

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 2nd October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

This week sees the beginning of a new month. October is the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Our school chaplains will lead classes in a decade of the Rosary in honour of Our Lady. The Read Write Inc. approach to phonics started again this week. The children have been working hard saying and reading their sounds. Higher up the school, Year 6 have participated in an exciting electricity workshop led by the staff of Our Lady's.

Mass

Sunday is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. He is special to our school because St Clare was one of his first followers and our prayer garden is named after him. Francis's devotion to God was expressed through his love for all of God's creation. My favourite quotation from St Francis is 'Preach the Gospel at all times and when necessary use words.' Francis urges us to show our love for one another rather than just saying it – actions speak louder than words. We will be celebrating his feast day with Mass at 9.15am on Monday via zoom.

Assembly

"Which of the two did the father's will?"

In our assembly this week, the children reflected on Matthew's Gospel 21:28-32. Again, through a modern-day parable, the children heard about two brothers whose words do not match their actions. They learnt that what we do is more important than what we say we will do which ties in beautifully with St Francis's famous words.

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:

2/10/20	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Antoni for always bringing us sunshine with his beautiful smile and for always putting 100% effort in to everything he does!	Leon for working super hard and getting involved in our group learning activities this week and producing some excellent work! Deborah for demonstrating her excellent football skills in P.E this week!
RH	Logan for being a super classroom helper.	Olivia K for brilliant phonics work.
RC	Joleen for always being a really kind friend and initiating some beautiful imaginative play.	Marnie for learning all of her set 1 words and moving on to set 2
Y1S	Zachary as he is always offering fantastic ideas on the carpet.	Layla for practising her spellings so much

Y1D	Toby, for good behaviour, staying on green and making sensible choices.	Uvie for always being ready to learn.
Y2M	Miley because she has been on fire this week! Always listening, always doing the right thing and always trying her best!	Poppy who has been finding some of the Maths challenges this week a bit overwhelming but has shown a superb growth mindset and never gave up!
Y2S	Marcel for always doing the right thing and setting a good example to others.	Halle for writing a fantastic set of instructions in literacy.
Y3M	Lennon for being a brilliant role model for the class and trying hard always	Lexie for having a positive attitude to her learning.
Y3S	Rosalie for always trying her best in every lesson and being determined to achieve the best she can	Jayden for trying very hard with his assessments despite being off school for 2 weeks.
Y4RW	Thomas for always trying his best in everything he does.	Nekendor for fantastic contributions to the class discussion in R.E.
Y4B	Dacee as she is a pleasure to have in class and always tries her best. She has a go even when unsure, always putting her hand up and contributing. Dacee has produced some lovely work and challenges herself often!	Kaiden is really trying with his reading and made great progress in his spelling test last week.
Y5OH	Isabelle as she is a delight to have in the classroom and tries her best in everything she does!	Emme who has done brilliantly in her maths this week even when she believes she hasn't done well!
Y5OK	Faye as she is a pleasure to have in the class. She always listens and puts in 100% effort into everything she does. She's also a really kind and helpful classmate.	Vincent because he has done some fantastic independent writing this week and written some lovely sentences.
Y5L	Mariam as she has been absent for the last two weeks, but came back and got on with her assessments without any qualms what-so-ever.	Jade for coming into school brilliantly and always producing beautiful, neat work.
Y6F	Tyshawn for doing the right thing and always trying his best.	Millie for writing a fantastic diary entry in literacy.
Y6H	Braiden for having a great attitude towards his spelling practice.	Lucas for a beautiful letter in RE
Y6D	Heidi for always having impeccable manners and showing kindness to everyone she meets.	Niall for developing a much deeper understanding of the four operations in numeracy.

Headteacher's Awards this week go to Darla and Eunice (Y1S) for great shared reading in RWI; Eseosa (Y1D) for being so attentive and active in her phonics lesson; and Olivia for writing a lovely story for her sister based on the 'Here We Are' book she studied in school.

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

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is **97.5%** which is good, but 1% down on last week's figure. It is vital that all children are in school if they are well in order to maximise their learning. The class with the highest attendance this week is **Year 6F** who have achieved an amazing **100%**.

Congratulations to Year 6F for great attendance this week.

School meals

Hot school meals have returned to the menu this week and have been well received by the children.

Covid 19

Thank you everyone for your continued support in relation to restrictions and guidance surrounding Covid19. Please arrange for your child to have a Covid test if they display any of the main symptoms and inform school of your child's absence via the app. 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. Each class has a specific drop off and pick up time, so that we can minimise the number of people on the school grounds at the same time. In order to help keep everyone safe, we request that you arrive five minutes before your set time and not before. We do not want children or adults mixing any more than is necessary.

Flu vaccinations

Flu vaccinations will be given to all children from Reception to Year 6 on Tuesday 6th October if permission has been given. The vaccine is not live and therefore does not spread the flu.

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 tonight - 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