



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 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



My goodness, this has been a week when we know that winter is on its way—it has been bitterly cold the last couple of days, so please make sure your child brings a coat to school every day.

This Sunday sees the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Francis has described the heart as the place where we are truly ourselves and that this is where God meets us, if we let Him. When we allow Christ into our lives – when we allow Him to become the King of our hearts - we experience the joy, peace, mercy and love that He brings. The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of the Church's liturgical year. The year ends on a real high point, and we celebrate the Kingdom of God in all its richness before beginning the new liturgical year with the reflective and penitential season of Advent.

This Sunday, the parish will run a Christmas Fair after Mass at about 10:30 a.m. Please have a look below to see if you can help. They would welcome your help with items for the stalls or just coming along to enjoy the fun. We would be grateful for all donations: prizes for the tombola, cakes, toys, gifts for the raffle, bric-a-brac, etc. Please start to leave any items in the Narthex. This will be a great Parish occasion.

This week has been a joy to see the children's work in science, music, art, and D.T. It is a delight to see how quickly the children are progressing over the term and what a wealth of exciting learning. The links they make across the various subjects show how thorough and challenging the staff provide to the children every day.

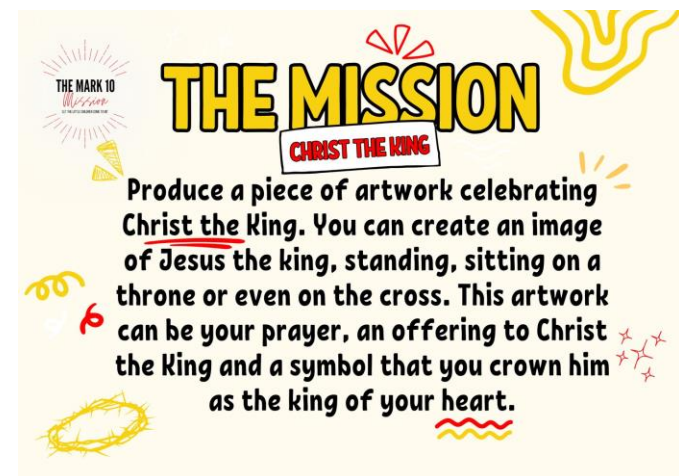
Finally, please remember that the school day now starts at 8:50 a.m. We open our doors at 8:40 a.m., and I am here to help with our drop-and-go from that time. So, make sure you leave those five minutes earlier to ensure that the children are in school ready to learn by then. We have a storm to look forward to this weekend, too. If you are like me, then it will definitely be a weekend of lots of tea by the fire with a good book and the newspaper.

God Bless,

Mrs Charnley and all the staff of Saint 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.



Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

- **Little Saplings:** John - *"For trying really hard with his counting"*.
- **Rowan:** Jerome - *"For trying his best"*.
- **Willow:** Baaqir - *"For working so hard all week"*.
- **Hazel:** Esther - *"For improving your handwriting & trying hard to answer questions on the carpet"*.
- **Beech:** Omar - *"For excellent work all week including a super retelling of Prince Cinders"*.
- **Pine:** Finley - *"For fantastic Math's work"*.
- **Elder:** Veronika - *"For excellent work on number lines in mathematics"*.
- **Cherry:** Bobbie - *"For sharing her thoughts and understanding with the class"*.
- **Oak:** Jiya - *"For showing great determination in Math's"*.

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 28th November - Year 3 trip to Helmsore Mill.

Monday 2nd December - Year 5/6 Advent Service.

Thursday 5th December - PTFA School Christmas Disco (see details below).

Tuesday 10th December - Little Saplings Nativity (10am).

Tuesday 10th December - Rowan Class Nativity (2pm).

Wednesday 11th December - KS1 Nativity (2pm & 3:30pm).

Tuesday 17th December - School Theatre Trip (see details below).

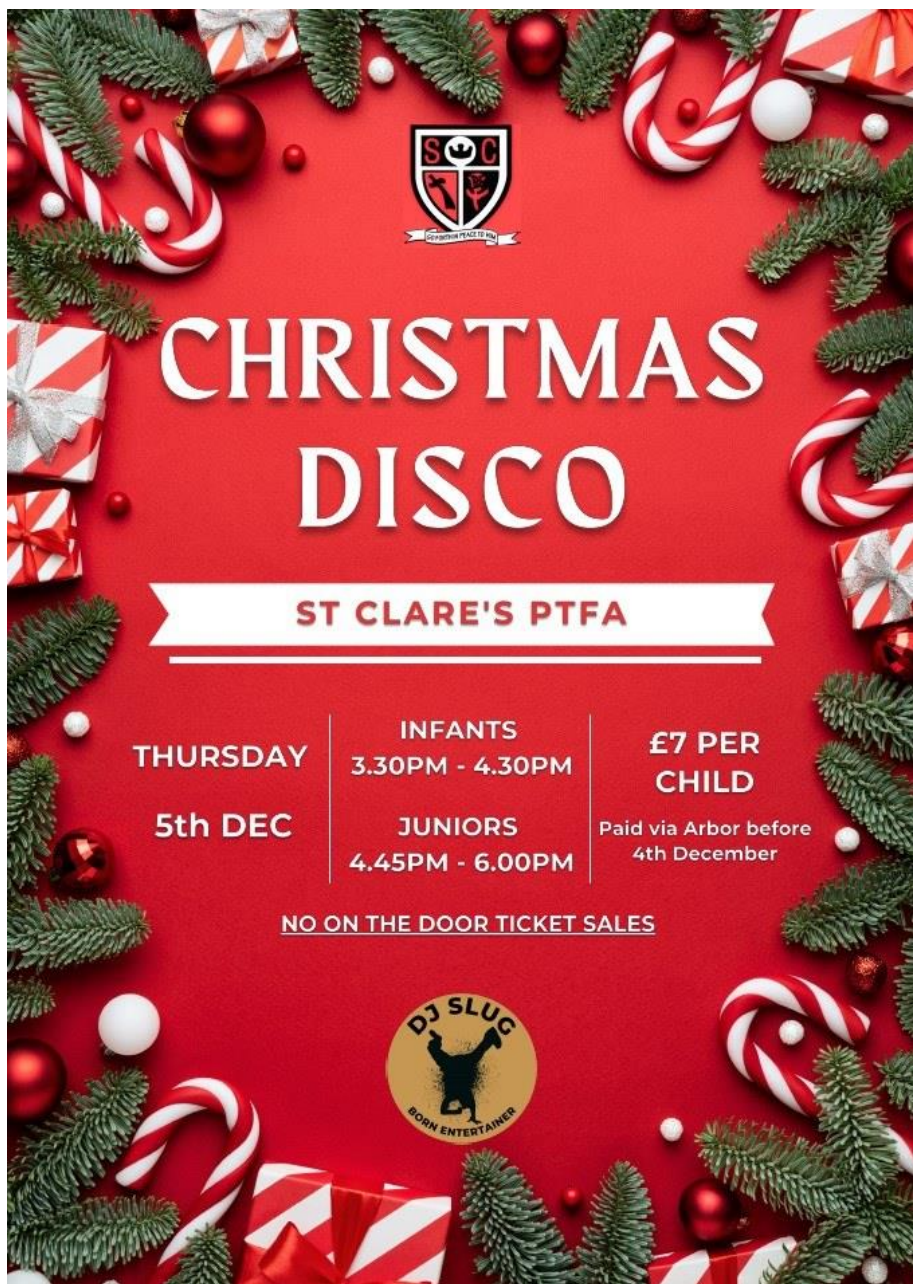
Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day.

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).



Christmas Disco - 5th December

- £7 per child will include crisp, drink and snack
- Infants 3:30pm - 4:30pm (children can bring their party clothes to school and they will change before going to the hall)
- Juniors 4:45pm - 6pm
- We have DJ slug booked for the event- Disco tickets will be on sale on Arbor (School Shop) from 22nd November.

We urgently need parents to help out and oversee the kids on the evening even if it's only for an hour or two. We need at least 10 parents to help out to run this event. If you can help out please can you contact reception and they can pass you on to the PTFA group.

Rainbow raffle

- Please can children bring into school rainbow raffle items between Dec 9th - 13th Dec

Rainbow raffle will be drawn on Christmas jumper day (Wednesday 18th December).

Little Saplings and Rowan - Pink

Willow - Purple

Beech - Blue

Pine - Green

Elder - Yellow

Cherry - Orange

Oak - Red

Christmas Jumper Swap Day

Dates TBC

Crazy Hair Day - PTFA Event



Thank you to the PTFA for arranging the 'Crazy Hair Day' event in school which saw the children and even some staff members taking part! We also can't forget to thank the parents, who more than likely spent the morning in a rush, creating the crazy hairstyles.

This event raised £175 which will go towards purchasing new iPads for the children.

School Trip



We are Preparing for a tiny adventure at the Dukes Theatre this Christmas!

This year the whole school will enjoy a trip to The Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to see the upcoming production of 'The Borrowers'.

Hidden beneath the floorboards of an empty house you'll find a peculiar miniature world that belongs to brave Arrietty and her family of Borrowers. These clever Borrowers make use of anything they find "upstairs", from buttons to biscuits and baubles.

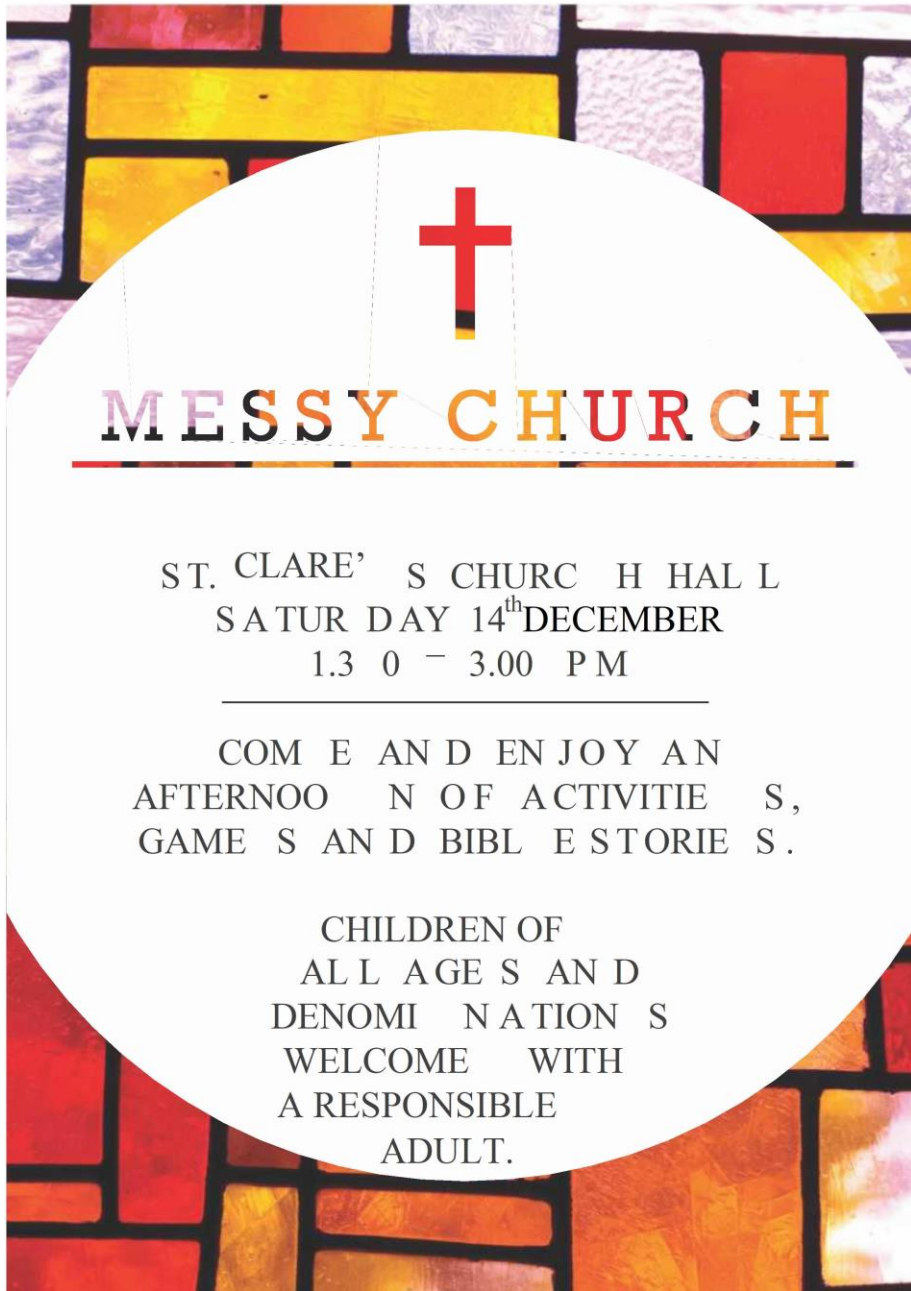
But their quiet existence is disturbed when a family of Human Beans arrives! Soon the gentle dripping of pipes is replaced by Hoovers, TV's and the sound of Slade on the radio. Arrietty is desperate to understand what life is like for the Beans upstairs and her friendship with eight year old Eddie is the opportunity to do just that.

Date: Tuesday 17th December 2024.

Cost: £16 per child. To book your child's place, please register and pay for this trip on Arbor under 'Trips'.

Please note that the whole school will be attending this trip including all staff members which means the school will be closed until we return.

Community Events



MESSY CHURCH

ST. CLARE'S CHURCH HALL
SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER
1.30 - 3.00 PM

COME AND ENJOY AN
AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES,
GAMES AND BIBLE STORIES.

CHILDREN OF
ALL AGES AND
DENOMINATIONS
WELCOME WITH
A RESPONSIBLE
ADULT.



A Three Left Feet production

CHRISTMAS TALES
with **MRS CLAUS**

1pm & 3pm, 7th & 8th December
11am & 1pm, 14th & 15th December

Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park

Scan for tickets!

www.threelleftfeet.co.uk @threelleftfeetuk info@threelleftfeet.co.uk

Christmas Tales with Mrs Claus Ticketed performances (£10 Child, £12 Adult) - available online via TryBooking 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th December (various times) Ashton Memorial, Williamson Park, Lancaster Run time: 45 minutes with 15-minute photo opportunity with Mrs Claus and Jingle the Elf included

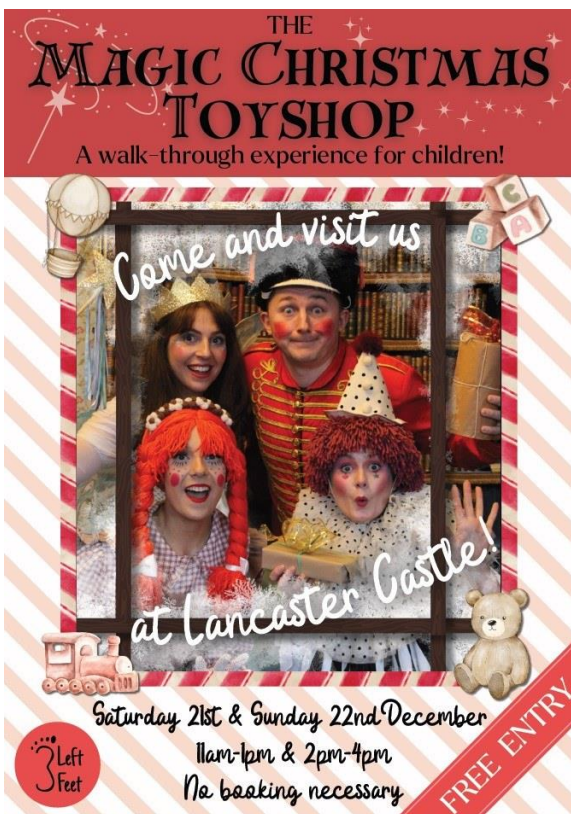
Cosy down by the fireplace surrounded by the shimmering lights of the Christmas tree for an adorable and enchanting storytelling experience that is sure to get you feeling festive! The one and only Mrs Claus has travelled all the way from the North Pole to tell you a heart-warming collection of holiday tales with the help of her favourite elf.

As you settle in for the stories, remember that Christmas is a season bursting with wonder and delightful surprises... Who knows? Just when you least expect it, things might take an unexpectedly magical turn!

This show is perfect for little ones and all those who believe.

Running time: 1 hour (including a photo opportunity)

N.b. This performance does not feature Father Christmas in person. He's a little busy preparing for the big day!



The Magic Toyshop - part of *Christmas at the Castle* Free to attend, no booking required 21st & 22nd December 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm Lancaster Castle

Step inside *The Magic Toyshop* for an exciting, immersive festive experience at Lancaster Castle this Christmas! You'll be transported back in time to a magical Victorian Toyshop where our eccentric toy maker and his larger-than-life creations cannot wait to meet you. From life-sized toy soldiers, to a ballerina in a music box, and even a song and dance by a marionette, the delights of the Magic Toy Shop will astound and amaze all who step inside.

FREE ENTRY - 11am-1pm & 2pm-4pm - Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd December

No booking necessary

*The walk-through experience should last approximately 5-10 minutes

**The experience is wheelchair accessible

***There are no products for sale, the toyshop is theatrical only

****This experience involves actors portraying toy soldiers, a jack-in-the-box, dolls, a nutcracker, a fairy, a marionette and a ballerina

St Clare's Parish Christmas Fair



Parish Christmas Fair Sunday 24th November, after 9:30 am. Mass.

We would be grateful for all donations; prizes for tombola, cakes, toys, gifts for raffle, bric a brac etc. Please start to leave any items in the Narthex. This will be a great Parish occasion.

Pre-Loved Uniform



There will be Pre-loved Uniform available on Monday and Tuesday next week under the Reception class canopy. Parents are welcome to come and help themselves. All Items will be free of charge.

Thank you to all the parents who have donated their pre-loved uniforms to the school.

Bishop's Fund Day



We raised a grand total of £500 from our Bishop's Fund Day event!

A big well done to the children for all their planning and hard work which helped in raising such a significant account.

The money raised will be going to The Metanoia Homeless Project.