

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 6th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a peaceful half-term and that you got to spend some quality time with your family. We are delighted to have welcomed your children back to school again. We have also welcomed back Mrs Moorcroft and Mrs Nicholas into our school family from their maternity leave.

Holy Souls

November is the month when we remember our loved ones who have passed away and share God's glory in Heaven. Although it sometimes makes us feel sad to think of our family and friends who are no longer with us, we need to thank God for bringing those special people into our lives. We pray that they rest in peace and that the love we shared with them and the happy memories we created together live on in our hearts.

We also commemorate Remembrance Sunday this weekend when we remember all the service men and women who have bravely and unselfishly given their lives in service of our country. We pray for peace in our world.

Sacramental Programme

The children in our Year 3 classes will begin their Sacramental Programme journey next week, with Father Jeremiah coming into school to teach them. He will spend an hour with each class every other week. Some of the resources are to be shared with parents, so we will ensure that they are sent out to you. We pray for our children and families as they begin this very important stage of their life.

Assembly

"Blessed are the humble, for they shall inherit the earth" Matthew 5:1-12

In our assembly this week we reflected on the Beatitudes which detail 'beautiful attitudes' of how God wants us to live, even in the face of difficulty. We looked at the story of St Martin de Porres whose feast day was this week and exemplified the beatitude 'blessed are the humble.'

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this part week is 97%. Well done everyone!

The class with the highest attendance again this week is **Year 3M** with 98.9%. Congratulations to all our Year 3M children.

Covid 19

National lockdown began again yesterday. We really need to work together to keep everyone safe in order to avoid any further lockdown measures. We ask that you arrive at your designated time to drop off and collect your child and that you keep a 2m distance from other families on the premises.

When moving around the school, staff wear masks for added protection. We wear them when we are on the playground before and after school too.

From Monday 9th November we kindly request that everyone over the age of 11 wears a mask when entering the school grounds. We sincerely hope that you are able support us in this request to help keep us all safe.

Remote Learning

If your child has to be off school due to Covid 19, we need to minimise the disruption to their learning by providing them with work aligned as closely as possible to what they would have been completing if they were in school.

We have installed Google Classroom onto our computers at school. This will enable us to follow a common approach from Year 1 to Year 6 to providing your child with work should he/she have to self-isolate or a class have to close. The children will be given an email address and password, so that they can access the work. Class teachers are going to show the children how to use this platform over the next few weeks so that they are familiar with it. We will send you further details on this next Friday.

Free school meals

Manchester City Council agreed to provide funding for all children from Nursery class to Year 11 who are eligible for a benefits related free school meal over the October 2020 half term break. This does not include children in reception and year 1 who get a free school meal through the universal scheme. Eligible families will receive a cash payment of £15 per child for the week and will need to claim through the [Welfare provision scheme on the Council's website](#). The scheme will continue to be until 13th November so that families can apply retrospectively

Snacks

We know that learning is hungry work and we therefore provide all children with a piece of toast in the morning at playtime, so there is no need for children to bring in any further additional snacks. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

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 has received a copy of the reading map. All books are available to borrow from Manchester Libraries.

Thank you all for your continued support,

Take care,

Mrs Howe