

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 18th February 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

Today we finish for our half-term break after a very busy six weeks. Nursery have been reading 'Baby goes to Market.' Linked to this book, they have been touching, feeling and tasting fruit. Year 1 have been learning how to compare numbers up to 50 using greater than and less than symbols in maths. As part of their history topic, Year 3 have made clay Stone Age houses from the paleolithic period. They look amazing. Some of the pupils were disappointed not to have used horse manure to build their homes which they did during this period. Year 5 have made powerpoint presentations about the Grand Canyon which they shared with the class. As part of their history topic, Year 6 spent the afternoon together making cookies using rations that were available during the war.

## Assembly

1D led our Monday assembly to the early years and key stage 1 children this week. Their assembly was based on love and St Valentine. They did very well, shared their knowledge of the saint, sang beautifully about God's love and knew their lines off by heart. Thank you to the parents who attended.

**"Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly." Luke 6:27-28**

Our key stage 2 children explored how the way we act plays a part in bringing down or blessing others. Children were inspired to love our enemies as Jesus told us to. Though it can sometimes be a challenge, children learnt that in choosing to bless others we can be sure that God will bless us even more!

## Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Eliana for always being kind and friendly to others.	Frank for excellent maths work about heavy and light.
RM	Carter M for naming lots of 3D shapes. He explored sending them down a ramp to see whether they rolled, slid or stuck and could say why.	Pablo for learning all of the words to our class prayers.
RC	Brody for always doing the right thing and being so helpful within class	Rehoboth for creating a fantastic story using sentence starters.
Y1S	Rudi for always giving 100% in everything he does at school.	Hillary for writing a very interesting postcard from Antarctica!
Y1D	Kacper for trying hard in all lessons and being a kind and caring friend.	Isla for trying hard to improve your writing by ensuring it makes sense and working on your handwriting.
Y2M	Malik for a fantastic dance performance in PE	Ava for a fantastic dance performance in PE
Y2L	Eunice for enthusiasm and independence when writing her report about Zambia.	Molly for providing super thinking and solutions on pictograms.
Y3M	Lilly for coming into school with absolute determination to do well, push herself, listen and try her best in her lessons. I am so proud! Well done!	Aliyah for being so thoughtful and philosophical in her answers in religion lessons, assembly and collective worship.
Y3G	Scarlette for an amazing change in her handwriting! She is really focused on making each piece of work her best.	Matiyar for going above and beyond when writing about the Stone Age diet.
Y4RW	Megan for working extremely hard all week, showing great resilience when she found something difficult.	Charlotte for writing a fantastic song in R.E about worshipping God.

Y4S	Vonn for a great attitude this week, he has been working so hard in lessons.	Rowan for trying very hard in English this week and producing a fabulous diary entry.
Y5OH	Izabelle for being so focused and hard working this week. She tries her best in everything she does and it shows	Elian for his great communication skills and team work in our PE lesson this week.
Y5K	Alex K for having an amazing attitude to school life and for being a great model to the rest of the class!	Praise for having great thoughts and ideas when planning and writing a wonderful newspaper report!
Y5H	Kaiden for always having fantastic manners and being so smiley in class.	Ella for providing fantastic ideas for our shared writing this week in English.
Y6F	Magdalena for showing a great attitude towards her learning	Wiktoria for her wonderful reading minutes of 102 minutes so far this year and her word count of 1,500,000!
Y6H	Lewis has behaved perfectly this week and is making a super effort to be focused in class.	Daniel Edwards for making a super effort in all lessons, and contributing a lot to class discussion.
Y6S	Noah H for always being a fantastic role model in 6S, his attitude towards his learning is brilliant.	Archie for his lovely ideas and contribution towards our RE lessons this week.

### Headteacher's Awards:

**Saara in RM** for being a model pupil – always ready to learn!

**Grace in RC** for a big improvement in her confidence and willingness to have a go.

**Bradley and Jenson in 2L** for great independent work on block diagrams in maths.

**Dennan in 4RW** for reading to younger children with such great enthusiasm and intonation.

**Evie-May in 5OH** for drawing me an amazing portrait.

**Ese in 6F** for being very talented at crocheting and making an amazing blanket.

**Noah in 6S** for a brilliant piece of narrative writing relating to the evacuees in World War 2.

### Mrs Lyons

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Lyons as she leaves St Clare's to begin a new career. We thank her for all she has done for the pupils of St Clare's and wish her every happiness and success in the future.

### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93.7%. The best class for attendance this week is 3G with 99.3%. Well done 3G!

### Football Team

On Tuesday evening, Mr Sabatel and Mrs Drury took a group of our Year 6 pupils to play in a football match against Charlestown Primary. The boys lost 3-0 to a very strong team, but put in a good performance. The boys reported their goalkeeper was bigger than Jordan Pickford!

### 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

I hope that you all have a wonderful half-term. School re-opens on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8.50am.

Take care,

Mrs Howe.