

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Sacramental Programme

Congratulations to the children in Year 4 who have completed the next stage of their faith journey by celebrating the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We ask that God continues to bless them and their families.

Assembly

"You must love the Lord your God ... You must love your neighbour as yourself." Matthew 22: 34 – 40

In our assembly this week we reflected on the greatest commandment- loving God and others. God wants us to experience love, both in the giving and receiving of it. We need to recognise love through actions and think of ways that we can be loving too. The Ten Commandments were written on tablets of stone, the new commandment needs to be written on our hearts.

CAFOD

Thank you so much for your generosity today to support CAFOD. £200 was raised and a collection of tinned food was donated to help our parish food bank. We appreciate your support during these difficult times. Our school chaplains would like to use the money to buy animals to make a difference to families living in poverty. We can already buy a cow and a goat! Thank you!

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:

9/10/20	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Jennifer for making some excellent choices in nursery this week and being enthusiastic and contributing well to our group times and activities.	James for settling in to some new routines in nursery and joining in with others' play. Jacob for listening beautifully on the carpet and joining in with our class stories and group activities.
RH	Kacper for amazing effort in all the learning areas to complete his challenges	Lilith for forming some of the letters in her name correctly and completing challenges in the learning areas.
RC	Josephine for being such a wonderful helper within the classroom.	Frankie for doing some amazing homework and for making up a wonderful song about people who help us.

Y1S	Darla for doing super listening and learning while on the carpet, showing engagement and interest in every lesson.	Skylar for becoming more independent in her writing and producing some super sentences in our work on 'Bog Baby'.
Y1D	Jovi for trying hard to improve his behaviour.	Lacey for working hard all week!
Y2M	Catherine for always trying her best in absolutely everything!	Ryan B for working hard at his Maths skills even though he finds it tricky.
Y2S	George for fantastic reading of new sounds this week.	Nicholas for always setting a good example to others.
Y3M	Maddison for being a role model to the class. She is always kind, considerate and helpful. What a great friend!	Rowan for amazing vocabulary work and teaching all of the adults a new word and definition
Y3S	Bella for her lovely contribution and hard work during the RE lesson.	Oliver for his fantastic maths work this week, and always trying his best with his learning.
Y4RW	Evie for having a fantastic attitude towards school, working hard in lessons and being a good friend to others on the playground.	Michael for fantastic work all week. producing super science work when classifying animals.
Y4B	Harris who been amazing across all subjects, really trying his hardest and has his hand up constantly. He is always listening in class and being really respectful and sensible.	Ruby Jo for her brilliant writing over the past few weeks. She is trying really hard, volunteering lots of ideas to the class story, and adding amazing adjectives to her own by using new words and ideas from around the room.
Y5OH	Noah for always trying so hard in his work, for having wonderful manners and always smiling.	Archie for knowing his times tables very well and using them to help with graphs! Well done.
Y5OK	Ayla-Rose for always listening well, making good choices, trying hard and persevering in every lesson and being a really kind and thoughtful classmate.	Wiktoria as she has read 472,415 words so far this year which is an amazing achievement as it's approaching half a million words. She has also quizzed on 13 books and passed all the quizzes, showing that she is reading on average 2 books a week.
Y5L	Rory is just lovely, always does the right thing and is so kind to everyone.	Daniel provided fantastic responses to questions asked in Science this week and tried incredibly hard in his Science work.
Y6F	Oliver for always being motivated to learn more.	Leah for trying to challenge herself in maths.
Y6H	Alfie for being a perfect pupil, he always makes the right decisions and is respectful of others.	Phoebe for giving some really reflective and beautiful answers in her RE this week. Olivia for trying really hard with her times tables. Olivia has worked really hard on these in her own time.
Y6D	Alesha for always taking a full part during lessons and class discussions.	Riley for a wonderful biography about Charles Darwin, including a variety of punctuation and sentence types.

Headteacher's Awards this week go to Aiden in Y5O for amazing descriptive writing, Charlie in Y6D for a great improvement in all his work especially his writing and Indie in Y2M for a fantastic Traction Man villain.

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

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 97.5% and for the half-term is 97.3% Well done everyone!

The class with the highest attendance this week is **Year 3M** with an amazing 99.2%. We also have 5 other classes who have over 98% attendance – Y3S, Y4RW, Y5O and Y6F. Well done to all the children and families.

Covid 19

As you are aware, Manchester has now moved to the very high alert level – Tier 3. We must continue to be vigilant in order to protect each other. If your child shows any of the three main symptoms of Covid, they must not come to school. You should arrange for a Covid test and anyone in your household must self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result. If the test is positive, the whole family has to isolate for fourteen days from when the symptoms started, even if they feel well and are not showing any symptoms themselves. The child with the positive test has to self-isolate for ten days.

We pray that everyone is safe over the half-term holiday, but should anyone in your household test positive please notify us, as usual, on the school app. It will be monitored over the holidays for urgent matters. We especially need to know if your child develops symptoms and has a positive test result over the next few days as that could impact on their class.

Please ensure that you do not arrive too early to drop your child off in the morning. Arriving five minutes before your child's start time is sufficient. If a member of staff is stood on the KS2 playground, you may leave the premises as soon as you have left your child with the member of staff. Whilst waiting to collect your child at home time, please keep a safe 2m distance from other adults on the playground. We need to minimise contact between different families.

Thank you so much for your continued support with this.

Read Manchester

Read Manchester is an initiative for children in Years 5 and 6 run by Manchester City Council and the National Literacy Trust to promote reading for pleasure. The aim is to encourage children to try different authors and genres of books using the Metrolink map as inspiration. Your child will receive a copy of the reading map. All books are available to borrow from Manchester Libraries.

Parents Evening

Thank you to you and our staff for a successful parents' evening this week. It was strange for everyone conducting the meetings over the telephone, but important that you have an update on your child's learning and progress to date. St Clare's is a wonderful school, full of well-behaved, friendly children supported by dedicated staff.

Half-term

We finish today for the half-term break. The children have adapted to the new way of working in school really well. There is a very calm and purposeful atmosphere in school which is down to you and our staff. We have managed to complete the half-term relatively unscathed due to the protective measures that have been put in place and adhered to by staff and pupils.

School is closed to pupils on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd November due to staff training days. Children will return to school on Wednesday 4th November at their normal start times.

I hope that you all enjoy a well-deserved break and return to us safe and refreshed after the holiday.

Take care,

Mrs Howe