

St Clare's School News **October / November 2018**



Dear Parents and Carers

Events

We are well into the Autumn Term and students have been working very hard and making good progress. As ever, we have just had our Enterprise week followed by the long standing tradition of our School Fayre which was well attended. It was great to see so many students especially past students and be able to catch up with their lives. We are always very interested to know how people are getting along no matter how long ago they attended St Clare's. We are happy to help and support so please keep in touch. Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked hard on the day and thanks to staff and students for all of their hard work making the products. We thought this year was the best ever so well done! We made £1268.23 in total which will go towards our rewards trips next summer. Many thanks to Mr Jackson and Mrs Satchwell for all their hard work organising Enterprise and the Fayre. Thanks also to all our business and enterprise supporters for helping us navigate our way through the world of business.

Donations

We have also received over £1000 in donations from parents and grandparents and we have decided to use the money to improve our polytunnel and garden areas to make them more accessible so everyone can enjoy them. A huge thanks for all the tremendous hard work raising this money for us. The school's commitment to ecology and horticulture were once again recognised by the "Eco School" Award which was renewed at the highest level in October – thanks to Mr Stafford for leading on this.

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Year 10 and 11 students enhanced their art studies with a visit to Chatsworth top look at the sculptures and gain inspiration for their own projects. Thanks to Mrs Harris and Mrs Allan for organising this. Y10 have also been busy attending Derby University Forensic Lab to enhance their science studies. Year 10 have also attended Derby University to study some creative art. Thanks to Mrs Webber for her continued hard work linking us with Derby University. Again Year 10 have been working on creative projects with the Quad in Derby – thanks to the Quad, Mr Hill and Mrs Webber for this opportunity.

We have welcomed Derby University education students into the school to support them with their studies and we hope that they feel they have a better understanding of working with children with enhanced needs.

Sinfonia Viva have been working with some of our student to experience some musical delights and we are very grateful to them for choosing to work with us.

We continue to use our values system to help create the ethos that defines our school. Two of our values over October and November have been love and peace to coincide with Anti bullying Week and Remembrance. Mrs Vasey delivered a very powerful assembly to mark remembrance. Mr Hill has been working with the Holocaust memorial Trust to develop a nationwide resource base to understand and commemorate the Holocaust. St Clare's is very proud to be part of this programme. Thanks to Mr Hill and Mrs Gelsthorpe for their hard work in this project. Mr Hill has also been busy twinning St Clare's with a school in Germany called "Anne Frank Schule". We look forward to working with this school to develop our international links.

Mrs Rawson invited a speaker from the Padley Centre for the Homeless in Derby to speak to our Year 11 students about the work they do. We will be supporting the Padley Centre again this Christmas by collecting together some food parcels and delivering it to them.

We have three weeks to go until the end of term and Mrs Hunt is beavering away with lots of children to practise ready for the school winter production – it's sounding great already.

We have already had our annual pantomime with Cinderella visiting as a reward for everyone's hard work after our Enterprise week.

Some Key dates

Winter Production Friday 14th 2 pm

St Clare's Christmas Meal and Disco Thursday 20th December

Last day Friday 21st school will finish at 1.30 pm.

Spring Term will start on Monday 7th January 2019.

Please help us collect for the Padley Centre for the Homeless in Derby by donating food and toiletry items which can be stored ie tins and dried foods.

As we go further into winter we will no doubt experience some adverse weather conditions. We feel that the new texting system has really helped to keep parents and carers up to date of school events and we will use this to inform you of any situations which could alter the functioning of the school. **PLEASE** make sure that we have **TWO** up to date contact numbers for you.

Kind Regards

Megan Stratton, Head St Clare's