

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 12th March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been great having all the children back into school this week. There has been a buzz around the buildings and more noise! Everyone was delighted to see each other and the children have been amazing at slotting back into the school routines. They are keen to continue with their learning and have shown great resilience. Attendance has been brilliant too!

This week, Reception children have painted some amazing Sunflowers in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. We have some budding artists! Year 2 have been busy learning how to divide by sharing equally between groups and learning about Queen Victoria. Year 4 are going to write diary entries using the book 'River Boy' as their inspiration. Year 6 are tackling algebra in maths and beginning a new topic based on light. Year 6 also celebrated Mass in church on Tuesday as we strive to pray more during Lent.

Assembly

"Take these out of here and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." John 2: 13 – 25

Using the dramatic Gospel story of Jesus and the money lenders in the temple, children were encouraged to think about Jesus' response to injustice and how this can inspire our own responses to injustice in our communities.

Lent

During this holy season we are encouraged to pray, fast and give more. Our assemblies have focused on the three words Pray, Stop and Go. For our fundraising this season, we are going to concentrate on the St Clare's parish community. Many of our families are struggling during these difficult times and as witnesses to Christ we are called to reach out and help them.

Next Friday 19th March we are asking all children to bring in a tin of food or some non-perishable food e.g pasta, rice. This will be given to our church food bank. In return the children may come to school in 'Odd clothes' (miss-matched clothes).

Following on from this, on Monday 29th March the children may come into school wearing some purple or red clothes (to coincide with our Lenten / Easter colours). We ask that the children bring in £1 which we will donate to the church to support families in our community.

We do not have the St Joseph's penny boxes this year, so each class will have a St Clare's Lenten almsgiving box which they can fill with any loose change. Again, the money collected will be given to the church to help families in need. The church have supported several of our families this year with household items for which we are very grateful.

Let's heed Pope Francis's advice during Lent to:



Attendance

Attendance has been fabulous this week. I'm sure that we are all glad to have our children back in school. Whole school attendance this week is 98.7% which is tremendous. Let's keep it up! Five classes have 100% attendance – 3S, 5OH, 6d, 6F and 6H

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.

Covid

Please remember that if your child shows any of the 3 main symptoms of Covid (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or changes to their sense of taste or smell) you should not bring them or any siblings into school. You will need to arrange a test.

As many people are asymptomatic (not showing any signs of Covid, but are carrying the virus) we have decided for everyone's safety that if a child shows any Covid symptoms in school and has to go home to undertake a test, their siblings will also need to be collected at the same time. In doing so, we will hopefully reduce the amount of time that other pupils and staff are potentially in contact with infected children.

If your child develop any Covid symptoms out of school hours, please notify us on the dedicated email: covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk

Thank you to everyone who is wearing a mask when entering the school premises; being mindful when walking through the gates to avoid contacts; keeping to the left when walking; and only one adult bringing your child to school.

Celebration Certificates

12/3/21	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	All of the nursery children this week for settling back into school beautifully. We are so proud of them all	
RH	George for showing a caring attitude towards his class mates	Ranveer for having a wonderful enthusiasm towards his writing
RC	Ralph for being a really kind friend.	Henry G for amazing communication!
Y1S	Yoel for settling in so well to our routine	Alexis for trying so hard with her work on our first week back
Y1D	Lennon for making a good start to the new term.	Jovi for making a good start to the new term
Y2M	Enzo and David for a fantastic first week at St. Clare's.	Macey for great reading and moving up to the next book band.
Y2S	Ramani for always following the school rules and setting a good example to others.	Aliyah for writing a great setting description this week.
Y3M	David and Destiny for settling back into class so well	Amaya for coming into school with a fantastic attitude to learning. She is so determined to succeed!
Y3S	Abigail for her excellent perimeter work in maths today. She is a real Star!	Jack for his friendly nature and kind support for those around him.
Y4RW	Khadijah as I have been impressed with how she has come back to school, working hard and joining in with the class discussions, sharing her fantastic ideas.	Charlie for a fantastic attitude towards our river topic, going home and creating his own river out of clay.
Y4B	Kasey for settling back into school so well and being so enthusiastic about her work. Kasey keeps asking to be challenged with more work which is a great attitude to come back with!	Emily for some beautiful work and brilliant creativity in her writing. Emily always works hard and tries her best, well done!
Y5OH	Billy for settling in so quickly into his new class and making friends.	Pierce for doing brilliant in maths this week with fractions, well done.
Y5OK	The whole class	
Y5L	Mariam as both teachers that she was taught by during the school closure came to me to tell me how impeccable her manners are and how hardworking and polite she is.	Lewis for using brilliant mathematical vocabulary when explaining improper fractions to the class.
Y6F	Nuria for always doing the right thing, has come back and got on with her work with no fuss.	David who is already back in the swing of things with his reading and has already been quizzing on his books this week.
Y6H	Alfie for always being a star pupil.	Maja for beautiful presentation in all of her work- she never rushes and always takes such care.
Y6D	Lily for always having a positive attitude towards her learning and being an outstanding role model at St Clare's.	Kelvin for showing a great understanding of our church service on Tuesday.

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

Headteacher awards this week go to:

Nyane in Reception for a great replica of Van Gogh's 'Sunflowers' painting.

Poppy in Y2M for brilliant work on division.

Kaiden in Y4B for an amazing attitude to his work and writing great rules for how we should live our lives like Jesus.

Joshua in Y6F for fantastic work on solving algebraic equations.

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.

Thank you all for your continued support. Have a great weekend.

Take care and God bless,

Mrs Howe