

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 28th January 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been another busy week of learning here at St Clare's. The children work so hard and are a delight to teach. They are a credit to you and the school. Our Reception children have been getting messy making mud pies and then writing instructions for how to make them. Year 2 have been investigating our local area in geography and using Ipads to take photographs, so that they can identify physical and human features. Our Year 4 classes have benefitted from Water Workshops this week. They were brimming with information about the water cycle, water safety and how water is cleaned. They had a great day! We have had film makers in Year 6 who have used IMovie to create their own movie trailers in their computing topic.

Assembly

Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus [who is] sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.' Hebrews 12: 1 – 2

This week in assembly the children were invited to become pilgrims. We discussed what a pilgrimage is and aimed to excite children about the year, which includes Lent and Advent pilgrimage themes, and monthly **Ten Ten Year of Pilgrimage** assemblies which virtually explore pilgrimage sites and saint stories across the world.

Family Mass

This Sunday at 10.30am there is a family Mass celebration. All families are invited, but especially the families of the children in Year 3 who are enrolled on the Sacramental Programme. We look forward to seeing you there!

Year 1S Assembly

Parents of children in 1S are invited to their child's class assembly on Monday 31st January. It will start at 2.45pm. If you are planning on coming to the assembly, you will need to wear a mask (unless you are exempt) and need proof of a negative lateral flow test. Please do not attend if you are not feeling well.

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Milena for an excellent week in nursery!	Sean for fantastic discussion and contribution in RE.
RM	Grace for excellent listening and contribution during whole class sessions	Macie for hearing and recording initial sounds independently
RC	Rehoboth for being really engaged during our carpet sessions and having some good ideas	Igor for his amazing pirate ship homework!!
Y1S	Elijah O for impressing so many teachers with his super reading!	Maria for making a conscious effort to make sure her sentences make sense by using her Fred fingers. We have seen a big improvement this week!
Y1D	Olivia K for always contributing to discussion on the carpet and being a pleasure to teach.	Freddy for his fantastic maths work.
Y2M	Sofia for her general enthusiasm in school life and for doing everything with a smile!	Mustafa for being a more confident writer and trying his best to write a super diary entry
Y2L	Bradley for being respectful in class, putting his hand up and making a great effort in ALL his work.	Jaymee for her brilliant efforts with reading! She has moved up book bands!
Y3M	Lewis for making good contributions to class discussion in English	Matthew, for his persistence in practicing multiplication this week. It's not been easy but he has never given up.
Y3G	Ava-Grace for having a fantastic week as always! She is a lovely, positive addition to 3G.	Cassius for his dedication to reading. He is a role model for everyone in class and his word count keeps on rising!

Y4RW	Ayla for having a fantastic week, she has given 100% in every activity and I have been really impressed with the work she has produced.	Millie for fantastic work on her reading this week, achieving multiple 100% on reading quizzes.
Y4S	Dylan for having a really good week, his attitude to learning has been fantastic.	Vonn for trying really hard in reading every day.
Y5OH	Mohammed H for always being ready for his work and quizzing every day. He is now our first millionaire!	Maisie, for being so helpful and considerate of her classmates! She is a joy to have!
Y5K	Woody for an amazing and very surprising act of kindness!	Oliver for his creative and intelligent contributions to class discussions.
Y5H	Ethan for trying really hard in all of his work this week and showing a great attitude to learning.	Emily for some fantastic research in English on our new class text.
Y6F	Lottie for always being ready to learn and being proud of the work she produces.	Riley for doing really well in maths, always gets on with his maths work and loves to challenge himself.
Y6H	Sophie for writing an amazing letter from an evacuee.	Damien for becoming 6H's first reading millionaire!!!
Y6S	Celestyn for always being so kind and helpful towards his peers and members of staff around school. He is a fantastic role model for St Clares.	Isabelle for her amazing maths skills this week, her resilience has been amazing to see.

Headteacher's Awards:

Aubree in RC for knowing all her new phonic sounds and building cvc words with them.

Josephine in 1S for knowing her number bonds to 20.

Honor in 1D for writing great sentences based on her senses.

Marcel in 3M for making a great clay model on an auk.

Mariam in 6H for always being so happy, kind and helpful.

Lee in 6S for using a variety of punctuation marks and grammatical features.

Internet Safety

Internet Safety Day is Tuesday 8th February. In preparation for this event Mr Flint, our computing lead, invites you all to an Internet Safety presentation on Tuesday 1st February. It will start at 3.15pm in the key stage 2 building. Please try and attend.

Millionaire Readers

We have another three millionaire readers to tell you about this week. **Damien in 6H, Konor in 6F and Mohammed in 5OH** are our latest millionaires. Huge congratulation to the boys – we are very proud of them and their tremendous achievement.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93.5% which is lower than last week. The best class for attendance this week was 3M with 98.7%. Well done 3M!

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.

The advice from Manchester LA, given the rates in the city, is that face masks should still be worn in communal areas. Therefore 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 eight 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. 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

Tuesday 1st February – 3.15pm Internet Safety presentation for parents.

Tuesday 8th February – Internet Safety Day

Friday 18th February – close for half term at 3.15pm

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

Mrs Howe.