

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new half-term at St Clare's and it is one that has begun with good news. I'm sure that you are all pleased to hear that schools will be fully re-opening on Monday 8th March for all pupils. We are all very excited about the children returning to school – we can not wait to see their happy, smiley faces. If you have any concerns about your child returning to school or are concerned about their mental health / well-being when they return, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. As always, we will do whatever we can to support the transition back into school. I'm sure most children will be pleased to return to some kind of normality and see their friends.

We thank you all for your help and support during this lockdown and ask you to persevere with the remote learning for the last week. There is light at the end of the tunnel! Your commitment to helping and encouraging your child, during a difficult and stressful situation, is much appreciated. Please continue to support us and your children with their remote learning. Some teachers have commented that engagement with the remote learning this week (since Boris Johnson's announcement that schools will fully re-open on March 8th) has lessened. We can not afford for this to happen, as new teaching and learning is still taking place as we push ahead with the National Curriculum objectives and our curriculum plans. If your child does not do the work, they will be behind the other children in the class when we return and not ready to continue to move forward with their learning. If you need any support with the remote learning or you would like the class teacher to speak to your child to encourage them in the final push to the home learning finish line, then please get in touch. We know it is not easy.

As the threat of Coronavirus has not gone away, we will keep all of our existing safety measures in place when all children return to school. There will still be staggered start and finish times to limit the number of people we come into contact with on the school premises. I will send out another letter next week reminding you of your child's start and finish times. We politely ask anyone entering the school premises (even to drop off and pick up your children) to please wear a face mask.

Assembly

Jesus said, "Take care not to do good deeds in order that people may see them."

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

During half-term, we marked the beginning of our holiest and most important season with Ash Wednesday. During Lent, we are all asked to pray more, fast and to give more. This theme was introduced to the children with the phrase 'Pray, Stop and Go'. Jesus tells us that to live a good life we must pray more; we must stop doing some things in order to help others; and we must 'go' by reaching out to others with love. God, who sees everything, will see our good deeds: we do not need to worry that other people are aware of our actions. This is our mission during the season of Lent.

Ten:Ten Resources

Please follow the link for access to daily prayers that may be said at home next week. Next week in our prayers, children will consider how every moment is a new beginning. Every moment we have a choice about how to behave. Every moment we can make a choice to follow Jesus and become more like Him. And thankfully, we are offered endless opportunities to start again – to have a new beginning.

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/54-t80it492i2b5869iopt4rpguj9-q/>

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

26/2/21	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Jennifer for some fabulous phonics work this week!	Jakub and Brody for joining in with our home learning lessons and activities.
RH	Madeline for working hard to practise counting backwards from 10 .	Lottie for settling back into school so well and for amazing communication and language skills.
RC	Poppy-Leigh for a fantastic effort this week with her home learning.	Poppy T for settling back into school so well and really trying her best with her phonics.
Y1S	Sienna for always having a positive attitude to learning.	Phoebe for doing some amazing work on Speech Bubbles!
Y1D	Eseosa for completing all of her work on Google classroom each day.	Sofia for always trying hard in everything she does.
Y2M	Catherine and Sharon week. They both deserve pupil of the week as they have consistently been engaged with their remote learning throughout the term. They both deserve the achievement award as both girls produced beautiful illustrations of the children's Eucharistic prayer.	
Y2S	Nadia for always trying her best and completing all work on Google Classroom.	Lilly for trying hard to improve her handwriting this week.
Y3M	Bella as she has worked really hard and puts in 100% effort with everything she does.	Lennon for putting lots of effort into his work. He is also a fantastic friend, plays with everyone and always makes sure that nobody is left out.
Y3S	Rosalie for her excellent efforts with all her work online. She really has tried very hard in every subject.	Oliver for his enthusiastic nature and always trying hard to do his best!
Y4RW	Bella K for always having a positive attitude towards school, creating a fun atmosphere for the children she is working with and always giving her best.	George C for a fantastic piece of creative writing, really showing off his ideas and imagination.
Y4B	Emilia as she is dedicated to all of her work and gets on so well with her peers. Her work is always detailed - she challenges herself and takes pride in it, presenting it beautifully. Emilia is a delight to have in	Bailey as he has persevered with online learning and I have been impressed with some of his maths work and creative writing. Bailey shows up to all google

	class and always has a lovely smile on her face.	meetings and is trying hard which is great to see.
Y5OH	Noah H for submitting great work every week and sending through lovely photos of his wellbeing Wednesday last week.	Celestyn as he has been so dedicated to his learning online and making great progress.
Y5OK	Faye as she has engaged with her home learning so well this week. A great start to the new half term!	Finley for some fantastic maths work this week adding fractions with different denominators!
Y5L	Lucy as she has been an absolute soldier getting through all her work and making the same effort she always does in class.	All of 5L for perseverance through lockdown. Well done to you all keep up your hard work for the next two weeks until we are all back together.
Y6F	Nuria for always doing her work to the best of her ability.	David - a huge well done for completing every single piece of work set this week on Google Classroom.
Y6H	Dylan for impressing me with absolutely everything he has done this week in school, he is progressing so much in every area and gaining so much confidence in speaking aloud.	Amelie for some amazing literacy work about Maya Gods before half term.
Y6D	Tobi for always attending his morning meets and completing all lessons.	Racheal for doing fantastic work in literacy about 'The Man on the Moon'.

We are proud of all our pupils and thank them all for their hard work this week.

World Book Day

Next Thursday is World Book Day and the children will be taking part in various activities linked to this. Obviously, it will be different this year as most children are not in school, so we will not be dressing up and admiring each others costumes as in previous years. There will be a new activity this year however, based on the Masked Singer television programme. St Clare's is pleased to announce 'The Masked Reader.' Children will listen to stories and poems retold by the staff at school in disguise and will have to identify them. I want to thank all the staff for being such good sports in taking part in this fun activity and Miss Howard and Mr Flint for putting it all together.

It is also Science Week next week, but we are delaying this until June. This event is always quite spectacular and hands on. Due to the current Covid restrictions, we have decided that this will be better when restrictions have been lifted, the children can really interact with the sessions and parents can be invited into school to share the experience.

As always, we wish you a safe, relaxing and enjoyable weekend. The weather seems to be improving which gives us the opportunity to spend some quality time with our family outdoors.

Take care,

Mrs Howe