

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 11th February 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been Safer Internet Day and Mental Health Week. The children have completed tasks to help them with both these important areas. In Reception, they held a Wellbeing Wednesday afternoon where the children chose the activities for the afternoon. They included painting, singing and making paper dolls. Year 2 are studying aspects of life in Zambia, so that they compare it to life here in Blackley. As part of their Viking topic, Year 4 made Runes stones out of clay using the Runes code for their initials. As part of their wellbeing work, Year 6 painted balloons with the names of the people who lift or support them around them. They also linked up to the BBCs live wellbeing lesson.

## Assembly

This week our assembly was linked to Safer Internet Day and was led by our Digital Leaders. The assemblies were inactive and encouraged the children to think about how to be safe and respectful whilst online. They were reminded of what to do if something concerns them; never to reveal any personal details; and of the age restrictions on games. Please may I inform you that Fortnite is recommended for children aged 12 years and over meaning it is not suitable for any of the pupils here at St Clare's.

There is more information about being safe online on our school website. <https://www.st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/parents/e-safety>

The greatest lesson I have been taught this week came from **Aliyah in 3M**. As we looked at a quotation from Pope Francis about the language of love and respect, Aliyah informed us that **our hearts are our loudest mouths**. How beautiful and profound coming from a Year 3 pupil! We all know that our actions speak far louder than our words.

Please keep Father Darius in your prayers as he has been in hospital recently. We also have a pupil and a parent of a pupil in hospital too. Please pray for their speedy recoveries.

## Year 1D assembly

Year 1D will be sharing their assembly with us on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm**. Parents of the children in 1D are welcome to come along to watch, although you will be required to wear a mask and show proof of a negative lateral flow test to gain entry.

## Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
RM	Antoni, for always being polite, sensible and hard working. This week his spelling and handwriting has been phenomenal.	Pixie for a fantastic improvement in her confidence to write independently.
RC	Delina for always being a kind friend and looking after others	Oscar for trying extremely hard to complete all the rainbow challenges within class
Y1D	Leah for being a good friend to others and coaching her peers during PE.	George for trying hard in his Maths and Literacy work.
Y1S	Poppy T for trying hard in all of her subjects, we have seen such an improvement in her attitude to learning recently.	Marta for using her Fred fingers in her writing more and more.
Y2L	Julia for wonderful coaching and partner work with her peers.	Jaymee for getting straight down to all learning tasks straight away and focussing hard.

Y2M	Roman for an improved effort in all areas of his learning especially reading and handwriting!	Uvie for his growth in confidence over the past week and sharing his thoughts and ideas.
Y3G	David for being a helpful and caring classroom buddy. He's been there for lots of his friends when facing difficulties this week. Well done David.	Jagger for his determination with dividing 2 digits by 1 digits with remainders. He didn't give up and he ended the week putting his book into the green tray!
Y3M	Poppy for having such a fantastic growth mindset, persevering in all of her work and trying her best to achieve fantastic results	Ramani for showing a passion for reading. Ramani takes his book home every night to read and is always eager to quiz. Well done
Y4RW	Lucas for having a fantastic attitude towards school and his work this week.	Scarlett for producing a fantastic double spread page on the water cycle.
Y4S	Ayesha for being a wonderful friend to the children in her class. She is always really cheerful which has a positive effect on everyone in 4S.	Holly for always producing the best quality work. It's always beautifully well presented.
Y5H	Leo for always getting stuck into the maths challenges and for being a role model for the class.	Harrison C for showing a big improvement in his writing and presentation.
Y5OH	Nekendor as her engaged daily reading time this week is 450 minutes! Unbelievable, well done!	Hollie for trying so hard in maths this week and trying her best when she finds it difficult.
Y5K	Lydia May for fantastic effort in Maths this week, especially when dividing 2 digit numbers by 1 digit numbers.	George for always giving 100% in everything that he does in class and for being an absolute pleasure to teach!
Y6F	Litalia for always being on task and trying her best. She is a pleasure to have in the classroom.	Stephen for his wonderful writing. He has amazed me the past week with his imagination, especially during our short write sessions.
Y6H	Aidan for having lovely manners around the school, and making a super effort in all his work.	Tia for excellent perseverance in PE. She said "This is hard but I am pushing through." What a great attitude!
Y6S	Harry for always having a positive attitude, and trying his best in everything that he does.	Yvette for her fantastic writing, she uses such a wide variety of grammar and punctuation and her writing never fails to impress me

#### Headteacher's Awards:

**Henry in 1D** for explaining parts of the Mass so well in his RE work.

**Annie in 2M** for explaining how we keep safe online by not giving out our personal information.

**Emily in 4S** for completing a creative mindmap about the Vikings.

**Amelia in 5K** for a great effort in her writing this week.

**Lewis in 6H** for a brilliant sketch of the skyline during World War 2.

#### Millionaire Reader

If you want to be a millionaire, St Clare's is the place to be. Paris in Year 5H has now read an amazing 4 million words. She is our very own bookworm. What an incredible achievement – well done Paris. In addition to this, Oliver in 5O has read 2 million words and Alex from 5O has reached his first million. Amazing reading boys!

#### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93.8%. The best class for attendance this week was RM with 97.7% Well done RM!

#### Football Team

On Tuesday evening, Mr Sabatel and Mr Flint took a group of our Year 6 pupils to play in a football match against St Mary's, Moston. It was a great game where all the children played very well. After a first goal from the opposing team, our boys went on to win the match 4-2. Jacob managed to score a hat-trick! Well done boys and thank you to the staff for accompanying them.

#### Les Miserables

We have a future star in the making. One of our Year 3 pupils, Karis, is playing the part of little Eponine in the stage production of Les Miserables at the Lowry theatre in April. If you have tickets for the show, look out for our very own actress!

### **World Book Day**

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. The theme of the day is 'you are a reader.' The whole school will be doing activities linked to the book 'On a Magical Day Do Nothing.' The book is about a child who goes outside in the rain and explores the great outdoors as opposed to staying in playing with technology all the time. Children may come to school dressed up in 'rain' clothing to link to our book if they choose. Alternatively, they can wear a book character outfit or night-wear linked to the theme of bedtime stories. The choice is yours!

### **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**

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**

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

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Ash Wednesday Mass (beginning of Lent).

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – World Book Day

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Individual school photographs

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March – RM trip to Smithills farm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March – RC trip to Smithills farm

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

Mrs Howe.