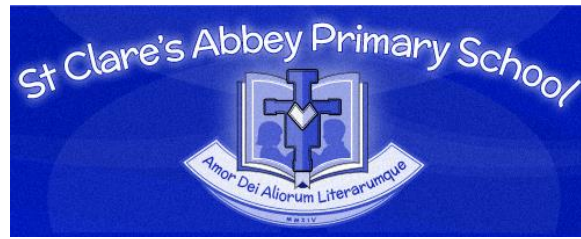


## St. Clare's Abbey Primary School



Primary 1 Newsletter

September 2017

Welcome to the first edition of our Primary 1 newsletter.



We warmly welcome all our Primary 1 pupils and their parents/guardians. As the children settle into their new classes, we hope they will enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Primary 1 has to offer.



As part of our Literacy/Numeracy warm up activities, we will sing a wide variety of rhymes. Encourage your child to sing the following rhymes at home:

- Hickory Dickory Dock/Humpty Dumpty/Incy Wincey spider.
- Frere Jacques.
- 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Once I Caught a Fish Alive.
- 5 Little Ducks/5 Little Monkeys/5 Currant Buns

Topics for the month: All About Me/People Who Help us at School

Encourage your child to:

- Recognise his/her own name.
- Talk about his/her friends at school.
- Name facial features.
- Talk about and name the people in their family.
- Talk about people who help us at school.

### SNACK

We are delighted to see the children really enjoying the wide variety of fresh fruit/vegetables, bread based snacks, milk and water available each morning.

Snack cost is £8, due at the beginning of the month.

It is most helpful if you can put the correct money into an envelope, with your child's name written on the front. Your support is greatly appreciated.



## SCHOOL LUNCH/DINNER

It is most helpful if children taking school lunch have lunch in a lunch bag, separate from their school bag. Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on their lunch bag. School dinner cost is £2.60 per day. We encourage parents to pay for school dinner at the beginning of the week, or on the day your child is having dinner.

## LABELLING

Please ensure your child has his/her name on all belongings in school; coat, jumper, Wellington Boots, school bag and lunch bag.

## MILLION WORDS OR LESS

Thank you so much for all the wonderful contributions telling us about your child, in a million words or less. If you have not given this 'homework' to your child's teacher, we would be delighted if you could do so, as soon as possible.

## THINGS YOUR CHILD NEEDS FOR PRIMARY 1.

Thank you to all parents who have sent Wellington Boots, a box of tissues, a change of underwear and socks into school. We would appreciate if any outstanding items could be brought into school as soon as possible.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP ARRANGEMENTS

Most of the Primary 1 pupils are happily coming into their cloakroom/classroom in the morning. We are delighted with how much progress the children are making! As we endeavour to develop our pupils' skills of independence, we are encouraging them to hang up their coats/school bags/lunch bags all by themselves. They are doing so well at this!

**The external door to your child's class will close at approx. 9.00am.**

Should your child arrive at school after 9.00am, they should go to the main school door, via the main office. **Can we please ask that the gate that leads to the Primary 1 classes is kept closed at all times for the safety of all children. A member of staff will open the gate at 2.25pm.**

When parents/guardians are collecting children from the Primary 1 classes, please ensure that siblings do not play on outdoor equipment, as there is not a member of staff supervising.

## ADVENTURES WITH SNOWY OVER THE WEEKEND

Each Friday, over the coming weeks, one child from each class will bring home our class bear for the weekend. The class bear will have his travel journal with him. Pupils will be asked to take the bear on their adventures over the weekend. We ask that you (or your child) record bear's weekend in the journal, with some writing and drawings/photographs. We ask that you return our class bear to school on Monday, so that your child can share their weekend news with the class.

### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME:

- Talk to your child about their day at school.
- Talk about the names of the letters in your child's name, and look for those letters in newspapers/magazines.
- Encourage your child to put on/take off their own coat.
- Encourage your child to put on/take off school bag.
- Practise hopping (left and right foot).
- Look for numbers in the world around them- on house door, number plate of car etc.
- Encourage your child to count in everyday activities, counting number of steps up the stairs, how many hops they can do, how many cars/bricks/dolls/teddies they have at home.

### NOTICE OF ABSENCE

We ask that parents notify school of your child is absent. Please telephone the office. It is most helpful if a note explaining absence is sent in to the class teacher when your child returns to school. **School telephone number: (028) 30262175**

We would encourage parents to have a look at the Primary 1 page on our school website as part of our home/school link.  
[www.stclaresabbeyps.com](http://www.stclaresabbeyps.com)

Thought for the month ahead....



*Scribbling is to drawing as babbling is to talking.*



Many thanks,  
P1 team.