

Clare Primary School

November Newsletter 2019



Dear parents/guardians

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and safe break with your children. We have a lot of events upcoming this half term, so please keep up to date by reading the monthly newsletter, checking our school Facebook page as well as our school website.

I would encourage you to take note of the following dates and information. If you have any queries or questions, please contact Mrs Dillon in the school office.

Dates for diary

- Tharpe Family assembly 4th November 2019
- Speech Festival week 4th November 2019
- Portadown Temperance Council with P7 (Mondays) 4th November – 9th December 2019
- P7 at Tandragee Junior High School experience day 8th November 2019
- Antibullying Week 11th – 15th November 2019
- Flu vaccine Tuesday, 19th November 2019
- Big Breakfast 22nd November 2019
- P1 open night (2020 intake) 26th November 2019
- European Day of Languages 26th November 2019
- Aladdin Pantomime in school P1 – P7 27th November 2019
- Cross Country competition 29th November 2019
- Choir perform at the Lunch Time Club 4th December 2019
- Local nurseries to attend P1-3 nativity 17th December.
- P1-3 nativity and P4 – 7 Christmas performance 18th December.
- Winter holiday begins Friday 20th December.

Friends of Clare AGM

At the AGM on 21st October 2019 the following appointments were made:

Catherine McMinn – Chairperson

Samantha mackle – Secretary

Tim McClelland – Treasurer

We would like to congratulate them on appointment to these positions and formally acknowledge our gratitude to those who served as members on the Friends of Clare committee last year, including Victoria McDowell (last year's chairperson) as they raised over £4,000 in one year!

Big Breakfast

Friends of Clare have organized a Big breakfast to welcome the community in to our school. You are very welcome to come to school and have a continental style breakfast with your children on Friday 22nd November from 8 – 9.30am. Extended family and neighbours are most welcome to join us too, so please spread the word!

We have been incredibly fortunate to have a range of sponsors and donors to this event; to whom we are extremely grateful to. The people happy to be named are as follows:

- Asda, Dale Farm, Forest Feast, Irwins, Lidl, Tesco, Troughton family and Whites.

Donations will be gratefully received at the event and all monies raised will of course go directly to school funds to benefit the children.

Open Evening

The school will hold its annual Open Evening on **Tuesday 26th November from 6 p.m.** for new pupils for the 2020 school year. Please spread the word. Further details will follow. Friends of Clare will be serving tea and coffee to our visitors, if you are available to help on the evening, please contact the school office.

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Flu Vaccine

Communication has been received from the Education Authority stating that there may be a disruption to the supply of the flu vaccine to schools from 11th November to early December. We are scheduled to have the vaccinations given to the children on 19th November and as yet we have not been notified if that date will need to change. I will keep you up to date if there are any changes to be made.

Book Fair

Clare Primary School children absolutely love a good book, so much so that we raised £1295.50! Thank you very much for your support at this event as 60% of this total comes directly back in to school in the form of books and resources which will directly benefit our pupils

After School Activities

After school activities will finish for the term on Friday 6th December. Clubs will recommence in January 2019.

Car Boot Sale

Having a clear out before Christmas? Julia Evans and Samantha Mackle have kindly organised to sell items at the car boot sale at The Shambles in Armagh on 23rd November with proceeds going to school fund. Please leave any items for the car boot sale in school prior to 23rd November. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Cards

The backdrop and photographer will be in school Tuesday 5th and Wednesday 6th November up to 12 o'clock to take the photographs for Christmas Cards. All reply slips received have had an allocated time and day. Please either send your child(ren) to school in their Christmas or Winter themed clothing and send their uniform for them to change back in to after the photograph or send the clothing in a bag for them to change for the photograph.

Antibullying Week

Antibullying Week is 11th – 15th November 2019, children may come to school wearing odd socks on Tuesday 12th November. This is our way of showing we are all different and unique and celebrating our individuality. This is not a sponsored event.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter as it is a vital way for me to pass information to you about the upcoming events in school

Shona Lindsay
Principal