

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 9th July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

Lots of the children are very excited about the Euros and the fact that England have reached the final on Sunday. Please take a look at our school website to see a video of the children cheering England on. You will find it at the bottom of the home page entitled Three Lions.

Year 6 have enjoyed a McDonalds lunch today as one of the treats before they leave our school and have been busy rehearsing their end of year play. The play will be recorded as we are unable to invite parents into school. They have beautiful singing voices! Our Year 6 authors received the book A Wander in the Woods 2021 this week which contains their short stories.

We welcomed RH, 1S and 3S back to school this week after their period of isolation. Thank you to you all for supporting your child's learning whilst at home. Unfortunately, to have had to close two bubbles today in 1D and 5OK due to positive Covid tests.

We all realise how upsetting and frustrating it is when your child is sent home to isolate. We know that it is hard to keep your child in and that you may have to change your plans. We can only apologise for the inconvenience that class closures cause to your personal circumstances, but we do not have a choice. We are following government guidelines in an effort to keep each other as safe as we possibly can.

We are here to support you and your children. If your child is isolating we can provide them with a laptop if required, so that they can still have contact with their friends in class and access the work and support that is offered each day on Google Classrooms. In doing this, we are obviously trying to ensure that your child's education isn't hindered too much (which we have to do), but also if your child is online with a member of staff it means that you (or whoever is looking after your child) are free to be getting on with other things. We know that everyone's circumstances are different, but we are trying to support you as best we can. We are just as disappointed as you when we have to close a bubble – we would much prefer the children to be in school. We thank you for your support and understanding.

Assembly

"This is the carpenter, surely? And they would not accept Him." Mark 6: 1 – 6

In our assembly this week, the children heard that Jesus knew what it was like to be rejected; however, Jesus never failed to welcome everyone. Inspired by previously overlooked keyworkers during the pandemic, including an interview with a paramedic, children were encouraged to be more like Jesus by welcoming others.

Holy Communion

Congratulations to the Year 3 and Year 4 children who received the Body of Christ for the first time last weekend. What beautiful Masses and celebrations of this wonderful event! The children all

looked amazing and their behaviour was impeccable and reverent. Thank you to Father Jeremiah for leading this and for the families who joined us at Mass.

This weekend, a second group of Year 4 children and some of Year 3S will be celebrating their First Holy Communion. We keep them all in our prayers. Sadly, children who are isolating will not be able to join us in church for the celebration.

Children's certificates

9/7/21	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Antoni for setting an excellent example to his friends.	Curtis for wonderful home learning whilst self isolating.
RH	Luca for excellent home learning. He had a wonderful idea for how the characters in our story could be saved.	Lilith for always working incredibly hard to complete all of her home learning activities.
RC	Poppy T for making the right choices within the classroom and making Miss Coleman very happy.	Daniel for always trying his best in everything he does.
Y1S	Joris for always having a smile on his face and joining with Google Meets.	Evie for being great at yoga!
Y1D	Eseosa for being kind, caring and a good friend to others.	Ire for also being kind, caring and a good friend to others.
Y2M	Jagger for always trying to set a good example for others.	Scarlette for always putting 100% effort into her work and continually trying to improve in everything she does.
Y2S	Charlie for always trying her best and completing some fantastic maths work this week!	Oliver L for using his phonics skills independently in literacy this week.
Y3M	Holly for writing an excellent story all about a fear who comes to visit in literacy this week. Well done, Holly!	Ade for getting 10 accelerated reader quizzes all completely correct. Your reading is fantastic and your comprehension skills are brilliant! Well done!
Y3S	Anna for trying very hard in her assessments and making good progress. Well done Anna!	Zachary for his caring and supportive nature in the classroom and always willing to give a helping hand. Brilliant!
Y4RW	Coby for being a role model to the class, showing his fantastic attitude towards school and his work.	Brooke for working extremely hard during art, marking sure she is practising and including a range of different art techniques in her work.
Y4B	Tyler has had a brilliant week, trying hard with all of his work and contributing to class discussions, well done!	Freya, for some brilliant creative writing this week. You have a great imagination and try hard to add lots of detail and interesting vocabulary to your work.

Y5OH	Celestyn for his brilliant behaviour and his positive attitude towards his learning.	Yvette for her amazing, natural flair in her writing in her persuasive letter - trying to save Wilbur!
Y5OK	Konor for always listening, working hard in all lessons and applying himself to his learning. He is a fantastic role model to have in the class!	Will for being a really supportive classmate and talk partner, helping to proof read and edit work and providing lots of guidance and support. Well done!
Y5L	Daniel for his brilliant reasoning this week and using the correct mathematical vocabulary in his explanations. He ALWAYS tries extremely hard.	Tia for making a conscious effort in her work this week. She has been starting straight away and producing much better work as she doesn't have to rush to get finished! Keep it up, Tia!
Y6F	Ashley for continually working hard in subjects	Luke for showing good progress across the year
Y6H	Sam for always being really helpful around the classroom.	Isabelle for writing an excellent holiday brochure for a South American resort.
Y6D	Niall for always getting on with his work promptly and diligently. His impeccable behaviour makes him a joy to have in the class.	Denzel for his commitment to learning his spellings every single night. He always achieves full marks and spells them correctly in his writing too.

Headteacher's awards this week go to:

Molly in 1S for great engagement with her home learning.

Ivy in Y3S for making an amazing dog linked to her forces science work.

We have a school full of brilliant children of whom we are very proud.

September

I am sure that you all saw the latest announcements regarding the possible lifting of restrictions from Monday 19th July. As we finish for the summer holidays on Wednesday 21st July, we will be keeping our current Covid measures in place. As far as we are aware, most restrictions for school will be lifted and things will return to normal in September. That means that we will not be operating in bubbles and we will remove the staggered start and finish times. We will need to retain our cleaning routine throughout the day; children regularly washing their hands; and keeping rooms ventilated.

Bikeability

Children's safety when riding bikes is really important. There are some free courses being held over the summer holidays at Heaton Park. Please follow the link to find out more information or to book your child on a course. <https://www.bikeright.co.uk/sponsors/manchester-city-council/>

Attendance

This week, our whole school attendance is 95.3% which is below the expectation of 97% +

Year 3M have the best attendance this week with 99% which is fantastic. Well done 3M.

Important Covid information

We have had to close two bubbles this week due to positive Covid cases. We are seeing a rise in positive cases in our school and in the number of children going for PCR tests. Therefore, if your child shows ANY of the three main symptoms of Covid – a new cough, a temperature or changes to their sense of taste or smell - please arrange to take them for a PCR test and do NOT bring them into school. Lateral flow tests are designed for asymptomatic cases – where the person is not showing any of the main Covid symptoms, so should NOT be used if your child displays symptoms. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

There are a host of new symptoms associated with the Delta variant including diarrhoea, headache, fever and chills, shortness of breath, fatigue, body aches, sore throat, runny nose and vomiting. Manchester track and trace recommend that a PCR test is taken if you have any of these symptoms, although you do not need to isolate whilst waiting for the results with these particular symptoms.

If your child develops any Covid symptoms out of school hours, please notify us on the dedicated email: covidpositive@st-clares.manchester.sch.uk It is really important that you do this immediately, as we may have to notify other children of the need to isolate. We rely on your honesty with this information, so that we can protect our school community and help stop the spread of Covid 19.

We keep everyone who is affected by Covid 19 in our thought and prayers.

Reports

Staff have been busy writing your child's end of year report. We will be emailing the reports out to you on Wednesday 14th July at 4pm. Please let us know if you have changed your email address or if you need a paper copy of the report.

Parental questionnaire

Many thanks to everyone who filled in the parental questionnaire: your views are very important to us. We had 143 responses. If you do have any concerns, please contact school or your child's class teacher.

Question	Yes	No
My child is happy at this school.	97.9%	2.1%
My child feels safe at this school	100%	
The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	97.2%	2.8%
The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year	87.4%	12.6%
When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly	93.7%	6.3
My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed	31.7% n/a 60.8%	2.1%
The school has high expectations for my child	93.7%	6.3%
My child does well at this school	97.9%	2.1%
The school lets me know how my child is doing	96.4%	5.6%
There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school	96.5%	3.5%
The school supports my child's wider personal development	93.7%	6.3%
I would recommend this school to another parent	97.9%	2.1%

Manchester City council have asked that I share two documents with you. One is relating to wellbeing support during the holidays and the second relates to booking PCR tests. They are attached to this newsletter and available on our website.

Hopefully, history will be made this weekend and England will win the Euros!
Whatever you are planning to do, have a great weekend.

Take care,

Mrs Howe