

ST CLARE'S R.C.P NEWSLETTER

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

Friday 13th November 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope that you are all well and looking forward to your weekend.

The children have been busy this week. We are still spending additional time on our 'catch-up' curriculum meaning that extra English and maths sessions are built into the timetable. Reception have been busy learning new sounds. Year 5 are enjoying reading 'Cosmic' and particularly like the character of Liam. Our school chaplains arranged for all pupils to decorate a stone to remember all the Holy Souls. Some of our children remembered loved ones who have passed away. All the stones will be laid in our St Francis prayer garden. They do look beautiful.

Sacramental Programme 2020-2021

Father Jeremiah came into school this week and spent an hour with Y3M to begin preparing them for their Sacramental Programme. He will be with Y3S next week. We thank Father Jeremiah for his commitment to our children.

Funny Hair Day

As we were unable to sell poppies to support the Royal British Legion this year, our school chaplains arranged today's fundraiser. There was lots of laughter as the children entered school this morning. Thank you so much for your efforts – they brought a smile to all our faces! Look out for the photographs on our website. Thank you so much for your generosity, so far we have raised £255.40.

Assembly

"So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour." Matthew 25: 1 – 13

Through a modern-day retelling of the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids, our assembly this week helped children learn that Jesus teaches us not to literally 'stay awake', but to be prepared for the unknown time of His return by loving God and loving others. This is something we see regularly at St Clare's.

Awards

	Pupil of the week	Achievement
N	Keriane for showing great enthusiasm during our group times and sharing her knowledge and understanding of our wonderful world!	Fabian for trying really hard to use his newly learned English language to communicate his ideas and opinions. Maria and Anna for settling well into their new nursery setting.
RH	Michael for making a great effort with speaking confidently to adults.	Jake for working really hard at speaking in full sentence
RC	Nayane for sitting very well on the carpet and for writing her name on her work independently.	Marta for being very creative with her homework and making a fantastic firework using junk modelling!

Y1S	Julia for pupil of the week for being so helpful in class.	Ebuwa for always trying her best in everything she does
Y1D	Roman for being helpful around the classroom and trying hard with his behaviour.	Mustafa for always trying hard and being a fantastic role model.
Y2M	Samuel for always trying to make the right choice	Ryan for his excellent improvement in Maths.
Y2S	Lewis for always following the school rules and setting a good example to others.	Charlie for fantastic subtraction work in maths this week.
Y3M	Deitrick for a fantastic, can do attitude to his learning.	Jeremiah for a massive improvement in his behaviour
Y3S	Zachary for being extremely kind with our new child last week, and helping him without having to be asked to do so.	Scarlet for some lovely vocabulary in her literacy in preparation for our recounts.
Y4RW	Mohammed for an amazing return to school after half term, putting in 100% effort in every activity given and continually challenging himself.	Hollie for working fantastically during our Reading Rocketeers sessions, contributing her amazing ideas to a class discussion, helping everyone to analyse and understand the text.
Y4B	Sonny as he is always keen to learn across all subjects and puts his hand up all of the time. Sonny works hard, is full of great ideas and is kind to everyone - he is a great member of 4B!	Denis as has been producing the most brilliant writing recently in class. His last story was at least 8 pages long and was fantastic! He is so enthusiastic about any writing tasks and always wants to challenge himself and add in lots more detail.
Y5OH	Lottie for continuously trying hard in everything she does and for always smiling and being positive	Yvette for writing an amazing Adventure narrative. If it was a book, I would buy it!
Y5OK	Litalia for being a star pupil – always working hard and a good role model.	Danny (DJ) for a great improvement in his handwriting.
Y5L	Poppy as she is a role model to the rest of the class; always displays excellent behaviour, never calls out and is always working very hard.	Aiden as he has put in a great deal of effort to Maths- learning factors of numbers
Y6F	Jeremiah as he has been trying his best since he came back from half term and is determined to improve his reading	Omoso for fabulous artwork in RE which included scripture and a prayer for the anointing of the sick.
Y6H	Suzie for always behaving perfectly and having lovely manners.	Joey for trying really hard in maths and making huge improvements.
Y6D	Riley for always having a conscientious attitude towards everything he does, making it a joy to teach him.	Tobi for endeavouring to use a wide range of punctuation and sentence types in his writing, as well as tidying up his presentation.

Headteacher's Awards this week go to Eunice in Y1M for being kind and Denver in Reception for amazing Bonfire Night art work completed at home;

Well done to all our learners this week - you are all fabulous!

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 have been showing the children how to use this platform so that they are familiar with it. You should have received further letters today explaining our approach to remote learning and how to access the platforms.

If you need any support or learning resources at all, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. We do have a small supply of laptops which we may be able to loan you if you do not have access to a digital device to access Google Classroom. Please just let us know. Whilst your child is isolating, our staff will make welfare calls to check that you are all okay; that you can access the work set; and to answer any queries you may have.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week is 98.6% which is great. Well done everyone!

The class with the highest attendance this week is 4RW with 99.3%. Classes 2S, 5OH and 5O were very close behind with 99%. Congratulations to all our Year 4RW children.

We have noticed a steady trickle of late-comers each day which concerns us. If you have several children starting at different times in the morning, please bring all your children into school at the earliest start time. This will ensure that they do not miss any valuable learning time. If you are in need of any support with punctuality, please contact Mrs Burgess-Hamlett, our Attendance Officer.

Anti-bullying week

Next week is anti-bullying week and our children will be taking part in an assembly and some activities in recognition of this important week. To show that we are all different, we are asking children to wear something with their favourite colour in on Monday. It could be a jumper, socks, scarf etc. As Catholics, it is vital that we see Christ in each other and treat everyone accordingly.

Christmas meal

I know it seems a little early to mention Christmas, but it will soon be here. Children will be having their Christmas dinner on Wednesday 16th December. You should have already received a message

advising you to inform school by 27th November at the latest if your child would like one. Please contact the school office via the app if you have any queries.

Masks

We have several parents and staff who are anxious about Covid 19 and we want to help allay their fears. We therefore kindly request that you wear face coverings when you drop off or collect your child from school. Thank you for your support in this matter.

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 available until 13th November so that families can apply retrospectively.

Thank you all for your continued support this week,

Take care,

Mrs Howe