

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 5th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Congratulations- you survived the school's partial closure and remote learning! We are delighted to be welcoming all our children back into school on Monday 8th March. We are sure that there will be mixed emotions for some children. Some will be happy to be returning to the structure of the school working day and seeing their friends; others may feel a little anxious about leaving home whilst the threat of coronavirus is still around. If you have any concerns, as always, please contact school.

As I said in my letter earlier this week, we will be returning to the same structure we had in the autumn term. There will still be staggered start and finish times; children will be regularly washing their hands; they will remain in class bubbles; they will sit in forward facing desks and walk on the left around school. Extra cleaning measures are still in place with the school being cleaned throughout the day. Breakfast club and TOOSC will re-open from Monday 8th. **Children will wear their school uniforms when they return on Monday.**

If your child shows any of the three main Covid symptoms, please keep them off school and arrange a test. 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.

Staff are wearing masks when moving around the school and staying in their class bubbles as much as possible. Most also undertake voluntary rapid lateral flow tests twice a week to confirm that they are Covid negative. We are undertaking all these measures to keep our school community as safe as we can.

We ask that parents wear face masks when entering the school premises to drop off or collect their children. We have anxious staff, parents and grandparents, some of whom live with people who are shielding. Please help us to relieve their anxieties by wearing a face mask. May I also remind you to keep 2m away from other people on the premises and keep to the left. Your support in these measures is gratefully received.

Later flow tests for households

Families with children at primary school are eligible to take lateral flow tests from 1st March. Some of you may already have them from your employer. If not, you can take or collect the tests from a local test site between 1.30pm and 7.00pm (Ancoats Central Retail Park, Ancoats or Ukrainian Cultural Centre, Cheetham) or order the online at www.gov.uk Schools testing: Order coronavirus (COVID-19) rapid lateral flow home test kits.

Assembly

'Jesus led them up a high mountain and He was transfigured before them.' Mark 9: 2 – 10

In this week's Gospel story, Jesus was transfigured and revealed as God's son. This changed Peter's life: he wanted to participate fully with God's creative plan! God has a plan for each of us and it is up to us to respond to his calling. We must not be afraid of change as we know that God is always with us.

Celebration Certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Lewis for looking after his community and local environment by taking part in a weekly litter pick.	Noah for some outstanding phonics work in school this week. Racquel for some beautiful letter formation at home this week.
RH	Avayah for her super reading. She has made great progress and is now blending in her head to read.	Olivia K for engaging so well during home learning every week!
RC	Elijah for excellent behaviour and listening and participation during carpet sessions.	Oliver D for fantastic home learning and amazing reading.
Y1S	Jenson for improving on handing in work on Google Classroom.	Julia for consistently handing in her online work since the beginning of January every single day to a high standard.
Y1D	Shae and Destiny for trying hard with their home learning.	
Y2M	Hannah for being so brave and confident during her first couple of weeks here at St. Clare's.	Esme for a fantastic maths score this week!
Y2S	Same for submitting some brilliant pieces of work on Google Classroom this week.	Khadijah for writing a great set of instructions in Literacy this week.
Y3M	Deitrick for trying his best with home learning	Ayesha and Nathaniel for being fantastic throughout the 2 months of home learning and trying their best at all times.
Y3S	All the class for their commitment to the online learning and working so well in school.	
Y4RW	Caleb for being a role model student, always giving 100% in everything he does, showing a fantastic attitude towards school and his work.	Izabelle for fantastic creative writing over the past couple of weeks. She has been able to demonstrate her fantastic creativity and ideas in her work.
Y4B	Harrison for consistently working hard throughout online learning. Harrison has completed all of his work each day and always goes back to correct work or complete targets too. I have been particularly impressed by his Maths work. Well done Harrison for having such a positive and hard working attitude through a difficult time!	Amelia as she has had a great week in class and is producing some brilliant creative writing, challenging herself to add extra description and features such as speech and brackets to make her writing more interesting for the reader, well done!
Y5OH	Brook for handing in amazing work and for her dedication to her online learning throughout.	Lincoln as he has written some amazing work this week in his English on narrative and always uses amazing vocabulary.
Y5OK	Tomasz for outstanding online engagement from home.	Ayla Rose for her commitment and dedication to online learning. Her work is always of a high standard.

Y5L	Jacob for great effort with online learning. He is completing lots of fantastic work online.	Aidan as he wasn't a fan of Google classroom as it is tricky but he stuck with it and is doing lots of good work online.
Y6F	Tyshawn for trying really hard this week on google classroom and sharing some wonderful work he has done on our class meets.	Omoso as she always completes her work to a very high standard.
Y6H	Andrew for always putting so much effort into his work, and sharing the creative things he does at home with us on our class meets.	Suzie for some amazing writing about the Man on the Moon in literacy.
Y6D	Olly for being so polite and well-mannered at all times	Charley for producing fantastic writing for his Man on the Moon narrative.

We have an amazing group of children at St Clare's and we are equally proud of them all.

Year 4 swimming

We have decided that the two year 4 classes will attend their swimming sessions in blocks rather than for half an hour each week. The remaining weeks we have left in school will be split between the two classes. We are planning for Y4RW to have the first block of lessons starting Thursday 22nd April. Each session will last an hour. Year 4B sessions will be later in the year. We will send out further information to the year 4 parents nearer the time.

Baby News

Our school community has been blessed with three new arrivals recently. Mrs Salza has given birth to a beautiful baby girl called Lucia just before Christmas; Mrs Miley has also given birth to a beautiful girl called Cleo; and Mrs Arnold has given birth to a handsome baby boy called Edward. We say goodbye to Mrs Barrie next week as she begins her maternity leave in preparation for the birth of her new bundle of joy. Mrs Drury will be teaching full time in our Nursery class. We wish them all every happiness and pray that God keeps them safe.

World Book Day

Thursday was World Book day and we hope that your children enjoyed the day and activities that were provided. Our Nursery children came into school dressed up on Wednesday. I met Little Red Riding Hood, several dinosaurs, superheroes and pirates. The children enjoyed sharing an assembly with the author David Walliams and had fun trying to guess our masked readers. If you missed the masked readers, they are available to watch on our school website. The £1 book vouchers will be given to the children when they all return to school next week, so that the children can use them to buy a book and experience a love of reading.

Thank you once again for your amazing support during the lockdown. Enjoy your weekend and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday.

Take care and God bless,

Mrs Howe