 

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 13th January 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you and all your families. I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas festivities and the long break that we had from school. It is lovely to be back at school and back into our normal routines now.

Our Nursery children have been investigating how to make ice melt quicker by locating it in different places. Reception children have completed a book review of Captain Yellowbelly. They gave it 5 stars and, surprisingly, their favourite part was when a bird pooed on Captain Yellowbelly’s head. Year 1 have been very impressive with their knowledge relating to their Hot and Cold geography topic. They could use the words equator, artic, Antarctica, North and South Pole accurately. As part of their new geography topic, Year 2 have begun looking at Zambian huts and what they are made from. Year 3 pupils have been listening to reggae music and learning the song ‘Three Little Birds.’ In history, Year 4 are learning about the Vikings and have started to find out where they came from and why they came to Britain. Year 5 have been working with PE coaches this week and enjoyed learning a street dance to music from Encanto. Year 6 have started their World War 2 topic which they always enjoy. They have been learning about evacuees and reading ‘Dear Mum, I miss you.’

**Assembly**

**A voice spoke from heaven, “This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on Him. Matthew 3: 16-17**

This week, through a dramatic retelling of Jesus’ Baptism where God the Father said, “This is my Son, the Beloved”, the children learnt that we too are invited to accept our place in God’s family. Mary helps us to say “yes” to God, just like she did. As we begin a new year, we think about how we can be more like Jesus in showing love and service to others.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Abongwi for accessing our indoor provision appropriately! | Oscar for developing his communication skills so beautifully |
| RS | Arly  for being so imaginative in the creative area - he made an amazing camera! | Anuli for using her initiative in the book corner and writing a book review for a story we read in class! |
| RD-H | Ellis for excellent phonics work! | Poppy for fantastic contributions during carpet sessions! |
| Y1G | Ophelia for a great first week back! She is a great role model for everyone in class. | Keriane for fantastic setting description sentences, including using 2A sentences. |
| Y1D | Saffron for your amazing listening and for starting the new half term focused and ready to learn. | Jenifer for your amazing teddy bear roll in our gymnastics PE lesson. |
| Y2C | Felicity for having an excellent first week back | Kacper for trying his hardest with his letter formation |
| Y2O’H | Phoebe for putting so much effort into her work this week. She’s had a great first week back! | Tanatswa for doing some amazing maths this week based on money |
| Y3K | Phoebe for some excellent work in gymnastics this week! | Jack for working really hard to sequence our class reader and write great sentences to describe the story! |
| Y3A | Pheobe O for making a fantastic start to our new term in Year 3 | Eseosa for showing a brilliant improvement in her number recognition in Maths this week |
| Y4H | Catherine for having an excellent first week back and producing some excellent work. | Adam for working hard all week and making huge improvements in his behaviour. |
| Y4S | Ella for a fantastic attitude this week. She has worked so hard in all our lessons. | Matthew for working really hard in maths this week and challenging himself. |
| Y5RW | James for always having a fantastic attitude toward school and putting 100% effort in every lesson. | Charlotte for working hard in maths this week when working on multiplying numbers by two digits. |
| Y5G | Alfie for making a fantastic football stadium for his classmates to play with during wet breaks. | Oliver M for blowing me away with his work in maths this week on long multiplication |
| Y6F | George for starting this half term so well, with a great work ethic! | Harrison for showing a real interest in our new topic on World War 2.  Constantly wanting to answer questions. |
| Y6H | Zac for always being able to put a smile on anyone’s face, and being really helpful around the classroom. | Freya for trying really hard in her maths work, I have been so impressed! |
| Y6S | Lily for putting 100% into everything that she does, week in week out. | Oliver for his amazing rapping skills this week in RE! |

**Headteacher Awards**

Szymon in Nursery for his amazing communication skills and use of the English language.

Elijah A in RBD for great enthusiasm for learning – completing all 5 of his challenges in the same day.

Ronnie 2O for recognising a biblical quote as words we hear in Mass.

David O in 4H for good behaviour and working well this week.

Jayden B in 5W for great street dancing.

Muhamed T in 6F for writing a brilliant modern day newspaper report of the Nativity for his homework.

**Caritas Award**

The award this week goes to three Year 5 boys for helping younger children to quiz on Accelerated Reader. They all showed great kindness. They boys are Jack Moore, Oliver Butler and Zachary Wilson. Thank you for following in Jesus’s footsteps boys.

**Attendance**

We had 78 pupils who had an amazing 100% attendance for the whole of the autumn term. These children were put in a reward draw for a £20, £10 or £5 voucher.

The winners in Key Stage 1 were Victor in RBD, Anthony in 1D and Elisa in 2O.

The winners in Key Stage 2 were Thomas in 6F, Ryan in 4H and Alexis in 3K.

This week’s attendance is the best we have had for over a year with 95.9%. Thank you to everyone for ensuring your children are in school. Please try to ensure that your children are in school between 8.50am and 9.00am to avoid missing any valued learning time. We had 68 instances of lateness this week. 6S had the best attendance this week with an amazing 99.6% - huge congratulations to them. They have earnt a slightly longer breaktime.

**Millionaire Readers**

We want to develop a love of reading in all our pupils and we reward regular reading with raffle tickets and the chance to win weekly prizes. In addition to this, children can also receive book gift cards for reaching millionaire status. Paris in 6H has now read four million words since September and Alex K in 6S has become a millionaire. Well done to both our book worms.

**Warm spaces**

Find a Warm Welcome Space Today

Nearly 3000 registered organisations have opened free, warm, welcoming spaces for the public this winter across the UK. You can use [this Warm Welcome Interactive Map](https://www.warmwelcome.uk/#find-a-space) to find your nearest warm space, including libraries and other spaces in Manchester and further afield.

**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:**

Tuesday 17th January - 9.15am whole school Mass in church

Thursday 26th January - Chinese dance workshops in Reception – Year 2

Wednesday 8th February - Safer Internet Day

Saturday 18th February - Sacramental Programme Day

Kind Regards,

Mrs Howe.