

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July



Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been so lovely to have parents back on the field this week to watch sports day. Thank you for attending. The carousel of activities ensures that all children are involved and earning points for their Saint's team. The events all ran very smoothly (apart from the unexpected rain on Thursday morning), so thank you to all our staff for making them happen.

Our Reception children have been reading 'You can't fit an elephant onto a bus' and coming up with their own funny variations to the title. They have also been using rhyming words. Year 2 have been learning about maps and made sensory maps which they thoroughly enjoyed making. Year 3 children celebrated a First Holy Communion Party on Monday with party games and cake. They had a great time! Years ..... had a TV and drama workshop, whilst the second Year 6 groups spent a day of reflection at the Marist Centre. Last night, our Year 6 led an emotional leavers celebration in church which was well attended.

## Assembly

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." – **Luke 10: 27**

This week in assembly we focused on the parable of The Good Samaritan. We were reminded that our holy journey, our pilgrimage, can be close to home. If we keep our eyes open, we will notice the opportunities God gives us to follow His holy purposes each day.

## Pup

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Eliana for being a super sports day star!	Ollie for some fantastic floating and sinking investigation work this week!
RH	Mia for excellent addition by counting on from a number.	Leon for making a fantastic repeating pattern.
RC	Rory for coming into school every day with a lovely smile on his face.	Anthony for making a fantastic rocket for his homework
Y1S	Elijah B for always being ready to lend a hand in class	Nayane for improving in her writing so much!
	Lilith for working hard to complete your writing in the given time.	Avayah for trying hard to improve your handwriting and presentation.
Y2M	Isla for being the best little helper ever! She is always willing to lend a hand and help others. Very proud of you Isla!	Shae for her dedicated and enthusiastic attitude towards her learning in all subjects.
Y2L	Eunice for always using beautiful, neat handwriting and presenting all her work to a high standard.	Jacob for always wanting to find out more and asking questions to clarify his understanding.
Y3M	Keir for being a fantastic friend and a really hard working member of the class. You have worked hard all year. Well done!	Poppy for writing a fantastic story using lots of Alan Peat sentence structures

Y3G	Hannah for always having a positive smile on her face. She is a kind friend and gives 100% to everything she does.	Harry for working hard in maths. He is trying to challenge himself more each time and it's paying off! Keep it up Harry.
Y4RW	Emmanuella for having a fantastic week, working hard in every lesson.	Zach for working well independently in maths this week, constantly challenging himself.
Y4S	Eli for a fantastic week! He made a beautiful mountain picture in art and tried really hard at swimming.	Orlaigh for taking part in group discussions and sharing more of her amazing ideas with the class. Your confidence has grown loads Orlaigh!
Y5OH	Hollie for helping her peers this week! It has been lovely to see how kind and patient she is!	Maddison for creating a wonderful two page spread on how we can care for God's creations in RE!
Y5K	Ollie - for some wonderful improvisational acting skills in the drama workshop!	Oliver - for maintaining an absolutely brilliant standard of writing throughout the year!
Y5H	Joel for having an excellent week and being a great team member on his table.	Thomas for working really hard in his maths and showing great improvement.
Y6F	Shay for keeping everyone cheery with his guitar playing throughout the week	Wiktoria and Ayla for producing a fantastic piece of artwork based on Dali.
Y6H	Aidan for being really helpful around the class and always having a mature attitude.	Sophie for making an amazing piece of art in the style of Dali.
Y6S	Rory for setting a wonderful example of lovely manners and behaviour during our visit to the Marist Centre.	Harry for putting 110% effort into the play rehearsals this week, and even stepping in to fill the roles of absent children at the very last minute.

### Headteacher awards

Luca and Logan in 1D for great skills in PE

Annie in 2M for a wonderful sensory map in geography.

Poppy H in 3G for great enthusiasm in everything all year.

Caleb and Nekendor in 5OH for being fantastic role models in all aspects of school life

### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 93.5% which is much lower than expected. I know that we are coming to the end of the term, but we need to maintain good attendance. We are still teaching lessons. Attendance should be above 97%. The best class this week is 2L with a magnificent 100% attendance – well done. All Year 5 classes have also had 99% attendance this week.

### Staffing

As you will have seen from the class structure for next year, we are gaining and losing some staff. This summer, we say a fond farewell to Miss McDermott and Miss Nicholas. Miss Meadows will also be leaving us in the autumn term. We wish them all every success on the next stage of their life adventure and we thank them for all they have done for the pupils of St Clare's over the years. They will be missed!

As we say goodbye to some staff, we welcome some new ones. We welcome into our school community Mr Keogh, Miss Gibson, Mr Cox and Mr Aldred who will be teaching classes here from September. I know that they will be made to feel very welcome – it is a common trait with our parents, staff and children.

### Heat wave

Temperatures are forecast to soar on Monday and Tuesday next week. Please ensure that your child brings water to school (which can be re-filled), wears sun cream and a sun hat. The children will be allowed to wear their PE kits on

these two days to try and keep them cooler. PE kit consists of a white t-shirt and black shorts. It is not an own clothes day, so variations to the PE kit will not be permitted.

We will keep the children out of the sun as much as possible and keep classrooms ventilated.

## Reports

You should have received your child's report today. I hope that you are pleased with them. The children have worked hard over the past year – the first year of near 'normality since Covid. A number of children are not where they should be in terms of attainment due to the missed learning time as a result of Covid closures. We are still working hard to address this in class and through our intervention programmes. If your child is invited to a group, please try to attend as it will help with their 'catch up.' They will begin again in earnest in September. You can help at home by ensuring that your child reads every night, practises their phonic sounds and their times table. These are vital to your child's progression. If you need to speak with staff about the contents of your child's report, please speak to their class teacher to arrange a meeting.

## Key Stage 2 SATs results

Our Year 6 children (and staff) have worked hard for their SATs which were completed in May 2022. We are very proud of all their achievements given the disruption to their education over the last two years.

Subject	Percentage of children meeting the expected standard in school	Percentage of children meeting the expected standard nationally
Reading	73%	74%
Maths	62%	71%
Writing	58%	69%
Grammar, punctuation and spelling	68%	72%
Reading, writing and maths combined	48%	59%

## 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.

## Summer holiday

Just a reminder that we finish for **summer next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 1.15pm.**

School will re-open on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.50am**

## Upcoming dates

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Family Mass in church 10.30am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Music showcase 9.15am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Y6 end of year play 6.30pm (Tickets required)

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Whole school Mass 9.15am

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Finish for the summer holidays 1.15pm

Kind regards,

Mrs Howe.