

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 16th July 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I can not believe that we have just completed our final full week of this school year. What a year it has been, but it has flown by. This is the final newsletter of the year. The children have still been busy learning this week. Our Nursery children have been learning about old and new transport and how to tell the differences between them. Year 1 have been talking about special people in our lives and linking that to what makes a good friend. There are so many good examples of great friends at St Clare's. I was very impressed with Year 2 this week who were very busy making 3d models of a town in pairs. The models were amazing! As part of their light topic, Year 3 have built circuits to make light boxes which was very exciting. Year 5 have enjoyed hearing all about the dreadful details and gruesome deaths associated with crime and punishment throughout the ages. Year 6 have had several safety talks and been busy rehearsing and recording their end of year play.

The whole school have also been treated to a magician / ventriloquist act today. The roars of laughter from the children (and staff) echoed around the school. It was a funny show!

Assembly

Jesus called the twelve Apostles and began to send them out two by two.' **Mark 6: 7 – 13**
As the end of the school year approaches, this week's assembly explored the theme of being commissioned by Jesus to spread His love through our words and actions. Through a guided mediation, children were offered a chance to encounter Jesus personally, and be 'sent out' like Jesus sent out His disciples.

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. We also thank the parish volunteers who have cleaned the church and served on the altar.

This weekend, our final group of children from 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.

On Monday, all the children will come into school in their Holy Communion clothes. A photographer will take group photographs. The children will need a change of clothes for the rest of their celebration day. There will be cake, juice and popcorn and the children will watch a pantomime in the afternoon.

Children's certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	All of nursery for having the most wonderful year! We are so proud of all of your amazing achievements this year!	
RH	Blessing for fantastic addition of tens numbers.	Jake for making a wonderful, creative model with the stickle bricks.
RC	Marnie Cooke: For being so amazing within the classroom and following all of our golden rules!	Elijah B: For always being a caring and fantastic friend within the classroom
Y1S	Jack for having such beautiful manners every day at school.	Jaymee for setting an example to everybody in the class on how to behave. She is a fantastic role model to others.
Y1D	Lennon for engaging with all of the work set on google classroom and attending our google meets. Well done.	James for creating a beautiful painting of a flower inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe, despite us learning from home this week.
Y2M	Ava-Grace for working hard and taking pride in the work she does!	Ryan Mc and Poppy C for designing and creating a superb 3D Map in Geography.
Y2S	Lilly for completing some great maths work this week!	Oliver L for being a great team player during PE with Manchester City this week.
Y3M	Victoria for always being kind and helpful. She never likes to see anyone struggling and always makes sure everybody has a friend to talk to.	Ikemba, Alfie and Jeremiah for their amazing computer skills. Well done on creating amazing powerpoint presentations on Madagascar and showing everybody else how to make theirs look so professional too!
Y3S	Ollie K for his incredible poetry work and commitment to each piece of work he undertakes. A bright and engaged young man ;0)	Dennan for his amazing progress this past term. He really has come on and shows great enthusiasm in each and every activity he does. Well Done!
Y4RW	Izabelle for creating a positive atmosphere in the class and always trying hard in her work.	Charlie for his fantastic attitude towards maths this week, producing great work on analogue and digital time.
Y4B	Emilia for being a superstar for the whole of Year 4 and a delight to have in class each day! Emilia is polite, kind, hardworking and a brilliant role model for all!	Sonny for some great results in reading, and maths - his hard work and focus has been paying off! Keep it up!
Y5OH	Ikenna for continually trying hard in all of his subjects. Well done!	Lottie who has been trying her best in maths all this week and has done brilliantly! Well done!
Y5OK	All of Y5O for coping so well with remote learning during the last week of term.	

Y5L	All of Y5L for being so resilient during their isolation period.	
Y6F	Joshua for continually trying hard and showing a huge commitment to his role in our end of year play	Patricia for being an exceptional friend and showing everyone what a wonderful voice she has during the play
Y6H	Phoebe for having lovely manners and being a wonderful friend to others.	Ryan for working really hard on learning all his lines for the school play.
Y6D	Kelvin for his wonderful attitude towards school. He is mature and conscientious and more than ready for high school!	Tobi for a huge improvement in his behaviour and achieving a fully green week! Keep up the good work Tobi!

Headteacher's awards this week go to:

Luca in Reception for writing all his numbers up to 50 independently.

Lexie in 3M for good rhyme in her poetry.

Archie in 5OH for displaying beautiful manners.

Alfie in 6H for being a great, reliable sound engineer.

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

Millionaires!

Racheal in 6D has now read a fantastic 6 million words. This is an amazing achievement and one that has never been achieved before. Well done Racheal!

Paris in 4B has now reached five million words. She is only the second person ever to reach this great milestone. Brilliant Paris!

We also have other millionaires in school:

Wiktorina (Y5) and Oliver (Y4) have both read over two million words this year.

Yvette, Daniel, Alex, Amelie, Konor, Grace, Ashley, Joshua, Damien, Nuria, Lily and Destiny have all reached the one million threshold.

What an amazing set of readers we have!

Year 6

We are sad that we have not been able to do everything we had planned with our Year 6 children before they left, but we have tried to create some memorable moments for them. The children were treated to a McDonalds meal last Friday and all have a school leaver hoodie. On Wednesday, they recorded their end of year play which the school will watch next week. We can't wait to see it! Last night, they led their leavers service in church. They shared their memories of their special times at St Clare's which was quite emotional...and funny. The video of them singing will be put on the school website to watch again. Today, they have had a wonderful day that was dedicated to fun. They have had an inflatable assault course, Total Wipeout and laser quest on the field. They all look like they had a brilliant day. It was very hot, but fun and memorable. Photographs will be added to the website. On Tuesday, the children will come to school in their own clothes and have a party afternoon. We have been blessed to have the children in Year 6 as part of our school community.

We are very proud of all their achievements and the wonderful children they have become. Everyone connected with St Clare's wishes them every happiness for the future – we know they will be successful.

September

I am sure that you all saw the latest announcements regarding the 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.

Unless we are given any different advice, the school will re-open for the autumn term on Thursday 2nd September. All doors will open at 8.50am for the children to come in and prepare for the morning. There will be morning activities waiting for the children as they come into class. Registration will be taken at 9.00am, so your child must be in before 9am. Please aim to have them here at 8.50am.

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 93.8% which is way below the expectation of 97% + Year 6D have the best attendance this week with 98% which is fantastic. Well done 6D.

Important Covid information

We have had to close another 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 thoughts and prayers.

Reports

You should have received your child's end of year report this week. It was a pleasure reading them all and hearing the lovely comments about our school of fantastic children. I felt proud reading them, so I'm sure that you must have too. If you need to discuss any of the contents of the report with the class teacher, please arrange to meet them prior to us finishing on Wednesday.

End of year finish times

School closes for the summer holidays on Wednesday 21st July. Finish times will be staggered. If your child starts school at 8.45am, they will finish at 1.15pm. If your child starts school at 9.00am, they will be dismissed at 1.30pm.

Thank you

I just want to say a big thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome this year. The friendly, welcoming atmosphere was evident from the moment I took up my new post. I feel honoured to be the Headteacher of St Clare's – we have a great school community. Our children are amazing and a real credit to you; our staff are extremely hard-working and dedicated; our governors are committed to the school and give up their time freely to support us; and our parents are supportive too. We have had to face so many challenges this year, but we have all survived. We need to focus on the many blessings we have had this year as this school year draws to a close.

I hope that you all have a great break during the summer holidays and that you get to spend some quality time with your family and friends (hopefully in the sunshine!)

May God bless you and keep you all safe,

Happy holidays!

Mrs Howe.