

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 8th April 2022



Dear Parents / Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended parents evening this week. It is really important to have a chance to speak to your child's class teacher about your child – their wellbeing, their progress, their attainment and how we can both support them in their learning. Staff are available for you to raise concerns with throughout the year, but this meeting informs you of where your child is in terms of national expected standards. As parents you play a key role, along with school, in the education of your child, so thank you for your support. In Reception, we now have eight chicks that have hatched from the eggs. The children have been mesmerised by them. This week, Reception children have also made Easter bonnets which they paraded wearing. They were fantastic and very creative. Year 1 have made chocolate rice crispie nests which they didn't seem to want to share with staff. They used the experience to write instructions on how to make them. Year 2 have been learning about plants, the inside of seeds and are investigating what helps plants grow. The children were using amazing scientific language like germination and photosynthesis. Year 4 have been doing class debates using persuasive language. One class focused on which pet to have whilst the other debating whether or not dams should be built. In Year 6, the children have been planning and creating questionnaires using Google Forms.

## Assembly

**But God has shown us how much He loves us – it was while we were still sinners that Christ died for us!"**

### Romans 5: 8

In our assembly this week, we looked ahead to Holy Week and Good Friday. The children were reminded of how, at the Last Supper, Jesus showed us how to serve by washing the feet of His disciples. He broke the bread and shared the wine which were Jesus's body and blood. Jesus was going to sacrifice His life out of love for us. Jesus knew the fate that awaited Him and He prayed to His Father. On Good Friday, Jesus died to show His great love for us, to save us and give us hope. Our whole lives are a pilgrimage to heaven! With Jesus to show us the way to God, we can continue to become better followers of Him.

## Stations of the Cross

On Monday morning, Year 5 will lead key stage 2 pupils in the Stations of the Cross. During Holy Week, the children are asked to reflect on the events of Holy Week and the huge significance they play in the lives of our Catholic faith. Parents are welcome to join us at 9.15am.

Key Stage 1 children will experience the Stations of the Cross on Monday afternoon in school.

On Monday afternoon, at 2.40pm, **4S will lead us in their class assembly**. Parents are welcome to attend.

## Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Isabella H for always being a super listener and doing amazing tidying up!	Isabelle O for great singing of our nursery rhyme of the week!
RM	Deborah for always being helpful and being a good tidier	Kian for knowing most of his set 1 sounds in RWI
RC	Rehoboth for trying really hard to have an input during carpet sessions.	Igor for forming all the letters in his name correctly!!

Y1S	Joleen for always being a kind friend to others	Poppy Leigh for writing some amazing sentences by herself including capital letters, full stops and finger spaces!
Y1D	Heidi for always being well-behaved and contributing to discussion on the carpet.	Olivia W for your lovely writing in English this week and including all of your capital letters, full stops and finger spaces.
Y2M	Jasmin for taking great pride in her work and always giving a 100%	Eseosa for being on fire in her Maths lessons this week! Well done!
Y2L	Daniel for being great in class this week and for being focused and trying his best in every lesson.	Evie for creating some super writing this week in all her subjects, not just English.
Y3M	Nicholas for always putting 100% into his work, trying his best and becoming more confident in answering questions in class.	Lilly for working really hard in groups. Lots of members of staff have noticed your fantastic, positive attitude.
Y3G	Sam for always having a respectful attitude. He never forgets to use his manners with adults and children around school and in class.	Catherine for showing an impressive understanding of fractions and helping her friends!
Y4RW	Megan for having a fantastic attitude towards school and working well in every lesson, especially maths.	Jack B for fantastic emotive language in his persuasive letter.
Y4S	Rowan for trying his hardest in everything he does and always being respectful and kind.	John Joe for great persuasive writing in English this week.
Y5OH	Maisie for being great in class this week and for being focused in every lesson.	Sienna for a wonderful piece of artwork. She put in so much care and attention to detail!
Y5K	Oilver for always having a smile on his face and putting an amazing amount of effort into everything that he does!	Amelia for working extremely hard to plan, write and edit a very well written informal letter.
Y5H	Ethan for having a fantastic week and producing some incredible work in his English.	Freya for an incredible piece of artwork in the style of David Hardy.
Y6F	Tomasz for always putting in 100% into his maths work, his hard work and determination is lovely to see. From Mrs Salza	Ayla Rose for writing a wonderful narrative this week. It was incredibly creative and full of imagination!
Y6H	Halina for always behaving perfectly and having such lovely manners.	Tia for doing so much reading this week, she has passed so many quizzes and I am really proud.
Y6S	Emme for doing really well in maths this week, she has impressed me with her knowledge of shape. From Mr Flint	Lincoln for his imaginative and creative narrative writing this week, he has worked very hard to produce a brilliant piece of writing.

### Headteacher's Awards

**Dawid in RM** for a brilliant big bird Easter hat and **Kian** for a great sheep hat.

**Kian in 1S** for confidently leading the school in actions to one of our hymns.

**James in 2M** for knowing that plants use their leaves for photosynthesis and **Bradley** for re-telling the story of the Resurrection so well.

**Alfie in 4S** for a huge improvement in his handwriting.

**Lydia in 5O** for volunteering to be Mary in the stations of the Cross.

**Halina in 6H** for using different sentence types in a narrative problem.

### Do you want to see less of our Chair of Governors?

Mr Collins is continuing to try and raise funds for St Joseph's penny through losing weight. This week, he has lost a further pound which is £16 towards our St Joseph's Penny collection.

### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 92.7% which is lower than expected. The best class for attendance this week is 3G with 97.1%. Well done 3G!

## **Covid 19**

The government have updated their guidance on living with Covid on:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-sets-out-next-steps-for-living-with-covid> which provided a little more clarity around PCR/LFD testing post April 1<sup>st</sup>. On 1 April, updated guidance advised people with symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19, and a high temperature or who feel unwell, to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature. From 1 April, anyone with a positive COVID-19 test result will be advised to try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. Day one starts after your positive Covid test. In relation to children under the age of 18, the advice states that they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days. This starts from the day after they did the test.

## **Building work**

When we return to school after the Easter holidays, there will be workmen on site. The Key Stage 1 kitchen is being renovated into a new library and intervention room. We are also having a new corridor built on the outside of the school to enable pupils to access Nursery without walking through the two Reception classrooms. Meals will continue to be made on site in the key stage 2 building. The workmen will be on site prior to the children arriving. Please ensure that you enter school through the front playground and keep to the marked walkway. Do not walk on the road in between church and school. We want to teach the children road safety and walking on this road does not promote children's safety.

**All Nursery children will enter and leave school via the back Nursery door.** Parents will need to walk through the key stage 1 playground to gain access to Nursery. Thank you for your understanding and patience whilst the work is undertaken.

## **Support**

We know that families may experience difficult times and difficult situations throughout a year. As a school, we are part of the local community along with our church. We are here primarily to educate and support our children, but that extends to their families too. We are here to support you in any way we can - should you need it. If you are experiencing any financial or other worries, please do not suffer alone, get in touch. If we are unable to help you, we may know of a group who can help. Please contact Mrs Sylvester at school for a discrete conversation if you require some support.

## **Easter holiday**

Please note that we finish for our Easter holiday on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 1.15pm

School will re-open on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.50am.

The staff and governors of school wish you a happy and holy Easter.

## **Upcoming dates**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 4S class assembly and Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Mass in church 9.15am

Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend,

Take care,

Mrs Howe.