 

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 9th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Christmas has certainly descended on St Clare’s this week, as has the cold weather. We have had some brilliant performances this week from various classes including Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 3. The children (and staff) have worked very hard to learn lines, songs and actions and I am sure that you will agree they were amazing. We have some very talented children in our school. Thank you for joining our celebrations. We also had our Christmas jumper day today – the children were very excited and proud showing us their Christmas tops.

Besides rehearsing, the children have still been working on different subjects. Nursery have been learning about the many ways you can represent the number two. In Reception, the children have been exploring the language of capacity in maths. Year 1 have painted a picture showing the Visitation expressing the feelings of both Mary and Elizabeth. Year 2 have held a debate about the advantages and disadvantages of the Industrial Revolution in Manchester. In art, Year 3 have been looking at how Monet uses colour in his artwork. Year 4 have been multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 this week in maths. As part of their science topic, Year 5 have been investigating rust by placing nails in various liquids to see the effect. Year 6 have been looking at human and physical features in geography.

**Assembly**

The focus for the assemblies this week has been on the fact that God is the best listener. We do not need to shout or cry out loud for Him to hear us. God will hear the silent prayer from a sincere heart. The children were reminded of Pope John Paul – the great communicator - and how we can all listen with our ears, our eyes and our hearts during this season of Advent.

**Pupil Certificates**

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| 9/12/22 | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Ella for trying really hard in everything she does. | Eryn for growing in confidence this week and coming into school so well. |
| RBD | Frankie for always being ready to learn and setting a perfect example to all of his friends. | Nellie-Lou for some outstanding independent writing this week! |
| RS | Milena for being such a kind friend | Rowan for trying hard in phonics with his letter formation |
| 1D | Grace for being so confident with your lines in our Christmas show. | Kian for having the confidence to try something new. |
| 1G | Rehoboth for brilliant singing and acting in the nativity. | Oscar for being so confident with his lines in our nativity! |
| 2C | Amber for being such a smiley and caring member of our class | George for trying extra hard with his letter formation- keep it up! |
| 2O | Josephine for being so kind and caring to everyone in our class. | Poppy T for taking part in our class discussions in RE and sharing some wonderful ideas. |
| 3A | Annie for always being a kind girl with a huge smile on her face | Toby for sharing some fantastic ideas during our class discussions for a newspaper report this week |
| 3K | Archie for always trying his best and giving 100% into everything that he does in class. | Daniel for some very impressive and accurate work in Maths, revising place value. |
| 4H | Tope for working really hard and trying his best in class. | Ryan McDonagh for trying really hard in his writing this week and always helping his table. |
| 4S | Siam for always giving 100% in all of her work and being a kind and generous friend to everyone in our class. | Zion for trying really hard with his reading this week. |
| 5G | Evie Mai for a great attitude to learning in and out of school: consistently working hard to learn her spellings each week and improving her reading. | Orlaigh for some excellent descriptive writing about our class book Kensuke's Kingdom. |
| 5W | Daniel for always giving 100% in every lesson. | Scarlett for fantastic writing for her homework and amazing pieces of work in every lesson this week. |
| 6F | Maisie has shown what a great pupil she has this week! Especially is Spanish where she is impressing Mr Sabatel on a weekly basis | Brooke for writing an excellent balanced argument this week on xenotransplantation. |
| 6H | Denis C for making a huge effort in class and answering lots of insightful questions in class discussion. | Ella for  making a super effort in maths and getting onto the super challenges! |
| 6S | Ollie for always having a positive attitude, and trying his best in everything that he does. | Ruby Jo for an amazing double page spread on the heart and the circulatory system in science. |

**Headteacher awards**

Ivy in Nursery for a great performance in the Christmas Phonics show.

Lexi in RBD for great progress in all areas of learning.

Jennifer in 1D for over-coming her fears about performing in front of others and doing it so brilliantly.

Frankie in 2O for being so helpful in fastening up children’s zips on their coats in the cold weather.

Lennon in 3A for enthusiastic singing in the Christmas Nativity and an improved attitude.

Eisha in 5W for working hard, forming good friendships and being a welcome addition to St Clare’s.

Brooke in 6S for writing a good balanced argument on xenotransplantation.

**Caritas Award**

This week the award goes to Oliver in 4S for being so caring. He asked a member of staff if they needed a hug.

**Christmas Raffle**

We have had an amazing response to our Christmas raffle. There are some fabulous prizes. Thank you for your generosity. So far, we have raised £620 which is amazing. We will make the draw on Monday 12th December. Good luck everyone!

**Attendance**

Attendance this week is 92.6% which is a slight improvement on last week’s data.

The best class this week is 4S again with 99%. Well done to 4S who get an extra five minutes play.

**Reconciliation**

Congratulations to the children in 3K who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Class 3A will make theirs next week with a rehearsal on Wednesday 14th and the Sacrament on Thursday 15th December.

**Christmas dates**

I know that many of you will want to join your children in their Christmas performances, so I am giving you advanced warning of the dates:

Tuesday 13th December – **Reception** performances at 9.30am and 2.15pm

Wednesday 14th December – **Year 2** Christmas carols 2.30pm

Friday 16th December – **Years 4, 5 and 6** Christmas service in church 9.30am

Monday 19th December – Key Stage 2 music showcase 9.30am

In addition to our performances, there are other events for the children linked to our Christmas festivities:

Wednesday 14th December – Christmas dinner

Monday 19th December – Beauty and the Beast Christmas pantomime for EYFS and Key Stage 1 in school

Key Stage 2 party afternoon

Tuesday 20th December – Beauty and the Beast Christmas pantomime for Key Stage 2 in school

EYFS and Key Stage 1 party afternoon

**Christmas whole school Mass – Tuesday 20th December 9.15am. You are welcome to join us.**

**Help from Manchester libraries**

Any Manchester resident (over 18 years) who is struggling to pay for data on their device can now get a free SIM that comes loaded with free data! SIMs come with free internet access for a total of 6 months, no monthly top up required. All you have to do is call into your local library. Find out more and how to claim your SIM at the Lets get digital Manchester site

Free warm spaces in libraries across Manchester: Every library in Manchester is a ‘warm space’, a free, safe place where residents can come in and stay warm all day in a welcoming, inclusive environment. Our libraries are packed full of resources and support for all ages:

* Free, self-service hot drinks
* Comfortable seating and welcoming spaces
* Free Internet
* Free Wifi
* Newspapers
* Information and advice
* Staff who can signpost to other support agencies
* Digital drop-ins one day a week
* Under 5s story times once a week at 11am (ask your local library for more details).

**Support**

We know that families may experience difficult times and difficult situations throughout a year, especially with the cost of living increase. We are here to support you in any way we can - should you need it. If you are experiencing any financial or other worries, please get in touch. If we are unable to help you, we may know of a group who can help. Please contact Mrs Sylvester at school for a discrete conversation if you require some support.

Manchester City Council have a webpage called Helping Hands which is a helpful pocket guide for residents of Manchester containing information on the support available to those who may need help and advice.  [Help with the cost of living crisis | Manchester City Council](https://www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands) There are two other sources of information that you may find useful:

Manchester City Council information about [Council support if you're in financial difficulty](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.manchester.gov.uk%2FFinancialSupport&data=05%7C01%7Cmarie.hall%40manchester.gov.uk%7Ca4aa4f0c9a134ec12e8408da868c0750%7Cb0ce7d5e81cd47fb94f7276c626b7b09%7C0%7C0%7C637970233215899576%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=5J1%2BI4tIlhc%2BxwRIYuQtUI6EgZDycNN%2Fn2HbMi6SbMA%3D&reserved=0)

Information on wider support - [Help with the cost of living crisis | Manchester City Council](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.manchester.gov.uk%2FHelpingHands&data=05%7C01%7Cmarie.hall%40manchester.gov.uk%7Ca4aa4f0c9a134ec12e8408da868c0750%7Cb0ce7d5e81cd47fb94f7276c626b7b09%7C0%7C0%7C637970233215899576%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=cUIFB%2F9glR%2BEyOVOeflqXAXqnEB9NHL1DU5xPfC6w5g%3D&reserved=0)

**Manchester City Council Cost of Living Advice Line**

To support Manchester residents through the cost-of-living crisis, Manchester City Council will be providing an advice line that will offer:

1. Support with benefits and help with your rent (this is an existing offer made available through the contact centre)

2. Advice about debt and paying bills (this will be done in conjunction with Citizen Advice Manchester)

3. Food support (residents will receive a call back to understand their needs and connected into a local food offer)

4. Support getting online (residents will be linked in with the Council’s digital inclusion team)

**By Phone:** The advice line can be accessed via a free phone number **0800 023 2692**. The line will be open 9:00-4:30 Monday to Friday. Agents on the phone line will have access to language line for those residents whose first language is not English. **Sign Video** will also be available for residents who may require this facility.

**On line:** An on line form will be available at <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands> for those who do not wish to contact by phone. The advice line will also have its own web page that will have links to information of how residents are able to access support. <https://www.manchester.gov.uk/helpinghands>

**Upcoming dates:**

Monday 19th December – Christmas music showcase 9.30am

Tuesday 20th December – Christmas Mass 9.15am

Wednesday 21st December – finish for Christmas at 1.15pm

Monday 9th January – re-open for the spring term at 8.50am

I hope that you all have a great weekend,

Take care

Mrs Howe.