

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 11th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week, we have been living out our 5Ws (welcome, word, worship, witness and welfare.) All classes have either written a letter or made a card /picture that will be sent to Sandon House Care Home in Mossley or to one of our parishioners. We are hoping to bring some cheer to those in society who may have felt isolated and alone during the pandemic. We want to reach out to them and show them our love, just as Jesus would have done.

Assembly

This week our Assembly focused on the second Advent candle on our wreath – the candle of peace. The story of Michael Morpurgo's 'The Best Christmas Present in the Word' was retold which tells of the memorable Christmas Day during World War 1 when the soldiers stopped fighting; met in No-man's land; and played a game of football. We also watched the Sainsbury's Christmas advert which re-enacted the same story. We reflected on the fact that even in the most difficult situations we need to find peace and that we should be seeking peace in our lives. Christ is our guiding light.

Awards

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Pixie Ella for working hard during group carpet times	Pippa for brilliant home learning Joy for great rhyming work in phonics
RH	George for excellent behaviour during assembly	Ranveer for much better listening during phonics sessions
RC	Ellah for being a super role model on the carpet every day and always following our golden rules	Hillary for some amazing independent writing
Y1S	Yoel for always trying his best no matter what.	Jeffrey for becoming more and more independent with his writing in class.
Y1D	Lacey and Mustafa for trying hard in Read Write Inc.	
Y2M	Harry for always showing good listening.	Ava- Grace for trying super hard in Numeracy.
Y2S	Oliver L for fantastic reading this week.	Liam for writing a fantastic narrative in literacy this week.
Y3M	John Joe for making a fantastic effort with his reading and making a lot of progress since September.	Ayesha for exemplifying the 5Ws and always making sure that she is welcoming to others and showing people really what it means to live in Christ's light.

Y3S	Etinosa for always being a kind friend and being very helpful towards everyone and myself	Harris for a really beautiful piece of writing this week for his newspaper report of the eruption of Vesuvius
Y4RW	Bella for always having a positive attitude towards school. For working hard and being a good friend. Creating a fun atmosphere in the classroom.	Caleb for his incredible achievement in his maths assessment, applying multiple areas of his understanding to answer the questions.
Y4B	Praise as she listens all of the time, works so hard and always has a big smile on her face! Praise is a delight to have in class :)	Bailey as he always tries his best! His hard work is paying off as he is making great progress in maths, literacy and reading. He is becoming more confident and wants to learn and improve which is lovely to see!
Y5OH	Lee for being driven in every aspect of school life and is always on task. He is a delight to have in the classroom!	Finnlay for having a busy week catching up on assessments and producing a fantastic diary entry!
Y5OK	Magdalena is a kind, thoughtful and considerate classmate with lovely manners who is a great support to her talk partner and she is always very helpful in the class.	Riley for the brilliant work he's been doing in maths, particularly the problem solving activities he's been completing.
Y5L	Jakub as he showed great resilience when working from home, as he struggled to use google classroom but didn't give up.	Rory has had excellent results in his SPAG and spelling assessments and deserves recognition for his hard work. I am so proud of him!
Y6F	Patricia who is a wonderful child to have in class, always polite and well-mannered	Stephen who has been really impressive in maths lessons, contributing and explaining his answers using correct vocabulary
Y6H	Isabelle who is an absolute star, always willing to help, and treats everyone with respect.	Braiden for having such enthusiasm for Science and always doing so well.
Y6D	Alesha for always taking pride in the quality and presentation of her work in every subject.	Ashley for wonderful Year 6 writing. Her balanced argument was an absolute pleasure to read!

Headteacher's Award this week go to Isla in Y1S for super handwriting; Bryn and Racquel in Nursery for being kind friends; Sam in Y6H for impeccable manners; and Joshua Y6F for impressive writing.

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

Covid 19

We have set up a separate email address for if your child test positive for Covid out of school hours (in the evening, weekend or during the holidays.) Please message covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk.

Christmas Week at St Clare's

The children will be taking part in many Christmas activities over the course of next week including:

Wednesday 16th December – Christmas dinner followed by an online pantomime.

Thursday 17th December – Mass in the morning and a class Christmas Party in the afternoon.

Friday 18th December – children to watch the Christmas ‘showcase.’

School closes at 1.15pm for classes who start school at 8.45am **and 1.30pm** for classes who start school at 9.00am

Christmas Cards

The Christmas cards that your children have brought into school for their classmates will be distributed early next week by the teachers.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported Christmas Jumper Day and brought in an item of food for the food bank. All donations will be given to our parish to distribute.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 97.5%. Years 1D and 6F have a tremendous 100% attendance this week. What a remarkable achievement!

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.

Swimming

We are intending for Year 4 to begin their swimming sessions after the Christmas break. The year 4 classes will be attending lessons every other week for one hour, rather than half an hour each week. I will be in touch with further details. The swimming baths have a strict risk assessment in place.

In keeping with the theme of this week's assembly, I wish you all a peaceful weekend,

Mrs Howe