Tuesday 26 September	European Languages Day
Wednesday 27 September	New Reception Parents Coffee Morning
Friday 29 September	Year 4 Assessments
Friday 6 October	Year 3 Assessments
Friday 10 November	Year 1 Assembly
Friday 13 October	Year 2 Assessments
Tuesday 17 October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 19 October	Parents' Evening
Friday 20 October	Reception Assembly
Friday 20 October	Grandparents' Afternoon
<b>Friday 20 October</b>	<b>Break Up for Half Term (Normal finish time)</b>
<b>Monday 30 October</b>	<b>School Starts</b>
Tuesday 31 October	School Photos
Wednesday 1 November	All Saints Mass (tbc)
Friday 3 November	Year 5 Assembly
Monday 6 November	Disability Awareness Day
Tuesday 7 November	Prospective Parents' Morning
Wednesday 8 November	Prospective Parents' Morning
Thursday 23 November	St Clement's Day and Mass at 2.15pm (tbc)
Tuesday 12 December	KS1 Nativity Afternoon
Wednesday 13 December	
Monday 18 December	KS2 Advent Service <b>5pm</b>
Tuesday 19 December	KS2 Advent Service <b>7pm</b>
Wednesday 20th December	Christmas Lunch
<b>Thursday 21 December</b>	<b>Break Up 1.30pm</b>



# SCHOOL NOTICES

## SCHOOL DINNER PAYMENTS

The cost of school dinners has risen slightly to £2.25 per day. The cost of school dinners for this half term is **£74.25** payable via ParentMail please.

## WE ARE NOW A CASHLESS SCHOOL!

Please be advised that we are now a cashless school. All payments should be made online using ParentMail as the School Office is **no longer able to take any cash or cheque payments**. Do please contact the School Office if you are having any difficulty using ParentMail.

## ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

We have a new absence telephone line which allows you to leave a voicemail message notifying us of your child's absence. Simply ring the usual school telephone number and press option 1. If you would like to speak to the School Office instead, please feel free to still do so.

**A reminder that you need to ring each day of your child's absence.**

## MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

Please ensure that any necessary medication for your child is returned to school. This needs to be in the original packaging clearly showing the chemist's label showing proof of your child's prescription. Permission forms are available on the school website for any new medication or to inform us of any changes. Please hand these in to the School Office.

# FRIDAY PRAYER

**A time for reflection...**

Dear Father,

At the start of another year in the life of our school,

Help us to enter into the new opportunities and challenges that lie ahead with enthusiasm and joy.

We thank you that we do not travel life's journey alone, but together with others,

And that you promise to guide and keep us along every step of the way.

We ask that you bless our whole school community (children, staff and families) that make our school a special place.

**Amen.**

## ST PHILOMENA'S OPEN MORNINGS

St Philomena's Catholic High School for Girls is holding Open Mornings for Year 6 pupils only on

**Monday 25th - Friday 29th September 2017**

Tours start at 9am and finish at 10.45am. Sessions must be booked in advance by contacting the Admissions Manager on 020 8642 2025 ext 266 or email [admissions@stphils.org.uk](mailto:admissions@stphils.org.uk)

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Most of our After School Clubs start next week; details and contact information are now available on the school website in the 'school information' section along with the timetable.

Please note that **Nutritional Ninjas Cookery Club** is no longer able to run. Information about Netball Club will be sent out shortly. Unfortunately the **Professor Bubbleworks** club for Years 1&2 has had to be cancelled due to lack of numbers. Professor Bubbleworks for Years 3-6 will hopefully go ahead; they nearly have enough pupils!

**Please book directly with the club provider and not the school office. All details can be found on the Clubs' Timetable.**

**Please ensure that the club is aware of any illnesses and allergies your child may have and that they have your preferred emergency contact details and pick up arrangements.**

Don't forget we also provide music lessons for the guitar, drums and piano during the school day. Please see the clubs timetable on the school website for contact details.

