

ST CLARE’S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

Our School Mission Statement: Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve. Friday 6th September 2024

Friday 24th November 2023

Welcome back to another wonderful year at St Clare’s. Welcome back to old friends and new. We are delighted to be back in school and to have our amazing pupils back. They all look so happy and smart in their uniforms – thank you for following the uniform policy.

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the meet the teacher event on Wednesday after school. For those of you who were unable to attend, the information that was shared can be found on your child’s class page on the website. <https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/>

Much time this week has been dedicated to settling the children into their new classes. I’m sure that they have come home very excited and tired! Each school year begins by looking at our School Mission Statement – Guided by Jesus Christ, our teacher, we journey together learning to dream, believe and achieve – and how this is put into practice daily in our lives. The children have also been learning about their year group saint, their year group biblical quote and their year group hymn. As a Catholic school, Christ is central to all that we do.

As a staff, we had training on how to be happy. It is our outlook on events and our reaction to them which determines whether or not we adopt a positive, happy, spin on them. Here’s is something to consider which is promoted by Andy Cope:

To make pork sausages, you would need to put pork into a sausage machine. To make vegetarian sausages, you would need to put vegetables in the machine. You wouldn’t put beef in the machine and expect vegan sausages to come out.

Substitute the sausage machine for your life. Choose the ingredients for your life. If you put in negativity and moaning, don’t be surprised when life is gloomy.

Put the good stuff into your life - energy, enthusiasm, confidence, kindness, gratitude, happiness and smiles. You will create some fabulous sausages!

Then the choice as to whether you have a brilliant or wonderful day is yours!

**Mass**

The school will be going across to church on Tuesday 10th September at 9.15am to celebrate returning to school with Mass. You are most welcome to join us.

**Assembly**

***Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. Mark 7:15***

Our assembly this week focused on the need for rules in our life to keep us safe and healthy. We looked at school’s rules (of which we have 3 – be ready, be respectful and be safe), we looked at society’s rules and rules we have at home. Then we looked at the most important rule – the rule that Jesus gave us. It is very a simple rule, to love one another as we are loved by God. It’s the rule of the heart; the rule of love. True holiness comes from the inside. If we apply the rule to all our interactions, the world would truly be a better place.

**Pupil certificates**

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|  | Pupil of the week | Achievement |
| RDM | Victoria for a fantastic first week in reception - well done! | Ariana for wonderful independent name writing |
| RS | Nancy for being so helpful every day by tidying our classroom**!** | Theodore for super independent writing! |
| Y1S | Billy-Jo for fantastic behaviour all week and always being ready to learn. | Irene for settling into her new class very well and working so hard in everything. |
| Y1G | Yamie for setting a great example in her first week at St Clare’s! | Penelope for her consistent hard work in all topics so far. |
| Y2C | Joseph for an amazing first week at St Clare’s | Anuli for amazing knowledge of materials in science |
| Y2D | Teti for an amazing start to the year, working hard and following instructions. | Tommy for your excellent maths work looking at tens and ones. |
| Y3F | Dawid for being a fantastic pupil this week and trying his best in all his work | Olivia for being an amazing work partner, she is always there to help. |
| Y3H | Ophelia for a fantastic contribution to our first RE lesson | Akrina for being a kind and helpful friend in the playground. |
| Y4H | Tyler for behaving beautifully and having lovely manners. | Michael for some beautiful writing in English- I was so impressed by his handwriting! |
| Y4O | Poppy T for being ready to learn and fa great attitude to learning! | Donald for super place value work in maths! |
| Y5G | Eunice for having a fantastic attitude to learning by challenging herself in every lesson. | Molly for making a great start to her reading this year and for being a fantastic learning partner this week. |
| Y5K | Lennon for coming back to school with an amazing attitude towards life in Y5! | Princess for some amazing writing to start off the school year in style! |
| Y6S | Khadijah for putting 100% effort into everything she has done this week, she has been a fantastic role model for year 6. | Oliver K for having beautiful manners, being polite and always having a big smile on his face. |
| Y6W | David for his fantastic attitude towards every piece of work this week. | Sam for being a role model in his behaviour and always producing fantastic pieces of work. |

**Headteacher Awards**

Tare in Reception for being so helpful in tidying up the classroom.

Ethel in 2C for taking such good care of a new friend.

Daylia in 3H for great enthusiasm and participation in lessons.

Phoebe in 4O for brilliant singing in hymns.

Adam in 6W for returning to school so focused and determined.

**Caritas Award**

The Caritas is awarded each week in recognition of someone in school who has shown kindness to others by putting love into action. The award this week goes to Poppy in 6W for having her hair cut for charity.

**Attendance**



Attendance and punctuality are really important and the government are putting a huge focus on it this year. They have put new statutory guidance in place from August this year. <https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/66bf300da44f1c4c23e5bd1b/Working_together_to_improve_school_attendance_-_August_2024.pdf> Mrs Burgess Hamlett has sent you information relating to this.

As you know, the school day now starts at 8.45am. Doors open at 8.40am. This means that lessons begin at 8.45am. Thank you for having your child in school on time, so that they do not miss any valuable learning time.

Attendance this week has been 95.5%. We are aiming for 97%. Punctuality this week (children arriving at school on time) has been much improved on last year. Thank you so much for ensuring that your child is in school and on time. The class with the best attendance this week is 5K with 100% which is brilliant. They will receive an own clothes day next Friday and a treat. Well done to them!

**Safety**

Please can I remind everyone **not to walk on the road beside church** when dropping off or collecting your children. It is a road and at this busy time of the day, cars are coming and going. We do not want any accidents. There have been far fewer parents and children using the road this week, so once again thank you. Safety is paramount.

**September reminders**

* School officially starts at 8.45am with registration. Children need to be in school before 8.45am. Doors open at 8.40am.
* Children can bring plain water into school to drink. Juice is not allowed. It is important that the children are hydrated during the day. Please see the children’s section on the NHS website re water <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/food-guidelines-and-food-labels/water-drinks-nutrition/>
* Children can wear stud earrings only. They will need to be taken out for PE and swimming lessons. It is easier if the children do not wear the earrings on those days.
* We all take pride in how smart our children look in their school uniform. Please remind yourself of the correct school uniform <https://st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/uniform-information>



* Children can still come into school on their PE days in their PE kit. See the link above for a reminder on the correct PE kit. T-shirts should be plain white. If children come into school in different colours we will either ask you to drop the correct kit off or provide them with a plain white t-shirt for the day.



* If your child is unable to tie their own shoe laces can you please try and teach them at home, or alternatively buy shoes with velcro on, so that is easier for your child.

Many thanks for your support with all of this.

**Our Lady’s High School**

Choosing your child’s high school is an important decision that you will make. Parents in Year 5 and Year 6 will need to start considering this. As a Catholic school, our hope would be that you continue your child in Catholic education. Our Lady’s, our feeder school, are hosting an **open evening on** **Thursday 26th September from 4.30pm – 7pm**. This will give you the opportunity to look around the school, see their facilities and meet some of their staff.

**MacMillan coffee morning**

I am just giving you early warning that our Year 6 pupils will once again be hosting a MacMillan coffee morning in order to support the charity on Friday 27th September. This event has always been very well supported and attended. It is the time when you get chance to donate cakes for us to sell back to you! Thank you!

**Support**

As a school we are here for both your children and your family. If you are experiencing any difficulties or have any anxieties, please get in touch with Mrs Sylvester for a private conversation. Her email address is [c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:c.sylvester@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk) or you can ring the school number or message via the school app. If we are unable to help you, we may be able to refer you to somebody who can.

**Safeguarding**

Safeguarding children is everyone’s responsibility. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please report it. You are able to refer concerns directly or you can contact one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. Contact details can be found below.



Have a great weekend!

God bless,

Mrs Howe

**Upcoming dates:**

10th September – Welcome Mass in church 9.15am

11th September – swimming starts for 4H

27th September – MacMillan coffee morning