

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 3rd December 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

We had some very excited children this week at St Clare's when we were treated to some Christmas snow! Lots of 'naughty' elves have descended into classrooms too and began their mischief. I caught one hanging from a projector and one had written a letter threatening to eat somebody's lunch! In Nursery, the children have been busy making calendars for next year focusing on the four seasons – the snow was a bonus for their photographs. Year 1 had a fabulous day out at Eureka this week. They were eager to tell me about the Gross Lab where they were 'grossologists' making sick, poo and snot – the children's words not mine! It caused laughter. Year 3 have an Act of Kindness Advent Calendar which they will be completing each day in Advent. On Thursday, some staff and pupils from Our Lady's came to teach the Year 5 children their own version of 'Walking in a Winter Wonderland.' The children learnt Makaton to go with the lyrics. The song has been recorded and will be available on our website for you to watch.

Assembly

“Stand tall, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.” Luke 21: 25 – 28, 34 – 36

We entered the first week of Advent this week and it began beautifully with our Year 3 children, who are on their Sacramental journey, attending the family Mass in church.

Our whole school assembly also focused on Advent too. In it, our children were reminded that Jesus will come back again, and we must be ready to meet Him! Through the story of a father and son team overcoming challenges despite disability, children learnt about the importance of standing tall and responding to difficulties with strength and courage.

On **Monday 6th December our Mini-Clare's** will be leading our Advent assembly at 9.10am. Parents are welcome to join us, but you will need to wear a mask whilst in school.

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Frankie for always making good choices and being a super star!	Macey for being a wonderful, kind friend.
RM	Antoni for writing super addition and subtraction sentences.	Aubree for being a very kind and helpful friend when she didn't realise anyone was watching.
RC	Jaxon for always trying his best when working with Mrs Johnson	Keriane for writing an amazing story independently
Y1S	Poppy T for thinking outside the box on our school trip to Eureka!	Daniel for producing a superb recount this week.
Y1D	Amelia for your super attitude to learning both in school and on our school trip.	Luca for working hard to get a fantastic score on your maths test.
Y2M	Pheobe for her amazing arithmetic skills in her Maths assessment! You have blown my socks off!	Dolcie for putting a super effort into writing her narrative this week! Well done!
Y2L	Ludiana for always being so kind. She has a heart of gold!	Phoebe for amazing results on her maths assessments.
Y3M	Oliver K for his enthusiasm for learning. I can always count on him to be ready, eager and joining in with everything we do.	Liam for being much more willing to speak in class and volunteer answers. He has such a fantastic growth mindset. Well done.

Y3G	Cassius for a super week! He has an improved attitude and is working so hard throughout all subjects. Keep it up Cassius!	Cora for a wonderful diary entry as part of her homework. It was lovely to read and you used lots of writing features to make it as interesting as possible. Well done Cora!
Y4RW	Emmanuella for having a fantastic attitude towards school and her reading, constantly challenging herself to do better.	Anna for producing a fantastic letter in geography about different geographical features.
Y4S	Amaya for putting 100% effort into everything she does. She is always trying her best and you can see it in all the wonderful work she produces.	Ikemba for fabulous maths this week, he did so well in his assessments!
Y5OH	Caleb for doing amazing in his maths assessment this week! He could teach the class!	Evie May for trying so hard this week in everything she does.
Y5OK	Amelia for trying really hard to make good choices and for making a conscious effort to listen and do the right thing - keep it up!	Woody for showing brilliant perseverance and resilience this week completing his assessments - well done!
Y5H	Harrison C for always listening in class and being a role model for the children around him.	Kaiden for trying really hard in his English to improve his presentation and sentence structure.
Y6F	Wiktoria for always being amazing, reading, homework, and all her work done to the very best standard	Tomasz for writing an amazing balanced argument on xenotransplantation
Y6H	Daniel for always getting on with his work quietly, and trying hard in everything he does.	Sophie for making a beautiful kindness Advent calendar in RE.
Y6S	Celestyn for always having a positive attitude, he never fails to brighten up our day in 6S.	Emme for her fantastic diagram of a heart in science.

Headteacher's Awards:

Daylia for being so brave and walking with a boot on.

Denver in 1D for making an amazing rocketship.

Jovi and Ava in 2M for being ready to learn – one of our school rules.

Jagger in 3G for sharing why his book is so good with me.

Dacee, Denis and Zachary in 5O for leading their class in the Makaton actions.

Attendance

Attendance this week for the whole school is 92.5% which is below our expectations. Colds and bugs seem to have got the better of us this week. 1D has the best attendance this week with 96.8%. Well done to them!

Lunch boxes

Please can I ask you to be mindful of what you put into your child's lunch boxes. Staff are reporting that some children have too many sugary treats to eat. We want to encourage healthy eating and for the children to understand the need for a healthy diet. Small treats are part of a balanced diet in moderation. **May I also remind you that we are a nut free school**, so please check ingredients before sending food items into school.

Raffle Tickets

Our church is unable to hold a Christmas Fair this year, but they are still organising a raffle. They have asked that we help them with this fundraiser as we do each year. Each child has brought a book of raffle tickets home today which we would ask you to buy. They cost £1 for the book. Thank you for your support with this. Our parish church funds have helped us to support families in need from our school this year for which we are very grateful.

Behaviour Policy

We have updated our behaviour policy and now focus on three easy to remember rules which are: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe. Although the rules are simple, they cover a lot of different aspects of school life for example:

Be ready:

Children are to attend school on time.
Children are to be wearing the correct uniform.
Children are to be ready to learn with the correct resources / equipment.
Children have positive attitude and show determination and resilience.
Children are ready to be the best person they can be.

Be respectful:

Children are polite to everyone.
Children display good manners
Children listen to everyone and respect the views of others.
Children follow teacher's instructions immediately and sensibly.
Children respect the property of others
Children respect and care for the school environment.

Be safe:

Children follow rules and routines for health and safety.
Children have kind hands, kind feet and kind words.
Children ensure that they stay in supervised areas.
Children act as a positive role model and question 'What would Jesus do?'

The policy is available for you to read on our school website:

<https://www.st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/our-school/essential-information/policies>

Covid 19

Covid restrictions were changed by the government this week due to the new variant.

If you come into school at all, even to our reception desk, you must wear a face covering unless you are exempt from doing so. If you come into contact with anyone who tests positive with the new Omicron variant, you must isolate for 10 days irrespective of your vaccination status.

We are also being asked to carry out daily lateral flow tests if you are a close contact of anyone else who is Covid positive, even if you are double jabbed.

Please remember that 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.

Parents RWI session

Thank you to all the parents who have attended our Read Write Inc sessions. I hope that you have found them useful and informative.

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 Performances and Safety

Providing that government guidance doesn't change, we are hoping to welcome parents back into school for some of our Christmas celebrations. In order to keep everyone as safe as possible, there will be measures put in place for attendance at school events:

- Tickets will be limited and issued for all in school events, so that we can welcome you as safely as possible. **WE WILL ONLY BE ALLOWING ONE TICKET PER CHILD FOR MOST OF THE EVENTS. YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE PREMISES WITHOUT A TICKET.** You will receive information about how to book a ticket on the school gateway app.
- There will be a choice of two dates for most events to limit numbers.
- All visitors must wear a face covering whilst in school unless you are exempt.
- We will ask you to sanitise your hands on entry to the building.
- Windows will be kept open to improve ventilation.
- We ask that you do NOT enter the school premises if you are unwell or displaying any of the 3 main Covid symptoms.
- We encourage you to do a lateral flow test prior to coming to watch a performance.

Our little Christmas stars will be performing on the following dates:

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

Reception Christmas performance – Wednesday 15th December 9.30am

Thursday 16th December 9.30am

Year 1 Nativity – Friday 10th December 9.30am and 2.00pm **THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 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 9.15 am. **THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM 9.30am**

Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas gathering in church – Friday 17th December 9.30am

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 30th November – Year 1 Eureka Trip.

Tuesday 14th December - EYFS / Key Stage 1 pantomime in school

Tuesday 14th December – Key Stage 2 pantomime at the Opera House. **Please note we will not be back until at least 4.15pm**

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas dinner. Children may wear a Christmas jumper today.

Thursday 16th December – party afternoon. Children may come in their own clothes.

Monday 20th December – Music Showcase 9.30am

Tuesday 21st December – Whole school Mass 9.15am

Tuesday 21st December – finish for Christmas at 1.15pm

I hope that you all have a great weekend,

Mrs Howe.