

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week has been assessment week in school, so the children have been busy completing set tasks. Our Nursery children have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. They were very excited because they found a golden egg in school which they returned to Jack. Jack very kindly told the children that they could keep it! Year 1 have been busy writing setting descriptions based on their new book, Snail on the Whale. Year 3 have made and devoured some fruit kebabs as part of their food groups, science topic. They were very creative and many children made animal fruit kebabs. Year 5 have been very artistic this week too. They have been re-telling the story of Judas's betrayal of Jesus and creating their own artwork to depict the scene. They have used Giotto di Bondone's work as their inspiration.

## **Assembly**

"The man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God." John 3: 14 – 21

God loves us and wants us to live joyfully! This week's assembly marked Mothers' Day and Laetare Sunday, as it falls half-way through Lent and celebrates the joy to be found in caring for others. We watched a short film about Gandhi and how it related to Lenten self-denial and the possibilities this offers. We linked it to our Lenten motto of 'Pray, Stop, Go' as the reason we do without something in Lent (**Stop**) is so we can be more freely available to reach out to others with acts of love. (**Go**)

## **St Joseph**

Today we celebrate the feast of St Joseph. This is an especially important date in 2021, as Pope Francis has proclaimed this year 'The Year of Joseph'. Joseph is often overlooked when we talk about the Gospels. Pope Francis reminds us that it is often the overlooked, ordinary people who are shaping history. This has been evident during the current pandemic. St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.

## **Lent**

During this holy season we are encouraged to pray, fast and give more. Thank you to you all for the great response to our GIFT team appeal to wear odd clothes in return for some food for our parish food bank. There were some funny sights this morning!

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Attendance

Attendance this week for the school has slipped considerably to 95.4% - let's hope it's a blip and that attendance figures return to over 97% next week. That said, Year 5OH had tremendous attendance this week with 99%. Well done 5OH

### 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.

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

Unfortunately, we have had to close two of our class bubbles this week due to positive Covid tests. The children and staff are all working remotely in order to minimise the impact on the children's learning. **We have been approached by parents asking that we enforce the wearing of masks on the school grounds. We know that you are outside where masks are not normally worn, but we urge you to consider the anxieties and fears of other adults and please wear a mask.** This very small act will help to alleviate some fears.

### Celebration Certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Grace Ojo for wonderful Mark making outdoors with the chalk. Rehoboth for trying very hard to listen and concentrate during carpet times. Keriane for trying hard to write her name independently.	
RH	Honor for caring for our sunflowers and showing a great interest in watching them grow	Luca for excellent measuring with cubes
RC	Osamagbe for really trying his best during RWI to form his sounds correctly	Poppy Leigh for trying very hard in RWI and forming the sound 'u' correctly all by herself
Y1S	Joris for excellent vocabulary in his setting description.	Adam for trying really hard in maths this week.
Y1D	Shae for always putting her hand up to answer questions and contribute to lessons.	Ire for a fantastic improvement in his writing and handwriting.
Y2M	Ryan Mc for excellent focus and effort this week in all lessons.	Miley for working really hard during her assessments this week and putting in 100% effort.
Y2S	Ella for trying her best with all assessments this week.	George for a great score in his spelling test!
Y3M	Maddison for being a fantastic role model to her friends in class. Her behaviour is exceptional: she is always doing the right thing and is kind to everybody!	Orlaigh for exceptionally hard work on perimeter and completing even tricky problem solving with confidence. What a superstar!
Y3S	Anna for really making good progress in her science and enjoying our unit on flowering plants.	Kelvin has worked incredibly hard this week in class and in his booster groups. Well Done!
Y4RW	Hollie for a fantastic attitude towards school this week, she has been working extremely hard in all her work and assessments.	Lydia for her incredible work in her assessments. Lydia has achieved fantastic marks in her SPAG and reading assessments this week.
Y4B	Denis is a delight to have in class, he is very enthusiastic about learning and he comes in every morning so sensibly beginning his morning work straight away. Denis is very	Leo as now that he has returned to school Leo is putting all of his effort into his work, taking his time and challenging himself. He has produced some

	dedicated to his work and always wants to try his best so is making great progress, keep it up!	lovely, thoughtful and detailed RE work this week, well done!
Y5OH	Brook who has been trying so hard during her assessments and doing a brilliant job!	All of 5OH, they were role models when we were in mass on Tuesday! So well behaved and respectful.
Y5OK	Litalia because she has really settled well back in school, always works hard and tries her best in every lesson, is a good and kind friend to her classmates and is a pleasure to have in the class.	Shay for a fantastic drawing in RE depicting the betrayal of Jesus by Judas. He really captured the moment artistically and had a really good understanding of how both Jesus and Judas felt about this situation.
Y5L	Mariatu for always having lovely manners and being able to brighten up a room.	Ryan for absolutely amazing assessment results – his reading has blown me away!
Y6F	Jeremiah who has tried really hard this week to do the right thing.	Millie has shown tremendous progress in all of her work since we came back.
Y6H	Braiden for always having lovely manners, and being able to brighten up a room.	Ryan for absolutely amazing assessment results, his reading has blown me away.
Y6D	Denzel for keeping everyone's spirits high with his positive attitude. He never fails to put a smile on my face!	Thomas for writing a fantastic non-chronological report about light. His confident style kept it interesting and informative!

Well done to all the pupils at St Clare's for their great effort this week.

**Headteacher awards this week go to:**

**Antoni** in Nursery for being able to re-tell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk so well. **Ava** in 1D for being a great example of how to sit beautifully in class listening. **Kaja** in 3M for a fantastic fox fruit kebab and **Jade** in 5L for a brilliant sketch depicting the betrayal of Jesus by Judas.

**Safety message**

Please kind I remind you all to be extra vigilant when crossing the car park. We keep movement in the car park to a minimum during drop off and collection times, but occasionally there may be a car moving and we do not want any child harmed. Staff have also been reminded to be mindful of children crossing.

**Easter**

Just a reminder that school is open during Holy Week even though some high school may be closed. **We finish for Easter on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Classes** that start school at 8.45am will finish at 1.15pm and classes that start at 9.00am will finish at 1.30pm. This is to keep in line with our staggered finish times.

Thank you for your continued support this week and I hope that you have a great weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Howe