



'All Together Every Day,
Partnership in Every Way'

St. Clare's Primary School Newsletter

October 2023 Updates

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of a successful Term 1, I am delighted to report that our Primary 1 pupils have settled in well and are learning the rules and routines of life in primary school as well as having fun too!

All learners are continuing to develop important skills for learning, life and work through our Leader in Me programme, with some classes preparing for their **forthcoming class assemblies**.

We have a variety of after-school and lunch time clubs currently underway, with more to come as the year progresses and we are already making bookings for next year's Health Week.

It is wonderful to see our children well turned out in their uniform each day and eager to learn.

Our aim in St. Clare's is for **every child to attend school every day** and we continue to work closely with parents/carers in support of this.

I wish you an enjoyable October Week holiday when it comes and thank you all for the continued support you show me and the wider staff team.

Best Wishes,

Ms McGuinness
Headteacher



LEADER IN ME CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our forthcoming class assemblies throughout the year.

Each assembly will focus on one of the '7 Habits of Highly Effective People' from our whole-school Leader in Me programme.

See you there!



Funding Update

Having purchased our very own supply of bicycles and helmets last session, we are now in the very fortunate position of being able to deliver more cycling proficiency ('**Bikeability**') sessions in school. We currently have two groups of pupils benefiting from Level 1 training and will extend this offer to as many pupils as we can, as the year progresses.

We have a new '**Hungry Table**' which stocks a variety of healthy snacks! It is being used by pupils, who, for various reasons, do not have a snack with them some days, are hungry and would like something to eat during their break.

Ukulele tuition continues this session and pupils in P5-7 will have opportunities to get involved throughout the year. Our current group of musicians are enjoying the experience.

We are also exploring the possibility of offering a number of classes the opportunity to learn how to play the **violin**, **cello** and **viola** – watch this space!



October

Friday, 13 October 2023 (In-Service Day)

Monday, 16 to Friday, 20 October 2023
(October Week)

December - Christmas and New Year

Schools close at 2.30 pm on Friday, 22
December 2023

Monday, 25 December 2023 - Friday, 5
January 2024 (Christmas holidays)

Dates for Your Diary

5th October @ 9:15am: P7 class assembly

10th October: Flu vaccinations

12th October @ 9:15am: P6 class assembly

1st November @ 9:15am: P6/5 class assembly

15th November @ 9:15am: P5 class assembly

8th December: Christmas Jumper Day, Class Parties & Santa Visit.

12th December: Nativity Show 1 (pm)

13th December: Nativity Show 2 (pm)

15th December: Christmas Fair



Calling All Budding Gardeners!

St. Clare's **Sensory Garden** requires significant ongoing help and attention and **we need your help!**

We have a variety of newly purchased gardening equipment and would love to secure some 'budding' gardeners to help us maintain this space (i.e. weeding, planting, pruning etc.) as part of a team. No experience necessary and we will keep you topped up with tea/Coffee and biscuits!

Any help is appreciated whether it's 30 minutes or 2 hours per week!

Please speak to Mr Muir if you are interested!



Wear Red Day 2023

Organised by Show Racism the Red Card, **Wear Red Day** is a chance for people across the country to stand united against racism by wearing something red.

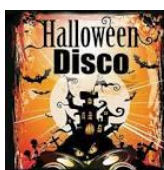
As the official Wear Red Day is during the October holiday, we will hold our own day on **Thursday 12th October**, alongside other local schools. Pupils can attend school wearing something red to show their support.

As always, football colours are not permitted.



Book Week Scotland 2023

Book Week Scotland is an annual celebration of books and reading that takes place across the country. Book Week Scotland 2023 will take place 13-19th November and is supported by Creative Scotland and SLIC. Lots of fun and exciting activities will be taking place in school and parents/carers will be invited to attend some of these – further details to follow!



Halloween Disco

Our Parent Council has organised a Halloween Disco which takes place on **Thursday 26th October** and will cost £2 per child. **This should be paid via Parent Pay.**

No ticket is required on entry as a register of those who have paid will be updated.

P1-P3 pupils: 6pm-7pm
P4-7 pupils: 7:15pm-8:15pm

Parent Pay & Parents Portal

The majority of parents/carers have registered on Parent Pay – thank you. However, **we need all of you to pre-order your child's lunch in advance of them coming into school.** **You should also indicate if your child will be bringing a packed lunch.**

A small number of parents/carers still need to register for **Parents Portal** so please do so asap. Our clerical staff are contacting those of you who have not yet registered to support you in doing so. Feel free to contact the school office on 944-2554 if you need assistance in the meantime.

Pupil Absence Reporting

If your child has an appointment e.g. dental or doctor or is unwell and will be absent from school, you should call the Glasgow City Council Absence Reporting Line on 0141-287-0039.

Spare Uniform Items

Please write your child's name on clothing labels as this makes items easier to reunite with their owners. Lost property is kept for two weeks and if not reclaimed by parents/pupils, is stored on the clothing rail at our front door. Parents/carers are welcome to reuse these items.

Visit our School Website

Our school website provides parents/carers and visitors to our school with lots of useful information. You can access it **here.**

