

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Once again, on behalf of all the staff and governors of St Clare's I would like to thank you all immensely for the support you are giving our children during this period of remote learning. We all know that education has to continue and that we can not afford for our children to miss out on learning, but we also appreciate that as parents and carers you have other commitments too. We thank you for your perseverance, support and commitment.

We also want you to know that as a school we are here to support you. Staff have been working tirelessly to provide the children in school with work, the children who are working remotely with work and supporting parents in accessing and uploading work. The team work between parents and staff has been great. If you are still experiencing any problems at all with the remote learning, please get in touch with your child's teacher or school via the app. It is vital that every child accesses their work. We know that expectations are great. The government expect schools to provide three hours of learning / tasks for Key Stage 1 children and four hours for Key Stage 2 children.

We are keen to listen to your concerns and will amend our procedures if necessary. Following feedback from parents, only one member of staff is now ringing each family rather than you receiving a call for each child and we are ensuring that there is continuity in the timings of Google meets for your child's year group, so that you know when to log on. These are sensible suggestions and we are happy to accommodate them. Please let us know if you have any other suggestions that will benefit the school community.

As you are aware, school is open to parents of critical workers and vulnerable children and we are very close to full capacity, however the government advice during the national restrictions is '***all children who can stay at home should stay at home.***' This seems particularly important given the alarming figures we are seeing daily and the fact that one in three people has Covid, even though they may be asymptomatic.

## **Assembly**

Lord, you are the Father. We are the clay. (Isaiah)

This week our Assembly focused on the Parable of the Pencil. Like pencils, we can do great things if we put ourselves into God's hands. Just as a pencil may experience pain when sharpened, so might we, but the pain or sadness we feel makes us stronger and better. Mistakes made by pencils can be rubbed out; our mistakes can be forgiven too when we are sorry. Like the pencil, the most important part of us is on the inside – our heart. We have the opportunity to leave our mark on this world, like a pencil does on paper, so let our marks be founded in love.

## **Ten:Ten Resources**

Please follow the following link for access to daily prayers that may be said at home.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/456-07549743872355-43/>

### **Covid 19**

If your child is in school and tests positive for Covid out of school hours, we need to be informed as this result may impact on other children and staff in school. We have set up a separate email address which you should use to inform us- [covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk). Members of the senior leadership team will be checking the email regularly out of school hours.

Please can I remind you that only one parent / elder sibling should be picking up your child from school in order to avoid unnecessary contacts and to try to keep everyone in school safer. Elder siblings are coming to pick up children with their friends, but we will not be allowing additional people onto the school premises. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Free school meals**

If your child is entitled to a free school meal (not the universal free meals for all of Key Stage 1) and is working remotely, they are entitled to a £15 food voucher. They have been ordered to cover the four week period leading up to half term. You should receive an email from a company called Edenred within the next few days. Check in your junk mail if you do not see the email, as the vouchers are being sent out electronically directly to you.

In the meantime, if you need any help please contact school.

### **Celebration Certificates**

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Julia for showing lots of enthusiasm and making excellent progress with her maths work this week!	James for making super progress with his communication and language this week.  Leon for some brilliant independent learning in school this week.
RH	Olivia W who worked brilliantly to organise a performance for literacy.	Luca for trying his very best during his home learning even when things get difficult.
RC	Ronnie for really fast mental recall of how many more/less you need to make 6	Elisa for engaging so well at home and always trying her very best with her home learning
Y1S	Jacob for setting such a good example to all and adapting to our new routine so well. He is always very mature no matter what.	Darla for producing beautifully presented work every single day and always trying her best.
Y1D	Dale for working hard, always being ready for our google meet sessions, and making me smile each day.	Tyssiana for trying hard and being resilient with her online learning
Y2M	Cora, for showing a super strong commitment to google classrooms despite a rocky start and always turning up to our Google meets with a big smile!	Cassius, for the outstanding quality of work in all of his online assignments.

Y2S	Ollie for completing some fantastic work in maths this week!	Liam for completing some brilliant home learning this week.
Y3M	Jeremiah for fantastic effort with his home learning,	Oliver for a great attitude and trying his best and answering lots of questions.
Y3S	Rosalie for being kind and keeping peoples spirits up on Google meets	Etinosa for great research this week
Y4RW	Caleb for having a fantastic attitude towards remote learning, impressing both me and Miss Burns with his work on Google Classrooms.	Alex for producing fantastic writing, adding in a wide range of vocabulary to support his descriptions and explanations.
Y4B	Thomas for his constant enthusiasm and engagement with home learning. He is trying really hard with all of the work and is positive and present for all meet ups, well done Thomas.	Frankie as last week he worked SO hard in his literacy. Frankie has written a brilliant opening to his story and keeps using amazing adjectives, verbs and adverbs. He has contributed lots of brilliant ideas and is really progressing in his writing.
Y5OH	Brook for her dedication and hard work whilst learning online	Emme for doing brilliantly in her maths this week on multiplications and understanding our new method
Y5OK	Vinny J because he had a brilliant week in school last week when I was teaching. He tried really hard in all his lessons and produced some lovely work which I was really impressed with.	Aiden because he has really been engaging with his home learning, completing all the work and producing some fantastic pieces of work.
Y5L	Halina for being a dedicated online learner.	Jakub U for making effort to attend Google Meets each morning.
Y6F	Callum M for doing all his online work and google meets	Tyshawn as since going on google classroom last week, Tyshawn has been very active and done the work set.
Y6H	Sam for trying so hard in class, and then going home and still logging into google classroom to chat on the comments and say hello!	Amelie who goes above and beyond with all of her work, everything she hands in on google classroom is so beautifully done.
Y6D	Alfie for working very hard and having excellent behaviour in school.	Lily for excellent writing in her retelling of 'Whale Rider'.

It is unfortunate that we can not give every child a certificate every week for being the amazing children they are. They are all special and we are equally proud of all our pupils.

I hope that you all have a safe, relaxing weekend – you have a break from school work!. Thank you for all your support and kind messages that you have either given to school or individual staff. Please remember to get in touch with school if we can help you in any way.

Take care and God bless you all,

Mrs Howe