

St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

30th June 2023



Mrs Charnley's Message

It was so calm and peaceful as we joined the parish to celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul. Thanks to the singing session led by Miss

Barton, the church was filled with wonderful singing, and it made me realise how blessed we are as a school to have such wonderful links with our parish. This Sunday, some of our Year 3 children receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. Not forgetting on Tuesday some of our Year 6

will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Such a wonderful time for school and parish families.

What another exciting week! Inside the hall, there is so much activity going on and we are getting glimpses of our play, Wind in the Willows, and hearing some beautiful melodies as our Year 6 rehearse their lines and sing their hearts out. It's going to be a wonderful show and, most importantly, the children are enjoying putting it together along with Mr Parkinson. I watched some scenes today and was nearly knocked over by the enthusiastic rehearsal, so you are in for a real treat. With only two performances the children have been sent home tickets already in anticipation. We will be also producing a film of the performance which can then be shared with other family members. This film will be produced digitally by staff in the school.

Congratulations to our Year 3 children and Miss Barton's Choir as their concert was amazing. Despite the unexpected extreme weather, the children were unfazed and continued with their concert. Thank you to the wonderful Mrs Calman and Miss Barton who prepared the children, it is a real delight to see the children perform and share their talents with families. They also took a collection of £45 to support ACN in their work.

Our School Council would like to thank you for your support too with the own clothes day for our Forest Schools area - we raised £362 to date and I know that Mrs Lee has grand plans to make further improvements.

...and finally, have a lovely weekend and rest up as on Monday the children will have a chance to spend time with their new class teacher.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's

St Clare's is a Christ-centred family where everyone is valued and respected. We learn and grow, whilst strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Together in His love, we can achieve our full potential.

Play, learn and grow together with Christ

Headteacher Award Winners this week!

This week's winners are:-

Little Saplings: Kobi

Rowan: William and Ethan

Willow: Scarlett

Hazel: Joshua S

Beech: Hudson

Pine: The Whole Class

Elder: Jakub and Jack

Cherry: Fred

Oak: Conor

Winning House this week: Plessington



Dates for your Diary



- 2nd July First Holy Communion Mass
- 4th July Confirmation Mass 7:00 pm
- 5th July Year 6 Summer Production
- 12th July Year 6 Mass and Assembly 1:30 pm
- 13th July Year 6 Leavers Meal 4:15 pm 5:30 pm

Remember Summer Afterschool Clubs finish next week.



Here is our weekly mission - a small way of putting into practice the gospel values. We believe we are called to live our lives differently because of what we have experienced and prayed about. What we offer as the 'mission' is a suggestion of how we can all do just that.



Year 4 Swimming



If you are able to come in the afternoons between the 3rd and 13th of July to support the class with their intense block of two weeks of swimming. You will just be there to help staff with the children from 12.30 pm as we set off at 12.45 pm and should be back to school at about 2.30 pm.

Please ring the school office or email if you are able to help.



We are using Arbor's free Parent
Portal and Arbor App from September
2023

Arbor is a simple, smart and cloud-based MIS (Management Information System), which helps us work faster, smarter and more collaboratively as a school. The Arbor App and Parent Portal mean we can keep you informed about your child's life at school in a much more accessible way. Log into

Arbor to see and update your child's information, get live updates and make payments or bookings on the go!

This will mean that from September 2023 we will no longer be using parent pay or our parentapp. This will mean that you will only have one place to let us know about absence/illness/pay for dinners/trips/before school club and so much more.

In preparation for this, there are some things that we need from you to make sure it all runs smoothly.

- 1. We need you to make us aware of any changes you may have to your contact information especially your email address.
- 2. Login to Parentpay and clear any outstanding balances before the 14th of July 2023. Please be aware that any credit and any debts will be carried over to Arbor.
- 3. Wait to download the app during the summer holiday you will receive a welcome email that will give you all the information on how to log in. Without the welcome email, you will not be recognised and this may lead to complications later.

We will keep you updated throughout the whole process over the next three weeks before the school closes for the summer.

Please remember nothing will change before the end of this term.



St.Clare's Summer Holiday Club

Dear parents/Guardians,

We are really pleased to announce that Absolute will be delivering a FREE holiday club to your children attending St Clare's this summer. Your children can expect a variety of sports each day including things like Archery, Golf, Football, Frisbee and much more and have an opportunity to take part in Glow in the Dark dodgeball, our 100ft Inflatable and

again... MUCH much more. With spaces expected to fill up quickly, book fast so you don't miss out.

Absolute will be coming into school to see your children and deliver a full free day of coaching on the 22nd of June, but if you want to secure your child's place before they come home with a leaflet that day... Please follow this link now to secure your EARLYBIRD place.

TO BOOK PLEASE CLICK THIS LINK: bit.ly/StClaresSummerHAF

Please note, FREE places are available to children in receipt of Free School Meal benefits, who have any SEN (or are on the pathway to an EHCP)

All the best and if you have any questions or queries, please contact me at:libby@sportscool.org or call 01254 682077"



Year 6 Leavers

Goodness time really has gone by quickly as it only seems five minutes since our current Year 6 started in reception and here we are looking at the

arrangements to mark their seven years here at St Clare's.

First here are the key dates for you all:-

- Summer Production 'Wind in the Willows' Wednesday

 5th July We would love to invite you to our Summer Production in school this year. Performances will start at 2 pm and 6 pm.

 Four tickets, for each performance, will be sent out in plenty of time. We will also endeavour to film the performance so the children have a copy to look back on in years to come!
- Year 6 Mass and Assembly Wednesday 12th July 1:30 pm Mass and Assembly will both be held in the Church on the 12th of July. This will be a special time for Year 6 and their families to reflect on their time at Saint Clare's.
- Year 6 Leavers Meal Thursday 13th July The children are very much looking forward to heading to Marino's for their leavers' meal. Our time slot is between 4:15 pm and 5:30 pm so it is just our

class in the restaurant. Children will have an early lunch on this day and can be picked up at school from 2:00 pm, to enable them to get ready and then meet us at Marino's ready for tea. We ask that you drop the children off at 4:15 pm and then pick them up again at 5:30 pm.

Final Day – Friday 14th July On the last day of term Year 6 will
finish early at 1 pm so that they can have a guard of honour on the
playground and leave to the traditional 'Reach for the stars'. You are
welcome to join us outside for this at about 12:55 pm. If you would
like to take younger siblings then you may do so, as the rest of the
school will finish at 1:30 pm.

We are awaiting the arrival of the school hoodies and the children are welcome to wear these to school for the remainder of the year, instead of wearing the school jumper. (They will still need to wear a tie and shirt/school dress for school.) Shirt signing is a long tradition here and again the children are welcome to bring a shirt for this but only on the last day.

CRACKING IDEA GROMIT

Everything starts as the gem of an idea, and sometimes, those ideas turn into something that changes our lives. Mobile phones, vaccines and your favourite film all started as an idea.

Using your imagination, can you invent a new gadget?

This could be anything a self-inflating football to the new

and improved 'Wrong Trousers' (If you have not watched Wallace and Gromit; The Wrong Trousers – please watch, it is a timeless classic!!!)

You can design and build your invention using cardboard boxed and kitchen rolls and take pictures and videos and send them to computing@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk

Or you can also design and make your gadget online using PurpleMash – please check your 'To Do' section next week.

The choice is yours – GET YOUR THINKING CAPS ON!!!

Preschool Induction Meeting: Meeting Date Change to Tuesday 4th July



If your child turns three in the next academic year then joining St Clare's school family starts then. We are having a meeting with all those parents on Tuesday 4th July at 5.30 pm where we will share with you all the wonderful things the children will learn as they start their Early Years Curriculum. We will also help complete the forms to register your child's place - no matter what term it will be as they can join us as soon as they have their 3rd birthday.

Please email <u>bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk</u> to let us know you will be joining us and I look forward to meeting you all then.

If you are looking for a place in the future, then please send the details in so that we can make sure that there are places for our families.