

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

Our Nursery children have been on a Bear Hunt this week. They have set up an exploratory senses table in the classroom with the things they found. They also attended Mass and took Father Jeremiah some drawings they had completed of him! He was very impressed. Our artists in Year 1 are learning all about Georgia O'Keefe. They are looking at her art work and expressing opinions about them. They will use this learning to help them paint their own flowers and landscapes. As part of their Stone Age topic, Year 3 have been hunting for Stone Age food. They are then creating their own Stone Age menu. In geography, Year 5 are learning all about the Grand Canyon. They are researching the environment, the climate, the weather and the people and animals who live there.

## Assembly

**"I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country." Luke 4: 21-30**

**This week's assembly** looked at the role of the Prophets in the Bible and showed the children the importance of listening to God. It explored the idea that this is not always easy and the Prophets also found this difficult at times.

Key Stage One were treated to an assembly led by 1S this week which taught us about Chinese New Year which was on February 1<sup>st</sup>. This year marks the year of the tiger, a symbol of power, and we pray that those in power use it for the good of all. Thank you to all of you who joined us for this celebration.

## Pupil certificates

4.2.22	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Olivia G - always working hard and being an all round superstar!	Lexi - Brilliant re-telling of the story, "We're going on a Bear Hunt!"
RM	Jacob K- for being an all round super star this week! He could quickly order numbers to 10, knew all of the sounds he has been practising and was a helpful and kind friend when somebody was hurt outside.	Jadon- for building a fantastic den by himself. He adapted it until he was able to get inside and protect himself from the cold wind!
RC	Pippa for being a fantastic role model within class	Peter for amazing maths work and exploring the ways to make 9 and 10
Y1S	Elisa - for being a fantastic example to her peers - she is always doing the right thing!	Joleen - really improving on using finger spaces, capital letters and full stops!
Y1D	Olivia W - for being ready to learn, a good role model and working hard each day.	Evie - For your super writing using your fred talk.
Y2M	Lacey- for always making sure she reads at home and completing her homework every single week!	James - for always putting in 100% effort into his work and striving to do his best.
Y2L	Ryan for excellent use of subheadings in a non-chronological report	Zach for naming all the continents on a world map
Y3M	Halle for doing lots of home learning on multiplication, as well as concentrating really well in school.	Khadijah for working hard to divide 2 digits by 1 digit and never giving up
Y3G	Ryan B for having a really positive attitude this week! He has put 100% into his work and completed everything with a smile.	Joshua for a well written diary entry for his homework. It was lovely to read and he has used lots of interesting language choices.
Y4RW	Dennan - For having a fantastic week and working extremely hard in every lesson.	Abigail - For her fantastic reading, achieving 100% on a book with 190,000 words.

Y4S	Eli for trying so hard this week , he has had a fantastic attitude to learning.	Orlaigh for taking on board everything we have learnt in english this week and using lots of different features in her narrative.
Y5OH	Muhamed T for being well mannered and always caring about the individuals around him	Evie for working so hard in maths this week! Well done!
Y5K	Erin Rothwell - for being a delight to teach and for always trying her very best in everything she does.	Khadijah for working really hard on her multiplication skills, especially when she was multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit.
Y5H	Emmanuella for working really hard in maths on her 3 by 2 digit multiplication and always listening in class.	Freya for some fantastic writing in English with perfect use of subordinate clauses!
Y6F	Vinny J for showing how well-mannered he can be, and when he tries his best he can produce fantastic well-presented work.	Ayla for doing some great letter writing this week based on a book we have been reading around World War 2.
Y6H	Mariatu for always having lovely manners and behaving perfectly. She tries so hard in everything she does.	Jacob Jordan for producing some fantastic writing, he uses all the features of a year 6 writer!
Y6S	Pierce for always putting 100% into everything he does, he is so resilient and enthusiastic towards his learning.	Ikenna for his brilliant letter in English this week, he has tried so hard to focus on his grammar and punctuation and his hard work has paid off.

#### Headteacher's Awards:

**Lennox in Nursery** for always being ready to learn.

**Nova in RC** for great mental arithmetic and knowing that a pictorial representation of  $5 + 4 = 9$  because she could see it was one less than 10.

**Yoel in 2L** for working so hard independently on his maths work.

**Joshua in 3G** for being so focused on his reading comprehension.

**Jayden in 4RW** for a great improvement in his reading engagement this week.

**Kasey in 5H** for resilience leading to a big improvement in her English work.

**Faye in 6F** for amazing writing as an evacuee.

#### Internet Safety

Thank you for attending our Internet Safety presentation on Tuesday. Internet Safety Day is next week and it is celebrated globally. The aim is to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people, and to inspire a national conversation about using technology responsibly, respectfully, critically, and creatively.

#### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93.5%. 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.

## **Access road**

**Please do NOT walk down the access road in between the school and the church. It is a road and cars are frequently coming in and out of the car park. Access is via the front Key Stage 2 playground – follow the markings on the floor and the zebra crossing that are there to show the route. We would not walk our children down the middle of the road on Victoria Avenue, so please do not walk on this side road. We want to teach the children road safety and keep them safe. 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.

## **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 8<sup>th</sup> February – Internet Safety Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February – close for half term at 3.15pm

Thank you for all your support this week. Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs Howe.