

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 12th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Well done everyone! We have all made it to the end of this half-term. It's certainly been a term of great teamwork, resilience, patience, communication and commitment. Thank you to each and everyone of you for your understanding and support this half-term as we have all had to adapt to remote learning. You will be pleased to know that next week is half-term and you will be able to switch off from school and spend time doing other things together.

Parental Survey

Thank you to everyone who took the time to respond to the parents' survey. It's really important that we know your views, so that we can evaluate what is / isn't working well and review our practise if necessary. We received forty-eight responses. The results are:

Question	Yes %	No %
Communication from the school has been regular, clear and effective	97.9	2.1
I have felt reassured that my child's safety is the School's priority	97.9	2.1
My child had access to a digital device to access the work set for them	97.9	2.1
If not, school provided my child with a digital device	47.9	52.1
I received regular welfare calls from school	100	
Two calls a week was just right 77.1 too much 22.9		
If I have shared a concern, the school has responded satisfactorily	95.8	4.2
I have clearly understood the School's expectations of my child regarding home learning	93.8	6.2
A member of staff has been available when my child or I have needed help	100	
My child has managed the work set by School	83.3	16.7
I feel that the amount of work has been just right 79.2 too much 20.8		

Individual comments were also made which we will read to see if we need to make any adaptations going forward. The comments were extremely positive and pleasing to receive.

Assembly

“‘He approached, grasped her hand, and helped her up.’ Mark 1: 29 – 39

In this week's Gospel, Mark tells the story of Jesus curing Simon's mother-in-law, and how quickly news spread about Jesus the healer – He had the whole town knocking on His door! Mark also tells of Jesus' commitment to praying at all times. We learn that prayer was important to Jesus, and so it should be important to us too!

Please note that this assembly and Friday's celebration assembly are shared with your child via Google Classrooms. Please share them with your child, using them as an opportunity to pray together.

Ten:Ten Resources

Please follow the link for access to daily prayers that may be said at home next week. The season of Lent begins on Wednesday and so the prayers focus on Jesus's temptation in the desert. During this season we encourage children to be more like Jesus by praying more, giving more and going without treats they may enjoy.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/034-Orig-w599p59u5-0ighn0/>

Wellbeing Wednesday

Wellbeing Wednesday seems to have worked very well and is something that we will continue when we return after the holidays. Staff, parents and children welcomed the opportunity to spend time doing something that they enjoy, with the added advantage of having a break from the computer screen. I have seen photographs of lots of wonderful activities – walking in the park, making pizzas, building dens, dancing, drawing, decorating hearts.... Photographs are available on the website under curriculum / mental health and well being page or via this link:

<https://www.st-clares.manchester.sch.uk/mental-health-and-wellbeing>. Thank you to everyone working from home for sharing your activities. All of these activities were carried out to help with everyone's mental health and wellbeing and seem to have had the desired effect. Well done!

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

12/2/21	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Grace O for some outstanding home learning this week.	Hope and Curtis for a positive attitude to their remote learning and all that they do.
RH	Freddy Brown for beginning to write addition sentences independently	Liam for designing and making a fantastic pirates hat and a pair of funky underpants for our story 'Pirates love underpants'!
RC	Alex D for an excellent rhyming string. He suggested the word 'gymnastic' to rhyme with elastic! It was a real wow moment!	Frankie for writing an amazing sentence for Literacy and trying his very best at home
Y1S	Harry for always trying his very best in AND out of school with his his learning.	Hepzibah for always producing work to a high standard at home (as she always does when we are at school)
Y1D	Phoebe for enjoying and singing along to the assembly.	Jasmin for a great improvement in her handwriting.

Y2M	Joshua, for showing a positive attitude to learning and highlighting that 'mistakes help us to learn'	Samuel for putting lots of effort into completing his online work.
Y2S	Poppy for always trying her best and completing some great home learning this half term.	Charlie for always trying her best and completing some brilliant maths home learning.
Y3M	Orlaigh for having a great attitude to home learning, always trying her best and contributing fully to online lessons.	Oliver for an outstanding piece of writing that was full of suspense
Y3S	Ayla as she spent a large amount of time on the phone yesterday, helping another pupil! How kind!! Lydia for her hard work in maths this week. Lydia always tries her very best and we really enjoy her contributions online in Year 3.	Archie as he has worked really, really hard this week (in fact every week) on his work. Oliver B for his eagerness online. Always one of the first to join and works very hard. Well done Oliver!
Y4RW	Coby for working extremely hard at school every week, always giving his best in lessons and contributing to the class discussions, sharing his ideas and helping others.	Bella H for her fantastic work on every lesson uploaded to Google classrooms. I have been really impressed by the amazing work she has produced over the past couple of weeks.
Y4B	Kaiden has settled really well into the new routines at school and is trying really hard in all lessons. He is showing pride in his work, producing some brilliant Literacy work and thoughtful ideas in RE.	Paris for continuing her brilliant reading at home. Paris reads every day and is so enthusiastic about reading. She is also really engaged in the class book. Well done!
Y5OH	Destiny for always being present online and producing some amazing work!	Noah B for his positive attitude towards work in school. He is always joyful and happy.
Y5OK	Vincent C for great engagement in his remote learning sessions and attending every day.	Magdalena as she initially struggled using Google Classroom but persevered and now uses it well.
Y5L	Marian for excellent behaviour in school, always. She is very polite, follows the classroom rules and puts great effort into all her work.	Aidan for making tremendous effort to keep up with his online learning and has recently begun joining Google Meets for help with work.
Y6F	Millie who is in school every day, working her hardest as always	Luke for doing his best at home, and sending some pictures of the wonderful work he has been doing including cooking for the family!
Y6H	Evon for being really engaged with our class text, commenting daily with her thoughts and feelings.	Isabelle for being a superstar in class, doing all her work to her best ability.
Y6D	Heidi for being a model pupil at St Clare's! She has the most beautiful manners, is conscientious, considerate of everyone else's feelings and an absolute pleasure to teach!	Khianna for striving to complete all her online lessons every day and to a high standard.

Although teachers can only choose a couple of children each week for the awards, we are extremely proud of all our pupils and the work they have been completing. Well done everyone!

A huge congratulations to Oliver Gittens who has become a MILLIONAIRE READER this week – our very own book worm.

We now have five millionaire readers – Racheal, Paris, Wiktorina, Oliver and Yvette which is a fantastic achievement.

Half term

School finishes today at 3.15pm for half term and reopens to our critical worker / vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February. The whole staff at St Clare's wish you all a happy, relaxing and safe holiday and thank you immensely for all that you have done to support your child's learning over the last six weeks. We hope that you get to spend some quality time with your family having fun.

Kind regards,

Mrs Howe