

# Clare Primary School

## November Newsletter 2018



Dear parents/guardians,

Thank you for taking time to read the November Newsletter.

### Dates for diary

- Breakfast Club starts Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> November.
- Anti-bullying Week 12<sup>th</sup> November
- Flu vaccine will be provided by the nurse on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, for those who wish to avail of the service.
- Hip Hop finishes 20<sup>th</sup> November.
- P6/7 swimming will finish on 22<sup>nd</sup> November.
- Open night for anyone interested in our Primary 1 class for 2019, 27<sup>th</sup> November.
- Pantomime in school 29<sup>th</sup> November .
- After school clubs finish for the term 30<sup>th</sup> November.
- Winter Fair Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, proceeds to support funding resources for the children in our school.
- Choir will perform at the Lunchtime Club 5<sup>th</sup> December.
- Local nurseries to attend P1-3 nativity 18<sup>th</sup> December.
- P1-3 nativity and P4 – 7 Christmas performance 19<sup>th</sup> December.
- Winter holiday begins Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

### Welcome back!

All the staff hope you and your families had a thoroughly enjoyable and safe holiday (from school at least). We are delighted to have so many smiling faces return to our school. Please take the time to note the dates detailed above. We look forward to another half term full of amazing work and some dramatic performances to finish the year with.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club will be available from 8.15am to 8.45am, in the main hall from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November. After 8.45am, children will move to their classrooms where a member of staff will greet them. Children need to be in Breakfast Club by 8.30am to give time for them to eat their food. The cost will be £1 per day and the days booked on a Friday for the following week. Any child in school before 8.45am must be in Breakfast Club for supervisory purposes.

IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND BREAKFAST CLUB, AT ANY POINT, PLEASE SIGN THE PERMISSION SLIP AND RETURN TO THE SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

This will be run as a 3-month trial and then we will evaluate if there is an ongoing need for this service to be in place. If your child is attending Breakfast Club, please park as usual and the children are to walk on the footpath at the side of the building in the carpark and enter the school using the front door. Please do not park in the carpark or allow children to walk through the middle of the carpark as this is a busy time for staff arriving.

Healthy break will still be served by Mrs Kelly Monday to Thursday.

### NUT FREE SCHOOL

**Please be aware we do have children in Clare Primary School who have severe nut allergies. We are a nut free school and would appreciate parents/guardians checking the ingredients of the snacks and lunches they are sending in. Please do not send Nutella on sandwiches and check cereal bars for nuts too.**

### After School Activities

After school activities will finish for the term on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Hip Hop is slightly different, due to the open night, it will finish on 30<sup>th</sup> November. Clubs will recommence in January 2019.

### Staffing

The Board of Governors and I would like to congratulate both Mrs Turkington and Mrs Reid on their recent appointments. Mrs Turkington to the roles of Assessment and Numeracy Co-ordinator and Mrs Reid to the post of ICT Co-ordinator. They will both remain teaching the classes they are currently in.

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I would also like to wish Mrs McDermott all the very best as she goes on her maternity leave this month and would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Allen to Clare Primary School to teach Primary 4/5 alongside Mrs Bennett.

### **Friends of Clare**

I am delighted to announce Friends of Clare is back up and running again. At our Annual General Meeting, we were able to elect a Chair person (Victoria McDowell), a Secretary (Samantha Mackle) and a Treasurer (Helen Jackson). We sent out a tube of Smarties for every child to enjoy and to celebrate the relaunch of Friends of Clare. We will update you on the amount raised from this after the closing date for returning the tubes filled with 20 pence pieces, which is 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Our next meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, at Clare Primary School. We will be discussing ideas for our Winter Fair, organising helpers and delegating roles. Now the committee is formed, this is simply to enable all those parents who stated they would like to be involved a chance to do so. So if you are interested in helping in any way for example, creating Santa's grotto, taking money at the door, greeting people, serving teas and coffees, baking delights for serving to our visitors, then please turn up on 14<sup>th</sup> November. No helping hands refused and no one will be coerced in to doing anything they do not want to do.

### **Book Fair**

The children thoroughly enjoyed shopping at our book fair, to the extent we raised £1473.40! This is absolutely incredible as a percentage of this money gets reinvested to our school in the form of books, which is one of the areas we are looking to develop our resources in. Thank you so much for your support.

### **Open Evening**

The school will hold its annual Open Evening on **Tuesday 27th November from 6 p.m.** for new pupils for the 2019 school year. Please spread the word. Further details will follow.

### **Winter Fair**

If you would like a table at our Winter Fair this year, or know someone who would, please contact Mrs Turkington or advise your child's class teacher and we will arrange this for you. The date is Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and the cost will be £20 per table.

I look forward to seeing what the new half term has in store for us all. Lots of progress and enjoyment, I am sure!

Shona Lindsay  
Principal