

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 17th January 2025

Friday 24th November 2023

We celebrated our New Year Mass this week with the whole school. As always, it was beautiful. The altar servers, readers, choir and the Mini Clares led the congregation well. Thank you to Father Giles for leading the Mass.

In Nursery this week, the children have been exploring different ways to make the number 4. Reception had a great Pirate Day on Wednesday. The children looked amazing dressed up as pirates. They sang sea shanties, made wanted posters, learnt about the parts of a ship, made eye patches and followed treasure maps. In RE, Year 1 have been learning the story of Simeon and Anna. As part of their science topic, Year 2 have been matching offspring to their parent. In Year 3, the children have been learning the names of musical instruments in Spanish. In science, Year 4 have been learning about the different states of matter. Year 5 have been learning about air resistance as part of their science topic on forces and conducted an investigation using parachutes. As part of their World War 2 topic, Year 6 have been re-creating the work of L.S Lowry’s matchstalk men using oil pastels.

**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.

**Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope**

Pope Francis has deemed this year a jubilee year where the focus is ‘pilgrims of hope.’ We are all invited to make a pledge to work together for God’s kingdom of justice, peace and love by putting our faith into action to build a better world for everyone.

We will be launching this special jubilee in school with an assembly on Friday 24th January. We will engage in various activities over the course of the year as pilgrims of hope. We will keep you updated in the newsletter and on our school website.

**Pupil Certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| N | Ethan for coming into Nursery settled and happy this week. | Nadia K for sitting beautifully during carpet times. |
| RDM | Oscar - for trying so hard to listen and join in during carpet sessions! | Isabella for fantastic independent writing about a pirate! |
| RS | Nancy for being really brave all week at school and having a can-do attitude. | Michelle for writing a fantastic description of a pirate! |
| Y1G | Archie for his super attitude to learning this week, he has been a super star! | Rosie for writing fantastic sentences in her RE work about the presentation in the temple. |
| Y1S | Lily for a fantastic attitude to learning, always listening and participating in everything we do. | Paige for putting lots of effort into her writing this week. |
| Y2C | Kendrick for always being ready, respectful and safe | Arly for writing amazing sentences in his diary. |
| Y2D | Poppy for having a great week and working hard! | Olivia K for writing a lovely diary entry using capital letters and full stops correctly. |
| Y3F | Aubree for always trying her best in her homework. | Carter Stanton for being a great editor when writing his diary entry in English. |
| Y3H | Akrina, for making a super improvement in her writing. | Igor for a brilliant analysis of evidence from the stone age. |
| Y4H  CARITAS | Lottie for behaving beautifully and trying hard in everything she does. | Heidi for performing well in all subjects, and even getting questions right in ICT that I didn’t know the answer to! |
| Y4O  CARITAS | Hillary for having a great attitude to learning this week! | Marta for having an excellent understanding of column multiplication! |
| Y5G | Hepzibah for always having a positive attitude to learning and being a lovely person to have in the class. | Jacob for his excellent work in preparing to write his biography on Phillippe Petit. |
| Y5K | Roman for an amazing effort to improve the standard of his handwriting and presentation! | Dolcie for excellent use of fronted adverbials in our English GPS lesson! |
| Y6S  CARITAS | Halle for always being a positive role model in year 6 and following our school rules. | Zion for his excellent attitude towards his maths learning of ratio this week. |
| Y6W  CARITAS | Scarlette for helping another child in class edit their writing. | Enzo for a fantastic start to a historical narrative on evacuees. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Michael in Nursery for always following the school rules and being ready to learn.

Michelle in RDM for amazing, enthusiastic singing at Mass.

Tobi in 1S for always doing the right thing and being a great role model.

Lexi in 2D for writing brilliant sentences in English.

Oscar in 3H for his fantastic knowledge on the Church’s season of Lent.

Blessing in 4H for bringing in a spare swimming hat in case someone in class forgot their own.

David in 5G for being fully engaged in all aspects of school life.

Aliyah for being a wonderful artist and using her artistic expression to create a Lowry inspired piece of art.

**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 Zion in RS for trying to cheer up a friend when he was upset. How very kind!

**Attendance**



Overall whole school attendance this week 95.47% which is much better than last week. Thank you to you for getting your child to school on time each day. The number of lates is reducing, although we had 58 pupils late 73 times (meaning that it is the same children on several occasions in a week) this week and 22 instances of children being late after 9.15am. Lots of children are literally minutes late, so please make a concerted effort to leave the house five minutes earlier. Children arriving into class late disturbs the other children and their learning and is often embarrassing to the late child.

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 RS with 99% - well done to them! They will receive a longer break time next week.

**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**

**Under the United Nation Convention on the Rights of a Child, all children under the age of 18 have a right to be protected from sexual abuse (Article 34) and a right to be alive (Article 6).**

There are many forms of abuse – sexual, neglect, emotional, physical, online – and it is everyone’s responsibility to safeguard children from any harm.

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.

Thank you for your continued support this week.

Enjoy your weekend,

Mrs Howe

Upcoming dates:

20th January – Year 2 African workshop in school

24th January – Pilgrim of Hope launch day

3rd February – Online Safety performance and workshops in school.

4th February – SEND coffee morning 8.40-9.30am

4th and 6th February – Reconciliation retreat focus in school for Year 3

9th February – Family Mass 10.30am

14th February – Finish for half term 3.15pm