

# ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

The children have settled back into school routines well and are enjoying being back at school with their friends. Our Nursery children are enjoying their new setting. Staff have been assessing the children in Reception as a baseline for their learning. Year 1 children particularly enjoyed making windmills this week and seeing how the wind makes them move. Year 2 have been writing instructions on how to make a shield. Year 3 have made rocks out of playdough and chocolate and had a Drumfit session. 4RW have been going to their weekly swimming lessons and are making good progress. Year 4 have started investigating the digestive system and had to predict where different organs are in our bodies. 6H went to Our Lady's for an electricity workshop and had fun. The other Year 6 classes will be going over the next couple of weeks. It gives them an insight into what life at our feeder school will be like.

## Assembly

"If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all" Mark 9: 30 – 38

In this week's assembly, the children heard Jesus' disciples argue about who is the 'greatest', but they learnt that the most important things in life are not winning, being the best or most beautiful. Instead, children were told what Jesus taught His disciples: that to be the greatest in God's sight, we must put others first.

## Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
RH	Carter M for excellent knowledge of the different things we can do to look after our bodies.	Dawid for a great effort in his letter formation.
RC	Daylia for settling in so well within her new class and making lots of friends.	Nova for being such a kind friend and helping her new friend settle into class so well!
Y1S	Maria for always putting her hand up and contributing good answers during learning time	Elijah O for producing beautiful handwriting this week when we have been writing captions
Y1D	Felicity for working hard on your reading at home and becoming more independent with your writing.	Denver for always getting on with challenges and playing nicely in the continuous provision areas.
Y2M	Sofia for having a great first week back at school and settling in well.	Tolani for her excellent use of vocabulary in her Superhero shield instructions
Y2L	Jacob for always doing the right thing. He is always ready to learn, always respectful and always following the school rules. What an example he sets for his peers!	Layla for fantastic mathematical thinking and showing great persistence in maths, this week.

Y3M	Halle for trying hard to improve spelling and handwriting and even working independently at home to make sure she accomplishes her goals. Well done, Halle!	Oliver L for independently working on his maths. He has mastered comparing objects and numbers and is making fantastic strides in his learning. He even counted in tens! Well done, Oliver!
Y3G	Enzo for being a brilliant role model to everyone in class 3G! He has shown fantastic listening skills and has had a brilliant attitude to his learning. Well done, Enzo!	Poppy for working hard on her handwriting. Your work is looking beautiful - well done, Poppy C!
Y4RW	Anna for her fantastic attitude towards school and her work this week. She has impressed me with each piece of work she has completed.	Abigail for a fantastic piece of history work, Abigail showed her understanding of an Anglo-saxon settlement, creating a fantastic map.
Y4S	Orlaigh for always being kind, respectful and ready to learn. She has a fantastic attitude and is a great role model in class. Well done, Orlaigh!	Nathaniel for making a brilliant start to his Digestive System narrative and coming up with a very creative story idea. Well done, Nathaniel!
Y5OH	Mila for always being such a good friend to those in our class. She is always smiling and has lovely manners.	Nekendor for working really hard in every subject this week and for always being on task.
Y5OK	Erin for being a fantastic role model. She has a brilliant attitude towards her learning, tries her hardest in every lesson and has lovely manners.	Bailey for writing an amazing newspaper report using lots of brilliant sentence openers and including inverted commas for direct speech.
Y5H	Ella for trying extra hard this week in maths and for always being a role model in class.	Jayden for writing a fantastic newspaper report and using excellent expanded noun phrases.
Y6F	Vinny for doing really well in his maths this week and trying hard in all of his other subjects	Ese for producing a wonderful piece of art!
Y6H	Jakub U for being really helpful in PE and showing others how to use the bat correctly.	Damien for working really hard on his maths challenges.
Y6S	Harry for always trying his best in every piece of work, his resilience towards challenging work is brilliant to see.	Destiny for her wonderful non chronological report, she impressed us with her amazing vocabulary and range of different punctuation used.

### Headteacher's Awards:

Skylar in 2L for a great improvement in her phonics knowledge and reading so frequently.

Lily in 6F for great enthusiasm in Forest School and throwing herself into every activity.

Konor in 6F for helping to set up for the MacMillan coffee morning before school.

### Attendance

Whole school attendance this week is 94.1%. This is below the 97% we aim to achieve. The class with the best attendance this week is 4S with 98.4% - a big well done to all the children!

Please remember that school doors open at 8.50am to enable children to come in and be ready for a prompt start at 9.00am. Thank you to all parents who bring their children to school on time each day. If you are experiencing difficulties getting your child to school on time, please contact our Attendance Officer, Mrs Burgess Hamlett, for support and advice.

### Cross Country

On Tuesday evening, some of our Key Stage 2 children (Jacob, Marley, Riley and Samuel) took part in a second cross-country race at the Coop. The children ran well and were happy to be representing the school. We were very proud of them. Thank you to all our children who took part, to the parents who took them to the race and to Mrs Drury and Miss Mary for organising and supporting the event. It's great to see children taking opportunities that are offered to them.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

We held our first MacMillan Coffee morning today. Our Year 6 pupils did exceptionally well hosting the event. Thank you to everyone who baked or sent in cakes and for coming in to support this event. We were overwhelmed with your generosity. This morning's event raised an amazing £599.03 which is absolutely fantastic and we still have some cakes left to sell. Thank you all so much!

### **Covid 19**

Although many Covid restrictions have been lifted in school, we are still following the Covid guidelines set by the government. If your child develops a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or their sense of smell or taste changes, they need to take a PCR test. Your child only has to be displaying one of the three symptoms. They should not be sent into school until they have a negative PCR test or they have completed their isolation period. Children will still be sent home from school if they are displaying any of these symptoms. Unfortunately, we are not doctors and do not know the different types of coughs that children may have. In order to keep everyone safe, we have to follow the guidelines and ask you to collect your child for a PCR test. We know this can cause inconvenience, but we have no alternative. It isn't anything personal, the same rules and guidelines apply to us all. We will send you a 'Warn and Inform' letter should someone in your child's class test positive for Covid. If somebody in your family tests positive for Covid, we will encourage all family members to take a PCR test. Track and trace will notify any close contacts who may need to isolate. We want to continue to keep our school community as safe as possible. Thank you for your cooperation during these times.

### **Support**

As a school we are here to support your child academically, spiritually and emotionally. If you need any support, please contact Mrs Sylvester. Similarly, if as an adult you need any help please do not hesitate to get in touch. If we are not able to help you, we may be able to signpost you to somebody who can.

### **Primary Science Quality Mark**

Over the last two years staff have been working hard towards this prestigious award. The PSQM recognises the high profile and leadership of science within St Clare's. It focuses on developing effective, confident science leadership for whole school impact on science teaching and learning. It helps to ensure that children make good progress, build and consolidate their knowledge and skills, develop positive attitudes about science and its value to their lives and globally. A big thank you to Mrs O'Keefe and Mrs Salza for all the work they have done in achieving the award and leading the staff through the process. It's a great achievement.

### **Parking around school**

I have been contacted by the local authority and a concerned parent about parking on Boothroyden Road and Plant Hill Road. Many of our children walk to school and there is genuine concern that

somebody will be seriously injured. Please make sure that you park legally and safely to avoid any accidents. I know nobody would want to be responsible for injuring a child.

Thank you for all your support this week and I hope that you have an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Howe