

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

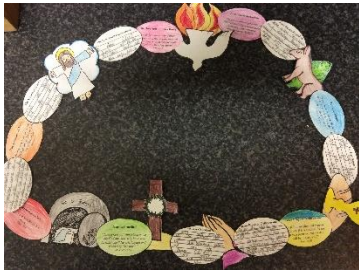
Friday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Another term has come to an end – the year is passing by so quickly. The children, as always, have been resilient, kind and hardworking in what has proved to be another challenging year so far. Thank you for all your support this term.

Much of the focus this week in school has been on the significance of Holy Week – the most important time in our Church's year. The children have explored events from Palm Sunday, to Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and then to the celebration surrounded Easter Sunday. We have shared a Mass with Father Jeremiah on Tuesday and our key stage two classes followed The Stations of the Cross. The children have made Easter cards, Easter cakes, paintings, wreaths and crucifixes.

Thank you all for your donations on Monday through wearing something red or purple. The money raised, along with the collection boxes, will be sent over to the parish to help people in our community.



Assembly

We have held two assemblies this week. The first one focused on the story of The Three Trees. This story tells of three trees that have dreams for the future. The first wishes to be a jewellery box to hold gold and expensive jewels; the second wants to be a mighty vessel crossing stormy seas carrying kings and queens; and the third just wants to grow up tall, pointing to heaven. When the trees are chopped down, it appears that their dreams will not be realised as one is made into a feeding trough for animals; the second a small fishing boat; and the third just left to one side. It turns out that they actually exceed their own goals as the feeding trough became the manger that held the most precious jewel of all time, Jesus; the small fishing boat was the boat that Jesus was in

when he calmed the storm, so it carried the King of Love; and the third tree became the cross pointing up to heaven holding the Son of God. The message was that we, like Jesus, have to trust in God as He has plans for us all, and often they exceed our own dreams.

The second assembly focused on the events of Holy Week. The children were encouraged to think about how they would have felt had they been at any of the events. The message was how much we are all loved by God and we will be eternally happy if we follow in His ways.

Attendance

Attendance for the school this week is 93% which is lower than expected and we would want to see a big improvement in attendance when we return to school after Easter. Congratulations to 3M, RH and Nursery for their 99% attendance this week.

Accelerated Reader

We now have seven children who are 'Millionaire Readers' in school meaning that they have read over one million words in their reading books. The children are:

Paris (2.5 million words) and Oliver (1.8 million words) in Year 4

Wiktorina (1.6 million words) and Yvette (1.4 million words) in Year 5

Rachael (3.3 million words), Ashley (1 million words) and Joshua (1 million words) in Year 6

Well done to all our amazing readers!

Covid

If your child develops any Covid symptoms during the Easter holidays, please notify us on the dedicated email: covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk

Parents Evening

A note for your diaries – we will be conducting parents evening via telephone calls again in the week beginning the 26th April 2021. The sessions will be held over two evenings. The booking system is now open via the app under the Useful Links heading.

Staggered starts

I just want to remind you of the staggered start times to the day. Classroom doors in the Early Years / Key Stage 1 building will be open five minutes prior to your child's start time (either 8.40am or 8.55am) and will be closed at 8.45 and 9.00am. Please ensure that your child arrives on time to avoid the mixing of different bubbles. Classes start at 8.45am and 9.00am, so if your child is late they will miss out on valuable learning time.

On behalf of everyone at St Clare's, I wish you all a very happy, holy and relaxing Easter holiday.

God bless,

Mrs Howe