

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 21st January 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

The week started off with a beautiful whole school Mass signifying the start of a new year. The new year gives us all the opportunity to turn over a new leaf, be kind, try our best in all we do and to live as Jesus did. This week we also welcomed the Dogs Trust into school. They led key stage assemblies and workshops with each class centred around how to be safe around dogs.

The weather has turned cold this week and the topics we are learning about in school seem to have too. In Nursery, as part of their Polar Regions topic, the children have conducted an ice cube experiment. They placed ice outside, inside and near a radiator to observe the changes. In geography, Year 1 are also learning about hot and cold places and their location in relation to the Equator. They are learning about Antarctica and are writing a settings description about it. Year 3 are talking about their own personal journeys so far in life and relating them to Jesus's journey which we learn about in the Bible. In art, Year 5 are studying Banksy and his art style. They are going to create stencils to make their own name tag.

## Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Hanna for always making good choices and being a great example to others.	Finley for excellent discussion and observations when exploring ice.
RH	Fabian for some excellent predictions in our floating and sinking experiment.	Carter S for putting in a great effort with his letter formation.
RC	Anthony for trying really hard with his reading not only in school, but also at home	Jaxley for working really hard in RWI and now knowing over 14 sounds
Y1S	Henry for listening in lessons and applying the things he learns to his writing immediately. This week he used a simile!	Marnie for producing an exceptional setting description about Antarctica.
Y1D	Henry for working independently and forming some lovely ideas in his writing.	Tyler for being resilient with his writing.
Y2M	Malik for having a beautiful and kind soul	Isla for her creativity in diary writing this week.
Y2L	Eunice for a super effort with her homework	Zach for brilliant use of adverbs in literacy
Y3M	Laura for producing an outstanding diary entry, jam packed full of ambitious language and Alan Peat sentences.	Ramani for trying hard in both reading and writing and getting lots of full marks on his quizzes.
Y3G	Valeria for applying herself to every task and giving 100%! She is a brilliant example for everyone in class.	Daniella for writing a fantastic story at home! She is using lots of features we have learnt in class.
Y4RW	Jack M for always having a fantastic attitude and challenging himself to do better in every subject.	Scarlett for writing a fantastic historical narrative set in the Viking times.
Y4S	Emily for always being a superstar, she is a great friend to everyone and always tries hard in her work.	Lexie for working really hard this week. She has been pushing herself and created some great work.
Y5OH	Evie May who has worked so hard in her English this week writing a biography.	Sienna who was just amazing during our science lesson on irreversible changes and chemical reactions!
Y5K	Ollie R for working exceptionally hard to plan and write a wonderful biography all about his future self!	Sonny for displaying some fantastic leadership skills this week in group work in a PE dance

		activity and in a Geography group presentation.
Y5H	Jayden for working really hard in his maths and keeping his book lovely and neat!	Paris for writing an excellent biography in English and using some fantastic vocab.
Y6F	Vincent C for always doing the right thing. He comes into the classroom and sits down quietly all the time!	Freya for brilliant history work and bringing in some really good WW2 sources which the class found really interesting.
Y6H	Mariam for always behaving beautifully and having lovely manners. She always aims to please.	Halina for trying hard in everything that she does, and making huge improvements in her maths work.
Y6S	Destiny for being an amazing role model in everything she does. Her behaviour is outstanding and the work she produces is always above and beyond our expectations.	Rory for the brilliant effort that has been put into his maths, he has worked so well to multiply and divide decimals.

#### Headteacher's Awards:

**Peter in Reception** for his 'can do' attitude to his learning.

**Jake in 1D** for amazing writing using his phonic knowledge to write words independently.

**Arwaa in 2M** for a great improvement in her reading.

**Jeremiah in 4S** for making a wonderful maths robot at home.

**Ollie in 5O** for a great start to writing his biography in the third person.

**Brooke in 5OH** for a much more positive attitude to her work.

#### Millionaire Reader

We have another millionaire reader to tell you about this week. Amazingly, **Paris in 5H** has read **THREE MILLION** words since the beginning of this academic year. What a brilliant achievement. Well done Paris!

#### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 94% which is lower than last week. The best class for attendance this week was RM with 99.7%. Well done Reception!

Mrs Burgess Hamlet is arranging supportive meetings with families where attendance is below national expectations.

#### Uniform

Most of our children look really smart in their correct school uniform. May I remind you that school uniform is black or charcoal trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore; a blue polo shirt; and a blue school cardigan or jumper. Black shoes (not trainers or boots) should be worn.

For PE, the children must wear a plain white, round neck t-shirt with black shorts and plain black pumps. As children are still coming into school in their PE kits, they may wear black or grey leggings / tracksuit bottoms and a black or grey sweatshirt. Trainers must be black. The children should not have any logos on their PE kit.

If children are not wearing the correct uniform, we will ask them to change into spare kits that we have in school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### Covid 19

Covid restrictions were changed by the government again this week. If your child is isolating due to a positive Covid test, you may now do lateral flows tests on day 5 and day 6 of their isolation. If they are both negative, you may stop their isolation period and they may return to school.

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 are coming into school for any scheduled visits (e.g meetings or assemblies), you will be required to take a lateral flow test and show us proof of a negative result. If you come into contact with anyone who tests positive with Covid, you should do daily lateral flow tests for seven days.

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. There are many more symptoms that children display when Covid positive, so if your child is unwell we would recommend a lateral flow test or PCR.

We will send you a 'Warn and Inform' letter should someone in your child's class test positive for Covid. We have had three children test positive on lateral flow tests this week.

#### **Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Parents Sessions**

Information sessions relating to the Multiplication Tables Check were offered to all parents in Year 4 on Wednesday. For those of you who were unable to attend, the presentation will be put on the Year 4 class page on our school website for you to read at your leisure. <https://www.st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/children/class-pages/year-4>

#### **Support**

We know that families may experience difficult times and difficult situations throughout a year. As a school, we are part of the local community along with our church. We are here primarily to educate and support our children, but that extends to their families too. 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 do not suffer alone, 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.

#### **Upcoming dates**

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am – Family Mass

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 1S class assembly 2.45pm. (Masks and proof of a negative lateral flow test will be required).

Many thanks for all your support this week. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Howe.