

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had another great week of learning in school. In Reception, the children planted sunflower seeds and have been busy watching them grow. They were excited to see shoots and leaves appear. They are taking them home today to care for them and watch them flower. Year 2 have produced art work based on William Morris. They have been experimenting with printing techniques in order to make their own wall paper. Year 4 have been busy working on decimals in maths and began a new science topic on states of matter. They will soon know all about solids, liquids and gases. Year 6 have studied the miraculous story of Lazarus being brought back to life. Mature discussions were held around how people could doubt that Jesus was the Son of God when he had showed them in so many ways. This ties in well with Holy Week next week when the children will focus on the events of this very important time. We will be celebrating Mass on Tuesday via Zoom.

## **Assembly**

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” **John 12: 20 – 33**

In our assembly this week, we focused on the fact that Jesus says we will only become the fruitful people we are meant to be if we are prepared to change. Throughout our Lent adventure, we have been trying to weed out unhelpful habits to make room for others. Inspired by the Gospel and the story, 'Isabella Is Growing Up', we looked at the beauty of that growth.

## **Lent**

During this holy season we are encouraged to pray, fast and give more.

I would like to say a very big thank you to you all for the food you sent in last week for the parish food bank. There were lots of tins and the parish were very grateful.

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.

## **Attendance**

Attendance for the school this week is 95.2% due to the fact that we have two classes closed. The classes with the highest attendance this week are 5O and 6F with 99%. Well done!

## **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 develops 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	Jakub setting an excellent example to his friends	Brody for brilliant name writing Pixie-Ella Farrell for showing a great eagerness to learn.
RH	Felicity for putting her best effort in to show us the fantastic writing she is really capable of.	Ella for an excellent piece of work about what happened on Good Friday.
RC	Kian for having a great day even though his best friend was not here.	Elisa always being a great friend.
Y1S	Jaymee for having an amazing first week at St Clare's!	Ludiana for showing kindness to her friends every single day.
Y1D	Malik for writing a beautiful prayer.	Emilie for always trying hard with her work
Y2M	Alvaro for being pro-active towards his online learning even though it is his first time using Google Classroom.	Indie for her creativity and originality in her writing.
Y2S	Tianna for achieving a great score in her reading assessments.	Maddison for fantastic maths work this week!
Y3M	Elano for putting lots of effort into his maths and making fantastic progress.	Jacob for always being a kind friend and a great role model for the class.
Y3S	Ayla for really being a great team member in Year 3. Her hard work and kind nature are very much noticed.	Lucas for his hard work understanding Fractions this week. Keep up your efforts Lucas!
Y4RW	Elizabeth for always putting in 100% effort with her work, working extremely hard in her groups with Mr Dale and all her class work.	Caleb for fantastic contributions to the class discussion in R.E and geography; asking important questions and sharing key information.
Y4B	Muhamed as he is so polite to all of his teachers and friends and has worked really hard online this week producing some brilliant work. He has shared some of his own research on Google Classroom and lead class prayers of his own accord, keeping everyone's spirits up!	Emmanuella as she has tried really hard to challenge herself with her online work, trying extra Maths questions and including some great examples of 2A sentences and similes in her writing this week. Keep it up!
Y5OH	Lee as he tries so hard in all of his work and always has a positive attitude towards everything in school. He is helpful and has lovely manners!	Ikenna for his amazing drawing of the betrayal of Jesus. He did it in a cartoon style and has really brought the picture to life with amazing bright colours.

Y5L	Marley for being very respectful to adults and other children, always being kind and treating others as he would like to be treated.	Jayden for always making great effort to learn. He is always listening and trying his best with everything he does!
Y6F	Tyshawn as comes into class every morning with a smile on his face and it is really nice to see.	Omoso for writing a fantastic non-chronological report on light
Y6H	Suzie who tries hard in everything she does, she is a star pupil.	Martinas for really improved numeracy.
Y6D	Khianna for her warm, caring and conscientious nature. She is a true pleasure to have in class.	Pascal for beautiful handwriting and an improvement in his book presentation. Keep up the good work Pascal!

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

**Headteacher awards this week go to:**

**Jenson** in 1S for trying so hard every day, listening and engaging with all his work.

**Cora** in 2M for a beautiful picture of Palm Sunday.

**Zachary and Archie** in 3S for great work and explanations on finding a quarter of a number.

**Parents Evening**

A note for your diaries – we will be conducting parents evening via telephones calls again in the week beginning the 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021. The sessions will be held over two evenings. Further details will be sent out and you will be notified when the booking system is open.

**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. As always, if you have any concerns please contact school.

Take care,

Mrs Howe