

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to begin the newsletter again by thanking each and every one of you for your continued support during this period of remote learning.

I am sure that you have all seen the news this week stating **that schools will not return until March 8th at the earliest**. I know that this is not what any of us wanted to hear, but we are following these measures in order to fight the pandemic and save lives. Given this information, it is vital that we continue to work together to provide our children with their education. Staff are busy providing lessons and activities on both Google Classroom and Tapestry. They are also providing sessions for your children to meet the other children and staff in class virtually and offering sessions to support children working from home. This is important for everyone's mental health – we need to see each other and keep in touch. Staff are also making welfare calls twice a week which gives you an opportunity to raise any concerns you may have. All staff are working full time and are available during the day to support you or your child. Please get in touch via the school app, an email to your child's teacher or on the remote learning platform (Google Classroom or Tapestry) if you require any assistance. No question is too silly – we really want to support you. Hopefully, everyone is now able to access the learning platforms.

Can I please remind you that **children should not be taking photographs** whilst on their learning platform, nor should they be **making any recordings**. Children also need to **be fully clothed**. Please ensure that your child is aware of this and follows the instructions to ensure everyone's safety.

If you have any suggestions as to how we can improve our remote learning provision, please let us know. We will listen to your ideas and if necessary amend our practice. Thank you to the many parents who have been in touch to thank us for the work and support you have received from school. We appreciate your messages.

As you are aware, school is open to parents of critical workers and vulnerable children and most classes are now full, 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.

From Monday 1st February, staff in school will be encouraged to carry out lateral flow tests twice a week. This test is carried out at home and will notify staff if they are Covid positive, but showing no symptoms. This procedure will help to make school a safer environment. It may also possibly result in bubble closures if staff showing a positive test result have been in contact with children in school.

Assembly

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed Him.' Mark 1: 14 – 20

This week our children were introduced to one of the Gospel writers – Mark. Mark was inspired by tales of Jesus that he heard from Simon Peter, and his excitement comes through in his words to inspire us and call us to follow Jesus today. We thought about how we, like the disciples, can follow Jesus.

Ten:Ten Resources

Please follow the following link for access to daily prayers that may be said at home. They all focus on the theme of praise.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/5463g34g984uj9ojq34907845/>

Two whole school assemblies each week are also accessible to your child via their remote learning platforms. Please take this opportunity to pray together.

Children’s mental health week

According to **Place2Be**, a children’s mental health charity that provides counselling and mental health support in UK schools, around three children in every primary school class have a mental health problem, and many more struggle with challenges from bullying to bereavement.

This year’s theme is ‘**Express Yourself**’ and is about helping children to find ways to share their feelings, thoughts, or ideas through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make them feel good. This is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about helping children to find a way to show who they are, and how they see the world, that can help them feel good about themselves.

There are many resources on the school website to support mental health and well being. Please share this video with your children to support their mental well being

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/children-mental-health-week/>

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. Members of the senior leadership team will be checking the email regularly out of school hours.

Any child in school who displays any of the three main Covid symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough or loss of taste or smell) should book in for a Covid test and stay away from school for ten days or until they have a negative test outcome.

Celebration Certificates

29/1/21	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Pippa for engaging with home learning with great enthusiasm and trying really hard with all the activities.	Finley for excellent home learning every day and going on a wonderful 'Bear Hunt' adventure.

		Lewis for engaging so well with the home learning activities and learning some new 2D shapes.
RH	Lilith for working very hard on her home learning. Her handwriting is beautiful and she has even practised writing the date at the top of her work!	Avayah for amazing writing during our RE lesson.
RC	Daniel for joining the live meet each day and working very hard on his number sentences in maths.	Hillary for fantastic reading and moving up to yellow books
Y1S	Isla for being so independent with her online learning and showing a love of learning every day.	Molly for handing in her work every day without fail - she is really trying hard at home.
Y1D	Lennon and Elsie for their hard work with home learning this week.	
Y2M	Poppy H for giving 100% to home learning and even asking for more challenging tasks!	Jacob M for working extremely hard at home and producing a beautiful piece of artwork for RE!
Y2S	Alexa for completing all tasks on Google Classroom and always trying her best.	Jayden for completing some great maths work on Google Classroom this week.
Y3M	Orlaigh and Alfie for fantastic home learning, always coming to online class with a sunny smile and being so enthusiastic and dedicated to their learning at home.	
Y3S	Noah for being so polite and lovely in Mrs Jones's group Ayla for her wonderful efforts working online and the excellent work she is producing. Brilliant Ayla!	Ivy for AMAZING work in every subject! Really put so much effort in and perseverance! Scarlett's enthusiasm in class is contagious and she always gives 100%. Be proud!
Y4RW	Nekendor for putting in 100% effort in all her online lessons and attending the Google live meets. She has shown great resilience, asking for help when she is struggling and continuing to work through the problems.	Freddie for producing amazing work in both English and Maths all week, demonstrating how hard he is working while at home.
Y4B	Zac for engaging so well with home learning, completing all of the work each day and attending all google meets. Zac has also been very enthusiastic and engaged in the class read.	Harrison for persevering with home learning and trying his very best with all of the work. I have been very impressed!
Y5OH	Isabelle for working extremely hard both in school and online, she is always so dedicated and tried her best in everything.	Finnlay for adjusting so well to working online and handing in some brilliant work.
Y5OK	Ese for being a dedicated and committed home learner and engaging with all the work online.	Tomasz for writing a brilliant newspaper report that included all the features of a newspaper report and some great vocabulary.
Y5L	Daniel for being a dedicated online learner and completing all the work set on Google Classroom.	Marley for a significant improvement in the amount of work being completed online.

Y6F	Nuria for being an exceptional remote learner every week	David for writing an excellent narrative on Whale Rider
Y6H	Phoebe L for turning up to all the class meets and all her sessions with Miss Bennett, she is truly dedicated to her online learning.	Lewis T for his amazing maths work, that has absolutely blown me away this week!
Y6D	Racheal for engaging in all of her lessons and showing a real commitment to her online learning.	Alesha for her fantastic, creative writing about Whale Rider.

We are extremely proud of all our pupils and the great resilience and strength of character they are showing. Thank you all!

I wish you all a happy, peaceful and relaxing weekend and pray that God keeps us all safe and well.

Take care,

Mrs Howe