

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our children have been busy again this week. Teachers have been assessing the progress that our children have made since coming back to school. Our Reception children have created videos of stories they have made up at home and shared them with their classmates. Thank you to all the parents for sharing this wonderful work via Tapestry – we have very imaginative and talented children. Year 1 have been practising their handwriting and showed me some beautiful letter formation. In Year 2 the children have been reading Handa's Surprise and tasting different fruits. We welcome back Year 5 from their period of isolation and thank all the pupils and parents for engaging with our remote learning, so that your child's learning has not been hampered.

## Assembly

This week our Chaplaincy team led our assembly and focused on the first week of Advent. They reflected on the first candle on our wreath being the candle of hope. They reminded us that Advent is a period of waiting for the birth of Jesus and they taught us about Oscar Romero being a symbol of hope for the people in El Salvador.

## Awards

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Hope for outstanding home learning.	Saffron for being an excellent help around the classroom. Ophelia for being a kind friend.
RH	Denver for always showing beautiful manners and behaviour	Lottie for incredible pencil control in tracing her name
RC	Purity for trying her best during RWI and really trying to form her sounds correctly	Alex for using his Fred fingers to write an amazing label for his model.
Y1S	Sienna for always trying her best on the carpet and contributing good ideas.	Sofia for trying so hard to write her set of instructions on how to build a rocket by herself.
Y1D	Patrini for always trying his best.	Uvie for trying hard with writing sentences in RWI.
Y2M	Poppy who has been so brave on her new start to our school.	Catherine for being super resilient and always having a go at things she finds tricky.
Y2S	Oliver K for always trying his best and setting a good example to others.	Siam for trying her best with all assessments this week.
Y3M	Holly for being a fantastic role model, always doing the right thing and putting 100% effort into her work.	Ade for persevering with his maths this week. The bus stop method can be tricky, but Ade has never given up.

Y3S	James for being kind to everyone.	Jayden for working extremely hard in all areas, especially his maths.
Y4RW	Elian for having a fantastic attitude towards learning, always showing he is happy to share what he knows with the class. Helping other children when they are struggling.	Bella for fantastic reading work this week, achieving 100% on the books she has quizzed on.
Y4B	Emilia is an absolute pleasure to have in class! Not only does she always listen, but she works so hard in every subject and is kind, respectful and positive. Emilia is a great role model for all!	Muhammed as he has tried so hard with his reading over the past few weeks and is really improving. Muhammed is challenging himself to read longer, more detailed books and is really enjoying them which is great!
Y5OH	Alfie for making brilliant progress in English and his handwriting. Well done!	Ruby for working so hard and putting a lot of effort into her work during assessment week.
Y5OK	Tomasz because he is such a kind, thoughtful and helpful classmate and has such lovely manners. He always listens carefully and tries his best and is a pleasure to have in the class.	Stephen for his improvement in reading engagement and attainment since the beginning of the year.
Y5L	Dayton for being a dedicated online learner and completing all lessons set.	Damien is fantastic on TT Rockstars and can answer almost two questions per second due to all the practicing he does. He is brilliant at his times tables and an incredible mathematician.
Y6F	Ashley for putting a smile on everyone's face in class with her joyous personality	Luke for trying his best in his assessments and doing well in his maths assessment
Y6H	Chloe for being an amazing and supportive friend to another pupil in PE, cheering him along, it was lovely to see.	Ryan who blew me away with his incredible score on his reading paper.
Y6D	Olly for always being courteous and showing lovely manners.	Thomas for his fantastic contribution to our Xenotransplantation debate last week. His points were well-explained and eloquently delivered.

**Headteacher's Award this week go to Yvette in Y5O for amazing writing across a variety of genres.**

Well done to all our learners this week - you are all fabulous!

### **Covid 19**

We are very mindful about the procedures for you to inform school **if your child tests positive for Covid out of school hours – in the evening, weekend or in the holidays** – please email [covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk) Please note staff will only respond to you out of school hours if your child has tested positive to Covid.

If your child develops a cough in the evening or over the weekend, please arrange for them to have a Covid test. Do not send them into school because if they were to test positive, it would result in the

closure of the class and fourteen days isolation for the children. Children have to stay at home and are not allowed out (except in their garden) if they are isolating.

Thank you to all the parents who are now wearing face masks when dropping off and collecting your children. We have some anxious parents and staff, so please continue to support us in this request.

### **Christmas Fun**

During the last week of this term we are hoping to have some Christmas fun and spread some Christmas cheer. The children will be making some Christmas crafts and we will be sending letters, pictures and cards to a residential care home in Mossley and our elderly parishioners. The children will be having their Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December followed by an online pantomime. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December we will be attending a virtual Mass and in the afternoon it will be the Christmas party. On Friday we are hoping to watch a Christmas 'showcase' where the children will hear the Christmas story told by our pupils and each year group will sing a Christmas carol. Due to current restrictions, the 'showcase' will be very different this year, but I am sure that it will be beautiful and still very special. As usual, school will close earlier on Friday. All classes that begin school at 8.45 am will finish on at 1.15pm, whilst classes that start at 9.00am will finish at 1.30pm. This is to maintain our staggered finish times.

### **Christmas Cards**

If your child wishes to send Christmas cards to the other children in their class, please ensure that they are brought into school by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the latest**. No cards will be accepted after this date. All the cards will be left in a box over the weekend and teachers will give them out on either Monday 14<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Christmas gifts**

Due to the Covid restrictions we have in place in school, we are politely requesting that you do not send in any gifts for the staff this Christmas. This year has been harsh for many families and we feel that if you wanted to buy a gift, perhaps you would consider donating to a charity or food bank instead.

### **Christmas Jumper Day**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day. We thought it would be a lovely idea if, in return for wearing a Christmas jumper, the children donated an item of food for the parish foodbank. That way we are living out our Mission of being guided by Christ and showing love and care to others.

### **Attendance**

Whole school attendance for this week is 96% which is slightly down on previous weeks. Year 2S have an amazing 100% attendance this week. Well done!

### **Punctuality**

In order to keep children safe on the premises, we will be locking the doors and gates on the Key Stage 1 site at 9 o'clock. If your child starts school at 8.45am, the classroom door will be open from 8.35am for you to drop your child off. Lessons in these classes start at 8.45am. If you have other children in the school who start at 9.00am, you can drop them off at 8.45am too. If your child is late for the 8.45 start, they will need to register at the main reception. Please do not knock on the classroom door as you will be disturbing learning. If your child is in Key Stage 1 and starts at 9.00am, the classroom door will be open from 8.50am in order for you to drop your child off. It will be closed

at 9.00am and lessons will commence. If you are late, the gates and doors will be locked and you will need to register your child at the main reception in the Key Stage 2 building. Being on time for the start of the school day is vital in order for the children to maximise their learning.

### **Parking**

We have received a couple of complaints from residents on Boothroyden Road about parking when collecting children. The residents state that a few parents are parking on the yellow zig-zag lines which are there to help keep our children safe. I know that the vast majority of people are very mindful about where they park, but we do not want anybody injured as a result of inconsiderate parking. Please refrain from parking in this area and from blocking access to driveways. Thank you for your support in this matter.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend and that you keep safe,

Mrs Howe