



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

St Clare's is a Christ-centred family where everyone is valued and respected. We learn and grow, whilst strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Together in His love, we can achieve our full potential.

Play, learn and grow together with Christ



Mrs Charnley's Message

In today's world we so often lose the true meaning of Christmas beneath the wrappings and trappings of the preparations. We forget that Jesus Christ is our true pathway to happiness and take instead, the easier route which can demand less of us. Therefore, in those special moments when we have the opportunity to stop and leave our daily toil behind we are reminded that God calls each of us to think beyond ourselves, to think only with a kind heart. I am sure like me, you were all moved by all the Nativity plays over this week. To see our youngest children remind us the true meaning of Christmas has been humbling and a delight to have seen. Thank you, children, thank you staff and thank you to all families who shared these special moments. What better way to prepare for Christmas than receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It is a peaceful way to get our hearts ready and one I know the children have valued.

As Christmas approaches, there is a real sense of community within school. Many of the children are working hard to learn song words, movements and acting roles in addition to all their curriculum work. We also use this time to reflect upon the true meaning of Christmas, the miracle that was Jesus' birth. As our Advent preparations continue we encourage the children to see the beauty of Christmas. Therefore, when children look outwards and recognise the needs of others, this is a true reflection of their growth; something for all of us, young and old, to aspire to.

Is there really only one week to go! Have a lovely weekend and rest up ready for the busiest week before the end of term.

God Bless,

Mrs Charnley and the staff of St Clare's

Faith

Here is our weekly mission - a small way of putting into practice the gospel values. We believe we are called to live our lives differently because of what we have experienced and prayed about. What we offer as the 'mission' is a suggestion of how we can all do just that.



THE MISSION

JOY IS COMING

St John the Baptist could have tried to be as famous as possible. But, he was happy making way for Jesus so that he was the one people looked to.

Your Mission is to find a chance to let someone else take the attention. This may be by letting another person go first or do the most important job. Doing this helps us to put others first, just like Jesus asks us to do.




Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: The Whole Class - *"For a great nativity performance".*

Rowan: Ada & Adiel - *"For stepping in last minute in our Christmas play".*

Willow: Elham - *"For continuing to work hard on her letters and sounds".*

Hazel: The Whole Class - *"For a great performance in this year's nativity".*

Beech: The Whole Class - *"For amazing acting, singing & speaking in our Christmas play".*

Pine: Kiara - *"For always trying her best".*

Elder: Olly - *"For always showing kindness to those around him".*

Cherry: Giulietta - *"For an outstanding attitude to learning, beautiful writing and great effort in Math's".*

Oak: Jack - *"For Wonderful work & showing kindness to all".*

The Winning House this week: Plessington!

Dates for your Diary



- Tuesday 17th December - School Theatre Trip to Dukes Lancaster.
- Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day. (Children are welcome to come to school in Christmas Jumpers / Party Clothes).
- Friday 20th December - Mrs Charnley's Leaving Mass followed by refreshments in the school hall (9:15am).
- Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term (1:30pm Finish).
- Monday 6th January - Return to School.
- Thursday 9th January - Meet the Teacher (5pm).