

St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th September 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



Welcome back! What a lovely start to the new school year! The children have arrived back full of enthusiasm and are clearly ready for their new learning challenges. This year we will be making sure we 'let our light shine'. It is the simple things that we can do to support each other. A reassuring smile makes sure we all feel happy as we take risks in our learning. We are looking forward to a new journey and a new year as we continue to work together to make Saint Clare's a special place to learn. We know that it is important for children to settle into school life. We also know the importance of good communication between home and school. With this in mind, we have arranged our termly 'Meet the Teacher' Meeting on Thursday 12th of September at 5 pm. This meeting is for parents and is important because it provides an insight into class life and routines. You will meet the staff who will be working with your children this year and there will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have. I hope you can join the staff and I in setting out our plans for a great year of learning. This year I am delighted to welcome Mr. McDonald Romero and Mrs Henderson to our school family. I know you will make them very welcome throughout this academic year.

Finally, parking! Parking has been a consistent problem here at St. Clare's. I would ask that you work together to ensure the mornings remain smoother, the cones are there to allow the traffic to flow with our 'drop and go' system. If your child is in Year 1 and above we ask that you do use the drop and go system. By parking it results in upsetting the flow of traffic as you then try to leave. I would ask, that once your child has been picked up that you then leave the school yard to release parking space on the car park.

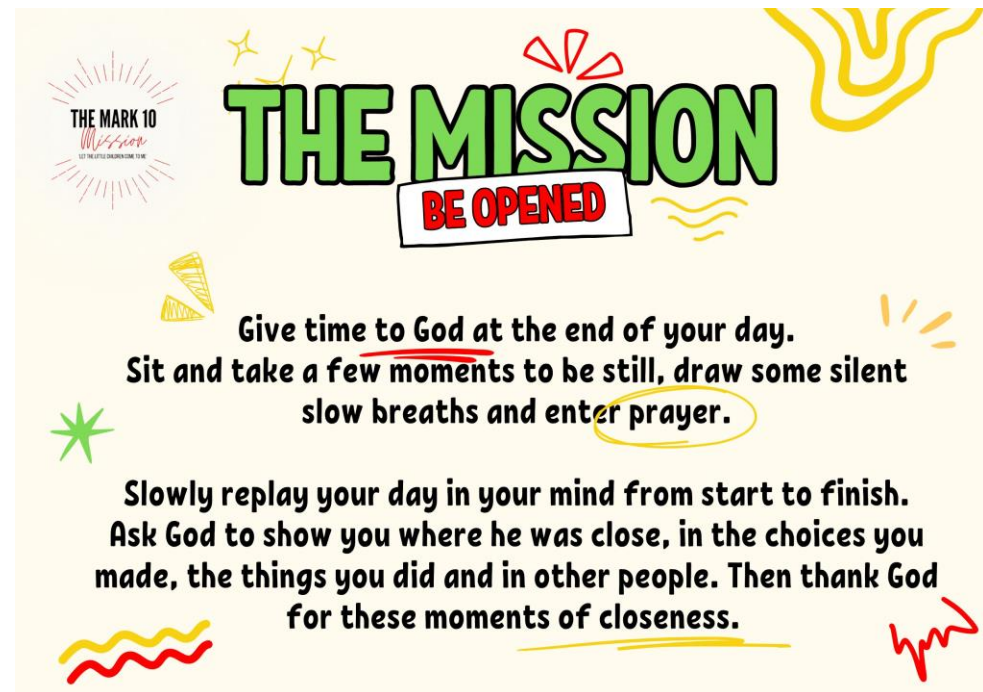
Here's to another successful year here at St Clare's.

Mrs Charnley and all the staff of Saint Clare's

"The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So, write and draw and build and play and dance and live only as you can." – Neil Gaiman

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.



Dates for your Diary



Thursday 12th September - Meet the Teacher - 5pm (School Hall).

Monday 23rd September - Year 4 Lancaster Cathedral Trip.

Tuesday 24th September - Rowan Class LEP Photos.

Wednesday 25th - Friday 27th September - Year 5 Castle Rigg residential.

Friday 27th September - Rowan Class Parents, MacMillan Coffee Morning.

Monday 30th September - Individual and Sibling School Photos.

Tuesday 1st October - School Class Photos.

Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 98.66%.

Well done to Year 2 & 4 (Beech & Elder), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 98.82%.

ABSENCE REPORTING

If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason then please call the school office and speak to a member of staff, leave a voicemail, send an email or a message via Arbor to the school. This must be done before the start of the school day which is 8:50am. You must call in everyday that your child is absent. Failure to do this will result in an unauthorised absence mark.

LATENESS

The school day start at 8:50am and we expect all children to be in school and ready for Registration at this time. Being late, not only disrupts the class but also causes problems with ordering school dinners. Those who are persistently late will be marked as such in the register and this could lead to the parents receiving a fine.

If your child is going to be late to school for a specific reason i.e. A Medical Appointment, then school need to be informed before 8:50am. This is to ensure they are given the correct mark in the register and we can put their order in for a hot dinner if needed.

Piano/ Keyboard & Voice Lessons



There are places available, for parents who want to book their child in for Piano / Keyboard or Voice lessons with Mrs. Calman. The Parental Direct Payment scheme allows parents to pay the Music Service directly for instrumental and vocal tuition. The lessons are delivered in school, Individually. If this is something you are interested in then please follow the link below which will take you to the registration page;

<https://uklancashire.speedadmin.dk/registration#/>

Brass Lessons



Brass lessons

Is your child interested in learning a brass instrument?

Many studies have proven the academic and emotional benefits learning an instrument has on young children. ***“Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for math's and science.”***

The children at St Clare’s now have the opportunity to access individual brass lessons in school. We are working in partnership with Josette Coupe who has a wealth of experience from teaching brass with the Lancashire Music Service and is passionate about teaching children to play brass instruments. The brass lessons will take place on a Wednesday during school time and will start from the 24th April.

The cost of the lessons.

Individual lessons are for 20 minutes and cost £10 per lesson. There is an additional charge of £20 per term if you would like to hire an instrument. Cash is preferred in a clearly marked envelope at the start of each half term. Alternatively, Josette’s bank details can be provided if needed. Payments will be collected at the start of each half term so the total will vary depending on how many weeks are in the upcoming half term.

How can you get involved?

If your child is interested in starting brass lessons, please return this form as soon as possible. The lessons are offered on a first come first served bases due to the number of instruments available.

If you have any questions, please see Miss Barton at the end of the school day. Thank you.

Nut Free School



Please be reminded that St Clare's is a **Nut Free School**. Our “Nut-Free Policy” means that the following items should not be brought into school under any circumstance: Packs of nuts, Peanut butter / Nutella sandwiches, or any other items that contain nuts. This is to ensure the safety of children in our school, who have very serious and life-threatening allergies.

Corpus Christi High School Open Evening Invitation



The governors, staff and pupils of Corpus Christi would like to invite Year 5 & Year 6 pupils and parents to our open evening!

This will take place on Wednesday 18th September 2023 from

6:00pm - 8:30pm.

Our Headteacher will give addresses to prospective parents from 6:15pm.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.

St Vincent's Road, Fulwood, Preston, PR2 8QY. 01772 716912

Community Events



FAMILY HUBS NETWORK

Parent Carer Voice Forum



Come and join us!

Have your say...

Friday 13th September
10:00 - 12:00
Ribbleton Family Hubs
Ribbleton Hall Drive
Preston
PR2 6EE



YOUR VOICE MATTERS

Could you spare some time a few times each year to tell us what you think about the services

Are you passionate about Family Hubs meeting the needs of the local families?

Do you want to get involved in shaping services delivered by the Children and Family Wellbeing Service?

Please contact: 01772 539444
cfwprestoncommunity@lancashire.gov.uk





Share your experience and insight of family hubs to help influence change





If you are attending with children we have craft activities available



Help us explore new initiatives that better serve our communities

Free training opportunities





Brunch provided