

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve.

Friday 19th November 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been Anti-Bullying week, so there has been a particular focus on friendship. Children from Year 2 upwards attended a workshop based on '@One Kind Word.' Thank you to everyone who sent in a donation to the Anti-Bullying Alliance. In Nursery, our children talked about why they were wearing odd socks on Monday and how, like our socks, we are all different. They related emotions attached to this to the Hindu story of Rama and Sita. They know that is better to be good and kind, than mean and horrible. Our Reception children have been busy making homes for mice! Their work is amazing – thank you to our parents for supporting this at home. Year 1 have been writing comic strips based on their class book 'Toys in Space.' Writing a diary extract based on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius has been the focus in Year 3. In science, Year 5 have been testing the best thermal insulators using different materials.

Assembly

The theme of this week's assembly was 'One Kind Word' in line with the national Anti-Bullying Week and was led by Mrs Harrison and Miss Howard. It focused on the importance of speaking kindly to each and the positive effect it has on you. This aligns with our own Catholic faith and how we should treat each other. We know we are all different and we are different for a reason. The world needs an array of people with different qualities and skills. This uniqueness should be a cause for celebration, not discrimination. We are all equally loved by God.

6F will lead our assembly on Monday and parents of the children are welcome to attend. You will be required to wear a mask.

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Cora-Rae for following the school rules and setting a good example.	Prince for excellent contribution in group times.
RH	Saffron for always having an excellent attitude towards her learning and putting her best efforts into her focused activities.	Jakub for learning to read and spell the tricky words we have been practising.
RC	Rory for making a real effort to do the right thing all week	Jaxley for being a superstar during forest school with Mrs Hattersley
Y1S	Rudi for offering such imaginative ideas on the carpet and always getting involved with class discussions!	Josephine for starting to use finger spaces independently in her writing!
Y1D	Lilith for working hard all week and being a goof role model to her peers.	George for your fantastic maths work this week.
Y2M	Uvi for starting to come out of his shell, being more independent and confident.	Elsie for her creative and imaginative writing.
Y2L	Isla for being such a good role model to all of her peers. The effort she puts into every lesson is phenomenal!	Alexis for fantastic listening and effort in drumming!

Y3M	Lewis for never giving up when working on subtraction. Well done for persevering, Lewis!	Charlie for working really hard on column addition with carrying.
Y3G	Alvaro for improved behaviour, concentration and working hard. Keep it up Alvaro!	Harry for fantastic exchanging in his maths work.
Y4RW	Millie for her fantastic attitude towards her work trying extremely hard in her reading and maths this week.	Zach - For fantastic reading this week, achieving 100% in his book of over 40,000 words.
Y4S	Rowan for always being a polite, kind and friendly member of our class. He always shows respect to everyone.	Ayesha for a brilliant start on her newspaper report.
Y5OH	Caleb who read in mass on Tuesday and did a brilliant job! He didn't allow his nerves to get in his way - well done!	Brooke for completing a fantastic poster based on the people in our community in RE this week - well done!
Y5OK	Oliver for always working extremely hard and persevering through any challenge, never giving up and having a brilliant growth mindset!	Elizabeth for writing a fantastic non-chronological report this week and using higher level punctuation- well done!
Y5H	Jake for being a perfect role model in class and writing an excellent non-chron report too.	Emmanuella for writing an excellent non-chronological report in English and always listening in class.
Y6F	Magdalena for always doing the right thing. She quietly gets on with her work and is always ready to answer questions	Finley for doing some brilliant fraction work in maths this week

Headteacher's Awards:

Olivia C in RM for trying really hard with her phonics.
 Jennifer in RM for a great mouse house.
 Delina in RC for brilliant 'Fred' talk when sounding out words.
 Tyler in 1D for working so hard independently on his comic strip.
 Oliver K in 3M for explaining the mistake Miss Meadows made in her maths calculation.
 David in 4S for a fabulous newspaper report.
 Brook in 6S for good work on adding and subtracting fractions.

Millionaire Reader

Congratulation to Paris in 5H who has already read two million words since September.
 Congratulations to Paris on this great achievement!

Attendance

Attendance this week for the whole school is 93.5% . Three classes -4S, 6F and 6S - have the best attendance this week with 97% so a huge well done to them.

Covid 19

We are still following the Covid guidelines set by the government and advice from Manchester LA. If your child develops a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or their sense of smell or taste changes, they need to take a PCR test. Your child only has to be displaying one of the three symptoms. They should not be sent into school until they have a negative PCR test or they have completed their isolation period. Children will still be sent home from school if they are displaying any of these symptoms.

We will send you a 'Warn and Inform' letter should someone in your child's class test positive for Covid.

Important new information from Manchester: As rates are increasing, Manchester have requested that we ensure that any household members who are **close contacts of a positive case in KS2**, who are exempt from isolation and are attending school **should carry out daily lateral flow testing for 10 days** after the onset of symptoms (or positive test if asymptomatic) in the case in their household, and only attend school if their lateral flow test is negative. They are also encouraged to follow national guidance for all contacts and access a PCR test. **Visitors coming into school will be required to wear masks.** This advice will be reviewed in one week.

Parents RWI session

Reception parents are invited to a Read Write Inc information session which is being presented by our Reception staff. It will give you an overview of the scheme and how you can support your child's reading at home. If you are unable to attend, please notify your child's teacher and they will send the handouts to you. The session will be hold on **Thursday 2nd December from 3.30-4.00 pm.**

Safety

As you are aware, we were notified of a possible failed abduction at a local primary school this week. Please speak to your child about 'Stranger Danger' and that they need to shout loudly if they feel anxious or afraid because of an unknown adult's actions around them. Please consider whether it is safe for your child to walk home on a pass – particularly as the dark nights draw in. Remind your children to come back into school if they walk to meet you and you are not there or they feel anxious or scared. We do not want to frighten our children, but they do need to be mindful of strangers. There is an article in the Manchester Evening News should you wish to have any further information about the incident. <https://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/police-investigating-assault-after-boy-22208767>

Support

As a school we are here to support your child academically, spiritually and emotionally. If you are in need of any support, any support at all - this could be food or clothing – you must contact us at school. We may be able to help you and will not make judgements. If we cannot help you, we know of many agencies that can offer support including our own church. Please contact Mrs Sylvester for a discrete conversation if you require support.

Christmas

Providing that government guidance doesn't change, we are hoping to welcome parents back into school for some of our Christmas celebrations.

Nursery Christmas performances – Wednesday 8th December 9.30am and 2.15pm

Reception Christmas performance – Wednesday 15th December 9.30am

Year 1 Nativity – Friday 10th December 9.30am and 2.30pm

Year 2 Christmas carols – Wednesday 15th December 2.30pm

Year 3 'I'm gonna shine' performances – Monday 13th December 2pm and Tuesday 14th December 9.30am

Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas gathering in church – Friday 17th December

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 28th November – Advent family Mass.

Tuesday 30th November – Year 1 Eureka Trip

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Howe.