

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 10th December 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Well the weather has certainly become more wintery this week ready for the Christmas period. School has definitely had a festive feel to it as the final preparations were made to costumes and children perfected their lines and singing. We have been treated to some of our younger children telling us the Christmas story this week. Nursery were amazing at their rendition of A Phonic Christmas Story. To think that they could speak and sing so confidently at three years old is brilliant. Year 1 took to the stage on Friday morning to tell us the story of Angel Express. They were also wonderful and showed what a group of talented children we have here at St Clare's. We are very proud of them all as I am sure you are too. We look forward to seeing the rest of our talented children next week (restrictions permitting!)

Assembly

On Monday, our Mini-Clares led our assembly. They explained the significance of the Advent wreath to us. The leaves are green because God's love is ever-lasting. The wreath is circular because God loves knows no end. The candles all represent different things – hope, joy, love and peace – and is how we should behave during this period of waiting. The children were confident and sang the Advent hymn 'When is He coming' beautifully. Thank you Mini-Clares.

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	All of nursery for being so amazing in our Nursery Nativity performances!	
RC	Luca for always being ready on the carpet and always trying his best!	Hope for trying her best during our nativity practise
RM	Carter H for excellent behaviour and patience during our Christmas performance practise.	Jacob K for working very hard to build CVC words with the magnetic letters.
Y1D	Blessing for always being so helpful around the classroom.	Logan for always completing your work to the best of your ability.
Y1S	Elijah B for always being a kind friend	Nylah for producing an excellent piece of writing about our trip to Eureka.
Y2L	Max for coming back to school with a great attitude and getting stuck in to learning.	Jack for fantastic writing! Jack has been putting extra effort into all subjects and it is really showing in his work.
Y2M	Lilly for always trying her best in everything she does including beautiful presentation.	Arwaa for growing in confidence in maths and not being afraid to give things a go.
Y3G	Logan for always trying his best and having a brilliant attitude in class. You are a great role model in Class 3G!	Karis for being a star performer in our Nativity. You have worked hard to learn your lines and songs and it really shows. Well done Karis!
Y3M	Sam, for working really hard in his writing and uplevelling sentences.	Ramani for speaking really clearly in our Nativity practices.
Y4RW	Rosalie for thoroughly impressing me this week in everything she has done. She has produced fantastic work and had a fantastic attitude.	Etinosa for fantastic work in science this week, investigating how different vibrations make different sounds.
Y4S	Evie-Mai, for a fabulous attitude this week.	Oliver Mc, for producing fantastic work this week. He always tries his best in everything he does.
Y5H	Ella for fantastic singing in our practices and in all of our assemblies.	Zayn for doing fantastic work in maths and always getting almost every question correct.
Y5OH	Maddison for amazing singing and actions throughout the week for our Christmas concert!	Mohammed for brilliant pronunciation in our Spanish lesson on the weather!

Y5OK	Lily for always having such a lovely positive attitude towards everything she does and for producing fantastic work in all her lessons.	Sonny for fantastic work in science, investigating different techniques to separate different mixtures including sieving, filtering and evaporation.
Y6F	Ese for always trying her best and presenting her work neatly all the time.	Danny for trying really hard to make sure his work is neat, and trying his best especially in writing.
Y6H	Lucy for always behaving perfectly and being such a superstar.	Jakub U for trying really hard in maths, and having a good attitude to his learning.
Y6S	Billy for having a lovely positive attitude to his learning.	Lincoln for trying his best with his maths this week, he always puts in 100% and his enthusiasm is lovely to see.

Headteacher's Awards:

Julia in RM for making a beautiful Christmas tree for the class.

Frankie in 1S for being so confident in the Nativity.

Jack M in 4RW for being so enthusiastic about every thing and always being happy.

Cassius in 3G for already completing 54 quizzes on Accelerated Reader.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 94.8% which is an improvement on last week. Both 2L and 3M had the best attendance with 97.9%. Well done to both classes!

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. **The draw will take place after Mass on Sunday 12th December.**

Behaviour Policy

I am very proud of the children in our school and on the whole we have wonderful behaviour. We have recently updated our policy and you can access it via the link:

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

Covid 19

Covid restrictions were changed by the government again this week.

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. If you are a contact of anyone who is Covid positive, you should do daily lateral flow tests.

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. **Please consider doing a lateral flow test on your child if they are unwell. A child who has tested positive this week displayed no symptoms whatsoever and just felt a bit unwell.**

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

We welcomed some parents into school this week to watch some of our younger children perform their Christmas stories. We are hoping to continue with a limited audience next week too. 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.**
- 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:

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. Please ensure that your children are in school for 8.50am to get ready as we have to leave school early for the Christmas pantomime in Manchester.**

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

Dates for your diary:

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

Wishing you all a lovely and safe weekend,

Take care

Mrs Howe.