

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Our School Mission Statement: Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve. Friday 29th November 2024

Friday 24th November 2023

This week, our Nursery and Reception children had the opportunity to ride balance bikes. This was to help improve their gross motor skills and coordination. In their history topic, Year 1 have been learning about their parents and grandparents’ toys to enable them to compare them to toys today. Again, in history, Year 2 have been comparing Manchester in the past to today as a prelude to their Victorian topic. Year 3, in science, have been investigating magnets in relation to what happens when two magnets with different poles meet and which objects are magnetic. As part of their science topic, Year 4 have been exploring sound and the line waves they produce. Year 5 have been looking at reversible and irreversible changes and have focused on the process of rusting this week. Year 6 had a workshop run by the University of Manchester on Wednesday linked to engineering. They had to make overhead anchors.

**Assembly**

**I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice. John 18:37**

On Sunday we celebrated the solemnity of Christ the King. In assembly, we discussed the fact that Jesus is a king very different to any other king: a king who follows God’s rules. Christ is the king of love, peace, unity, forgiveness and kindness. He did not clothe himself in expensive robes nor did he live in a luxurious palace. We too, can be like Christ by listening to his word and following his example.

**Class assembly**

We have two class assemblies next week. Class 5G will be leading our assembly on Monday 2nd December at 9.00am and 2D will be on Tuesday 3rd December at 2.30pm. You are very welcome to join us.

**Advent Prayer Packs**

The season of Advent begins this Sunday. The Mini-Clares have prepared prayer packs for you to share as a family at home. During Advent, we need to remind each other of the true meaning of Christmas – the celebration of the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We aim for each family to receive the pack, but it does need to be returned to school the next day for this to happen. Our Mini-Clares hope that you take the opportunity to pray together as a family.

**Teeny Tiny Nativity**

Following the success of this last year, we are once again asking you to create a teeny, tiny (small) Nativity scene with your child at home. We do not expect you to buy anything in order to do so, just use the empty boxes etc that you have lying around at home. The children love making things at home and bringing them into school to share. Any nativities sent into school, will be displayed around the class / school. Have fun creating!

**CARITAS**

Last Christmas, we collected a great supply of toiletries for CARITAS to support people living in Greater Manchester. They have once again asked if we can help them. We will hold an own clothes day on Friday 13th December and in return ask that you donate the following:

Nursery – pasta

Reception – rice

Year 1 – tins of beans

Year 2 – tins of vegetables (peas and carrots)

Year 3 – tins of fruit / rice pudding / custard

Year 4 – tins of potatoes

Year 5 – shower gel

Year 6 – bottles of squash / cordial

You are always so incredibly generous and kind to others, so thank you in advance. Anything that you can donate will be gratefully received.

**CAFOD**

We will also be selling raffle tickets for Christmas hampers in the run up to Christmas in aid of CAFOD.

**Chapel / prayer garden**

Our chapel / KS2 prayer garden is open each Tuesday morning before school for staff, pupils and parents to come and pray privately. Starting the day with God is beautiful. You are very welcome to pop in from 8.15am each Tuesday.

**Pupil certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement  |
| N | Zuzanna for always sitting so beautifully and ready to learn! | Haider for always joining in and trying his best!  |
| RDM | Molly Mae for brilliant effort with writing | Gerald for fantastic skills on the balance bikes |
| RS | Rocco for always offering super ideas at carpet time. | Amina for her vast improvement in Phonics! |
| Y1G | Luka for his amazing attitude to learning! He has been putting 100% effort into all activities. | Gilly for his amazing maths work which has shown in his assessments.  |
| Y1S | Aminathi for settling into our class brilliantly this week. | Olivia for creating a beautiful design in art. |
| Y2C | Patrick for super listening and concentration skills | Frank for showing off his amazing maths knowledge |
| Y2D | Cora-Rae for being a perfect role model to her peers.  | Hanna for her amazing comprehension skills.  |
| Y3F | Jennifer for really trying this week with her work. | Grace for being a superstar during our rehearsals for the nativity. |
| Y3H | Igor for using scientific language when explaining magnetism | Peter for a great improvement in the clarity of his handwriting |
| Y4H | Rayarna for always behaving beautifully and following school rules. | Luca for some great science work, including drawing a brilliant graph of results from an experiment. |
| Y4O | Henry for putting 100% into everything he does at school! | Josephine for having a brilliant understanding of volume! |
| Y5G | Evie for always contributing lots of ideas in class and for making fantastic progress in violin lessons.  | David for excellent work in geography whilst learning about migration and showing great commitment to his home reading.  |
| Y5K | Joakim for always not just doing enough and for always going above and beyond with his work and effort. | Tolani, for brilliant all round efforts and for doing very well with her assessments. |
| Y6S | Khadijah for trying her very best in all of her assessments this week and making amazing progress.  | Kyle for great work in art this week whilst making a clay heart, he supported his peers when they needed help.  |
| Y6W | Enzo for his fantastic results in his assessments this week, showing fantastic progress. | Valeria for her fantastic work effort, revising and working on things that she struggled with, resulting in fantastic assessment results. |

**Headteacher awards**

Zion in RS for singing so well in assembly.

Chidumebi in 1G for speaking loud and clear in their play rehearsals.

Sofia in 2D for always being ready to learn and trying her best.

Anna in 3H for greater confidence in speaking aloud in class.

Hillary in 4O for a great scientific explanation using appropriate vocabulary.

Dale in 5K for amazing work in English.

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas is awarded each week in recognition of someone in school who has shown kindness to others by putting love into action. This week the award goes to Tianna in 6S for being kind, thoughtful and a great role model to others.

**Attendance**



Whole school attendance this week has fallen to 93.89%. There have been lots of sickness and stomach bugs going around.

The best classes for attendance this week were 3H and 6W (again) with 98%. Well done to both classes. They will receive a longer break as a reward.

**Advanced warning of statutory assessment dates:**

Every year, schools have to carry out statutory assessments in weeks provided by the Department for Education**.**

The **Y1 phonics screening check** will be completed in school the **week commencing Monday 9th June**. Year 1 pupils and pupils in **Year 2 who did not pass the check** in Year 1 will need to be in school all week.

The **Year 4 multiplication and times table check** will also be carried out the **week commencing Monday 9th June**.

**Year 6 SATs will be completed on Monday 12th May up to and including Thursday 15th May.**

It is vital that your children are in school on these dates.

**Support**

As a school we are here for both your children and your family. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any anxieties, please get in touch with Mrs Sylvester for a private conversation. Her email address is c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk or you can ring the school number or message via the school app. If we are unable to help you, we may be able to refer you to somebody who can.

If you are struggling to buy food at the moment, please contact school. We do not want any families to go without food. We do have contact with some food banks who may be able to offer support.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please report it. You are able to refer concerns directly or you can contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. Contact details can be found below.



Wishing you a relaxing, peaceful weekend,

Mrs Howe

**Christmas dates:**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE.** *You do not require tickets for the Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Service in church, but we do ask, if you are able, to donate a tin for the parish foodbank.*

Year 2 carols – Thursday 5th December 2.15pm

Reception carols – Tuesday 10th December 2.15pm

Nursery carols – Wednesday 11th December 2.15pm

Year 1 Christmas play – Thursday 12th December 2.15pm

Year 3 Christmas play – Friday 13th December 9.30am

Music Showcase – Monday 16th December

Whole school Mass – Tuesday 17th December 9.15am

Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas service – Wednesday 18th December 9.15am

Christmas dinner / jumper day – Wednesday 18th December

Pantomimes in school and party afternoon – Thursday 19th December