

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 25th September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have had a very busy week. They have been completing baseline assessments which will help the teachers to plan their lessons in order to maximise learning. We need to take into account the missed learning due to the Covid 19 pandemic as well as the learning for their current year group. As expected, the children have faced it all with a smile on their faces.

Mass

We were lucky enough to share our first Mass of the year with Father Jeremiah on Tuesday via Zoom. The children loved the experience and were extremely reverent throughout. Thank you children! Our next Mass will celebrate the feast of St Francis on 5th October.

Assembly

"Are you jealous because I am generous?" Matthew 20: 1-16

In our assembly this week, the children reflected on Matthew's Gospel 20:1-16. The children listened to a modern day parable which highlighted what we might call unjust treatment. In reality, the parable shows how God's justice might not match with what we consider to be fair, but as we see, God's love is given generously and freely.

Awards

The children have been working really hard in school and their teachers have chosen some to receive their Pupil of the Week certificate and the Achievement award. This week's children are:

18/9/20	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Pippa for always following the golden rules and setting a perfect example to all of her friends.	Saffron for making some outstanding contributions to our group work. Jakob for being an exceptionally kind friend and sharing all of the nursery resources and equipment with his peers.
RH	Henry for coming into school happily.	Ryanna for completing a jigsaw independently and naming the different parts of the body.
RC	Kian for being such a grown up boy in Reception and for always doing the right thing.	Phoebe for amazing phonic work during Read Write Inc.
Y1S	Joris for always being ready to learn on the carpet.	Phaedra for consistently writing beautiful sentences since coming back.
Y1D	Cassie-Leigh. For always having a smile on her face and being ready to learn.	James for working hard to complete the challenges during continuous provision.
Y2M	Indie for being so hardworking and always ready for a challenge.	Jagger for an OUTSTANDING piece of descriptive writing that blew my socks off!
Y2S	Nneoma for a fantastic effort in all of her assessments this week.	Thomas as he has been much more focused and on task during lessons this week.

Y3M	Victoria for always putting 100% into her work and getting fantastic results.	Kaja for trying really hard in religion and creating an outstanding piece of art and an explanation to interpret 'love one another as I have loved you'.
Y3S	Lidya for always being a great role model and setting the example for fantastic behaviour and expectations.	Bella for her fantastic effort made with accelerated reader.
Y4RW	George for working super work and a great attitude towards school.	Bella for fantastic reading and achieving multiple 100%'s on her quizzes.
Y4B	Zachary for always putting his hand up in class, being full of good ideas and for challenging himself always. Very polite and hardworking.	Grace as she presents every piece of work beautifully and takes pride in her work, trying her very best to progress every day and helping those around her to make progress too. She does all of this with a big smile on her face!
Y5OH	Pierce as he's an example for everyone never-mind year 5! Brilliant!	Alfie for doing so well in maths and becoming so confident with his knowledge.
Y5OK	Tomasz for the amazing support he has given his classmate when he returned to school.	Will because of the fantastic improvement and achievement he's made in his maths.
Y5L	Halina is extremely well behaved and always follows the classroom rules.	Jacob as he got a fantastic score on his Star Reader test because he really made sure he had read the questions properly before answering.
Y6F	Patricia for always doing the right thing, amazing help in the classroom.	Leighton for getting involved in class discussions during PSHE and RE.
Y6H	Andrew for having such a positive mindset in PE.	Amelie for getting an amazing score on her reading assessment.
Y6D	Charlie for always participating fully during lessons and being an absolute pleasure to have in the classroom!	Pascal for using very ambitious vocabulary in his documentary script and trying hard to include the correct punctuation.

Headteacher's Awards this week go to Victoria (Y3M) for being so reverent at Mass; Braiden (Y6H) for enthusiastic drumming; and Harry (Y1S) for great labelling of a bog baby.

Well done to all of the children – keep being amazing.

Attendance

Whole school attendance this week has been **98.5%** which is brilliant and where we expect it to be. It is vital that all children are in school if they are well in order to maximise their learning. The classes with the highest attendance this week are **Y5OK and Y5OH** who have both achieved an amazing **100%**. Congratulations to our two Year 5 classes for great attendance this week.

Sacramental Programme

The parents / carers of the children in Year 4 should have received information from Father Darius regarding the children making their Holy Communion. I know lots of you have been in touch with him about the arrangements.

School meals

Just to remind you, Manchester Fayre have reviewed their Covid risk assessment and decided that hot meals will be returning to the menu this Monday 28th September.

Covid 19

Thank you everyone for your continued support in relation to restrictions and guidance surrounding Covid19. Can I please remind everyone to maintain social distancing on the school grounds and remember to keep to the left when entering and leaving the premises. You should have received a letter from Public Health England this week reminding you of what to do if your child shows any of the three main symptoms of Covid 19:

1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal.

Bicycles / scooters

If your child comes to school on a bicycle or scooter, will you please ensure that they dismount it before entering the school grounds. They must be pushed across the playgrounds in order to keep everyone safe. I would hate there to be a collision resulting in injuries for any of our children. Thank you.

Staffing

We welcome back Mrs Miley and Mrs Nicholas from maternity leave next month. They will both be returning to work in Year 3S. Mrs Nicholas is returning on a part-time basis and will be teaching the children on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mr Thompson, who is very familiar with our school and children, will teach them on a Monday and Tuesday. The changes are necessary due to Mrs Salza commencing her maternity leave from 20th November.

Mrs Moorcroft is also due to return to the St Clare's family after the half-term break. She will be sharing one of our Reception classes with Mrs Harrison.

We have certainly been blessed with an abundance of babies this year.

Mrs Ashton has made the very difficult decision not to return to St Clare's following her maternity leave. She now wishes to find employment nearer to her home. We want to thank Mrs Ashton for all her dedication to St Clare's over the past six years and for the touching the hearts of so many of our children. We wish her every success on the next stage of her journey.

Our Lady's High School visits

As a Catholic school we pray that your child will continue their Catholic education at a Catholic high school. I am therefore taking the opportunity to share with you dates when parents of children in Years 5 and 6 are able to visit Our Lady's for a personal tour of the school. Visits are available every day up until 16th October and available on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings between 3.30pm-6pm. If you would like to arrange a visit, please contact Miss Sally Royle on 0161 507 9640.

Parents Evening

Due to the current restrictions, parents evening will be different this year. Your child's class teacher will conduct parents evening over two nights during the week of 19th October by telephone calls. You will be able to book a time slot that is convenient for you. Below is a list of dates that your child's class teacher will be making the calls. The online School Cloud Parents Evening booking service (which you will access via the school gateway app) will go live next Friday 2nd October at 6pm.

Date	Class
Monday 19th	Y1D Y1S Y3S Y3m Y4RW Y5OH Y6H
Tuesday 20 th	Nursery YRC YRH Y1D Y3S Y3M Y4RW Y5OH Y6F
Wednesday 21 st	Nursery YRC YRH Y2M Y2S Y4B Y5L Y5OK Y6D
Thursday 22 nd	Y1S Y2M Y2S Y4B Y5L Y5OK Y6D Y6F Y6h

Thank you for all your support this week. I hope that you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Howe