

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 5th November 2021



Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to a new half term! This is always a very busy half-term as we continue with our learning and incorporate Christmas fun into the mix. We celebrated our return to school with a whole school Mass to remember All Saints and All Souls. It was lovely to hear the children singing in church for the first time since the Covid pandemic began. This week our Science Ambassadors (Sonny, Lily, Erin, Mason, Caleb, Maisie, Bella and Leo) went on a trip to Chester Zoo and had a great day. Their behaviour was exemplary and the staff were very proud of them all. Our Year 3 children have already begun their sacramental journey and this week they spent a day of reflection at the Marist Centre to help them prepare for the significant events this year. Key Stage 2 children attended a talk from the Fire Brigade about keeping safe this Bonfire Night.

Pupil certificates

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Kai for always making good choices and setting a great example	Nellie-Lou for using excellent describing words when exploring a pumpkin.
RH	Curtis for becoming much more independent in doing things for himself, such as putting shoes and outdoor bibs on. He has shown a really good attitude to having a go. Well done Curtis.	Saara for some fantastic work representing numbers in her independent work.
RC	Joy for making the right choices within the classroom and staying on green all week!	Rehoboth for listening really well during our P.E Lesson
Y1S	Tyler for always being ready to learn on the carpet.	Poppy Leigh for trying super hard every day with her work, and improving on her letter formation!
Y1D	Evie for working hard in maths and doing some fantastic subtraction and comparing numbers.	Madeline for being resilient in your numeracy work and working hard to understand subtraction.
Y2M	James for accepting new challenges and having a go, even when he finds something tricky!	Isla for super independent maths skills- adding and subtracting with exchanging without any help whatsoever!
Y2L	Hepsibah for ALWAYS being such a fantastic role model to her peers. She ALWAYS follows the school rules and is very sensible!	Jack for an amazing non fiction text on Martin Luther King- that he wrote at home!
Y3M	Ollie for being such an enthusiastic participant at the Marist Centre and impressing everyone with his sensible attitude and thoughtful answers	Nicholas for trying really hard and with his maths to add with exchange. You had such good growth mindset! Well done!
Y3G	Alvaro for a brilliant attitude since returning to school, we are all super impressed, keep it up Alvaro!	Hannah for a great role playing performance on our trip to the Marist Centre.

Y4RW	Ayla for a fantastic return to school impressing everyone with her attitude and work.	Jack M for working extremely hard in every lesson, always trying his best and working well together with the children on his table.
Y4S	David for trying really hard to contribute to lessons, he has been putting his hand up and thinking of brilliant ideas.	Jasmine for trying really hard at swimming. Even though she was nervous she pushed herself and was fantastic.
Y5OH	Sienna for coming back after the half term focused and dedicated to her work. She has put so much effort into her work and has done very well this week. Great start for the new term.	Hollie for trying so hard in her maths this week on graphs. She has done brilliantly.
Y5OK	George for being such a wonderful role model because he is always so polite and well mannered and he always has a fantastic attitude towards his learning.	Lily for working extremely hard on and improving her handwriting. This week, her work has been beautifully presented- well done!
Y5H	Freya for creating a fantastic piece of RE work on St Josephine and making a great start to the term.	Leo for being a fantastic representative for the school on the science ambassadors trip and for producing excellent work in class.
Y6F	Stephen for coming back with a fantastic attitude to his work and trying his best in everything	Freya for understanding the seven different sacraments in RE and being able to explain which one she feels is the most important.
Y6H	Kian for settling in well to a new half term, and getting on with all his work quietly, and making a super effort!	Aiden for trying really hard in maths this week, he is doing a great job!
Y6S	Destiny for being a brilliant role model and always trying her best in every subject.	Ikenna for trying so hard with his reading, he is ready to quiz everyday and gets 100% on every single quiz he takes!

Headteacher's Awards:

Elijah O in 1S for being a lovely, kind friend to everyone.

Eunice in 2L for great singing and responses during our whole school Mass.

Catherine in 3G for saying that her dream is that a door opens for everyone.

Sonny, Lily, Erin, Mason, Caleb, Maisie, Bella and Leo (our Science ambassadors) for perfect behaviour

Scarlett, Jack and Jack for great homework during the half term holiday.

Art success

In June, our children entered a competition run by North Manchester General Hospital. They were looking for schools to partake in an artwork competition based on the NHS which they wanted to display around the hospital. The themes were love the NHS, what makes you happy or your favourite thing about North Manchester. Out of 7 winners, children from our school won 4! The lucky artists were Amelie, Ayla Rose (Year 6), Lidya (4RW) and Grace (RC) and they have each received an art pack as a prize. Well done to our budding artists and thank you to Mrs Sumner-Soper for organising.

Attendance

Attendance this week is looking much better with whole school attendance at 96% so thank you. Two classes have had 100% attendance this week which is brilliant. The classes are 6F again and RM. Well done to both classes!

Covid 19

We are still following the Covid guidelines set by the government and advice from Manchester LA. 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.

We will send you a 'Warn and Inform' letter should someone in your child's class test positive for Covid.

Important new information from Manchester: As rates are increasing, Manchester have requested that we ensure that any household members who are **close contacts of a positive case in KS2**, who are exempt from isolation and are attending school **should carry out daily lateral flow testing for 10 days** after the onset of symptoms (or positive test if asymptomatic) in the case in their household, and only attend school if their lateral flow test is negative. They are also encouraged to follow national guidance for all contacts and access a PCR test. **Visitors coming into school will be required to wear masks.** This advice will be reviewed in two weeks.

Support

As a school we are here to support your child academically, spiritually and emotionally. If you are in need of any support, any support at all - this could be food or clothing – you must contact us at school. We may be able to help you and will not make judgements. If we cannot help you, we know of many agencies that can offer support including our own church. Please contact Mrs Sylvester for a discrete conversation if you require support.

Safety

Please ensure that when you are bringing your child to school in the morning or collecting them in the evening, that you **access the school premises via the front playground**. Do NOT walk down the drive. Cars enter and leave school throughout these times and we want to keep all our children safe. We do not want children to think that it is safe to walk down roads when there is a safer alternative.

Year 6 parents

Our Year 6 children are beginning a new topic relating to the book Pig Heart Boy and in science they are learning about the heart and circulation. Next week, they will be dissecting hearts and parents are invited in to share this experience with their children. You should have already received notification of this from the Year 6 teachers.

Dates for your diary:

Monday 15th November – Odd Socks Day (Anti-Bullying Week)

Sunday 28th November – Advent family Mass.

Tuesday 30th November – Year 1 Eureka Trip

Christmas

Providing that government guidance doesn't change, we are hoping to welcome parents back into school for some of our Christmas celebrations. I will notify you of possible dates next week in case you need to make arrangements.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend. Please keep safe this Bonfire Night weekend.

God bless,

Mrs Howe.