

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Our School Mission Statement: Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve. Friday 10th January 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

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Welcome back and to the start of another new year. We hope that you have enjoyed the holiday period. We wish you all a very happy, healthy and peaceful new year.

Our nursery children have started a new topic on ‘My World and Beyond.’ This week they have learning about Arctic animals and where they live and how water freezes. In their ‘Pirate’ topic, Reception have been acting out the story of ‘Captain Yellowbelly: The Tale of the Terrible Pirate. Year 1 have started their ‘Hot and Cold’ geography topic and have been keeping a weather diary for Manchester. It has been cold!

Year 3 have been looking at how historians found out about the Stone Age through archaeology. In history, Year 4 have been learning about when and why the Vikings invaded Britain. Year 5 are learning about how to write biographies in English and started the topic with a ‘Let’s Say’ story telling activity. As part of their World War 2 topic, Year 6 read ‘Dear Mum, I miss you’ to help them understand what it was like to be an evacuee in the war.

**Family Mass**

There is a family Mass on Sunday at 10.30am in church. Children on the Sacramental Programme are expected to attend.

**Chapel / prayer garden**

Our chapel / KS2 prayer garden is open each Tuesday morning before school for staff, pupils and parents to come and pray privately. Starting the day with God is beautiful. You are very welcome to pop in from 8.15am each Tuesday.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Mayah for being really engaged during our carpet sessions and for having some amazing ideas. | Jesse B for trying really hard to write some letters in his name |
| RDM | Hamdala for fantastic effort and attitude to learning! | Yasir for wonderful work in maths this week! |
| RS | Makayla for being great at tidy up time this week! | Reggie for super writing about pirates this week! |
| Y1G | Patrick for his attitude to learning this week. He has tried his best in all areas. | Ella for working hard remembering her number bonds to 10. |
| Y1S | Szymon for a fantastic attitude to learning this week, he has tried so hard in all of his work! | Shifa for taking part in classroom discussions and trying hard to share her own ideas. |
| Y2C | Lyla for trying hard to work independently all week | Isabella for her amazing understanding of shape |
| Y2D | Rosie for always being ready to learn. | Cora Rae For your lovely science work describing the stages of the human lifecycle. |
| Y3F | Zane for starting his first week back with a great attitude towards his work. Keep it up! | Olivia for giving a brilliant prediction to what will happen in our class book ‘Stone Age Boy’ |
| Y3H | Bryn, for mastering the bus stop method for division brilliantly. | Hope has had a great start to the year and has been a super helper at school and at home. |
| Y4H | Luca for coming back to school this week with an amazing positive attitude, behaving perfectly and being very helpful with jobs around the classroom. | Amber for some really detailed work in History about the Vikings. |
| Y4O | Poppy T for working hard in every lesson and being on the ball! | Donald for working hard to understand factor pairs in maths! |
| Y5G | Phoebe for always having a smile on her face and being eager to learn. | David for his excellent work in guided reading. |
| Y5K | Dale for a great first week back, for being very sensible and for being ready to learn | Nova for some wonderful answers and responses in RE this week! |
| Y6S | Jayden for coming back to school with a great positive attitude towards his learning and putting 100% effort into all that he does. | Khadijah for fantastic questioning during hot seating in English. |
| Y6W  CARITAS | Poppy H for a fantastic attitude towards her learning and great enthusiasm in science this week. | Daniella for a fantastic start to the year with her accelerated reading. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Asa in RS for using his creative skills to make a boat.

Frankie in 1G for his amazing predictions about the ‘Lost and Found’ story.

Isabelle L in 2C for trying so hard with all her work this week.

Therence in 3F for always being willing to help others – staff and pupils.

Poppy Leigh in 4O for having a happy, positive attitude to her learning.

Ire in 5K for having a great attitude to all aspects of school life.

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas is awarded each week in recognition of someone in school who has shown kindness to others by putting love into action. This week the award goes to Josephine in 4O for always being kind to everyone. She also has a beautiful smile permanently on her face which she shares with others.

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week is poor at 91.84%. This is below national expectations and the high standards we set in school. The number of pupils arriving late for school was reduced this week, but it was a four day week instead of five. Lates are still too high. 64 pupils were late 77 times over the four days. When children are late, they miss vital learning. Under the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC),** which is an important, legally binding agreement signed by 196 countries outlining the fundamental rights of every child, **children have the right to an education**. As parents, it is your responsibility to ensure that your children are in school every day on time, unless they are ill. I can not stress how important this is, so if you are experiencing any difficulties or require any additional support, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Burgess Hamlett.

The best class for attendance this week again is 2D with 98.5% - well done to them! They will receive a longer break time next week.

**Baby news!**

Miss Gibson welcomed two beautiful additions to her family over the Christmas holiday. She safely delivered her twin boys – Theo Thomas and Luca George. They are absolutely adorable. We wish the family every happiness.

**Support**

As a school we are here for both your children and your family. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any anxieties, please get in touch with Mrs Sylvester for a private conversation. Her email address is [c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk) or you can ring the school number or message via the school app. If we are unable to help you, we may be able to refer you to somebody who can.

If you are struggling to buy food at the moment, please contact school. We do not want any families to go without food. We do have contact with some food banks who may be able to offer support.

**Safeguarding**

Please remember that safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please report it. You are able to refer concerns directly or you can contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. Contact details can be found below.



Below are some useful sites / links that you may find useful:

**Online safety**  
[Thinkuknow](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=bf22e9abde&e=86aeebb9a4) , [NSPCC](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=9750bdfad0&e=86aeebb9a4) and [UK Safer Internet Centre](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=da54ab237c&e=86aeebb9a4) all have helpful advice and information for parents and carers about how to keep their children safe online

**Domestic Abuse**  
For further information and support you can visit [HM Government](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=d62252f634&e=86aeebb9a4), [National Domestic Abuse Helpline](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=b7588876a5&e=86aeebb9a4) and [Women's Aid](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=db0e76c554&e=86aeebb9a4)    
  
**Mental Health**  
You can find advice, support and calming activities at [NHS](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=7aad1a16f1&e=86aeebb9a4), [Samaritans](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=131c90cd82&e=86aeebb9a4), [Mind](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=05ef290e9e&e=86aeebb9a4), [Young minds](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=46a8544a81&e=86aeebb9a4) and [Childline's calm zone](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=392f40b36a&e=86aeebb9a4).    
  
**Loss and bereavement**  
[Child bereavement UK](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=1840cbcc6a&e=86aeebb9a4) have developed some resources to help children explore and talk about their emotions.

**Children and young people who have a family member in prison**  
Children who have a parent or family member in prison may also experience feelings of loss and isolation. The [National Information Centre on Children of Offenders (NICCO)](https://kdsafeguarding.us13.list-manage.com/track/click?u=6615dc6ff0c643c66e2bd99c7&id=9cbdb3151c&e=86aeebb9a4) provides a service for all professionals who come into contact with the children and families of offenders. If you are working with a child or young person who has a family member in prison there are some really useful resources on their website.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Howe

Upcoming dates:

Sunday 12th January – family Mass 10.30am

Tuesday 14th January – whole school Mass 9.00am