



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

21st September 2023

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

Mrs Charnley's Message



What a wonderful week we have shared. It was a real delight to announce our school council and head boy and head girl. Congratulations to: -

Rowan Class: Sara and Joshua

Willow Class: Afiyah and Riccardo

Hazel Class: Kiara and Abdullah

Beech Class: Quinn and Maariyah

Pine Class: Wilfred and Aminah.p

Elder Class: Rayhan and Seoni

Cherry Class: Safaa and William

Oak Class: Head Girl Isabel and Head Boy Aarav

House captains this year are:

Haydock: Myli

Plessington: Florence

Rigby: Joshua

Southworth: Angelo

Not forgetting our Sports Council with Freddie, Ida, Charlie, Ivy May, Yusha, Eloise, Irin and Tilly.

I know we have this wonderful team to support our school this year to be all it can be...a real place of excellence.

Castlerigg has been amazing as always. This year saw the children celebrating mass with Bishop Paul and as always God looked after us and the weather was perfect for a wonderful walk to Lake Derwent and a chance to try and skim stones. What a real treat to just have the time to be close to God and each other.

Finally, parking! This week has seen us putting out our signs about parking just by the staff carpark entrance. It saddened me to hear that although it is illegal some parents believe that it is alright to do so. It is so important that we treat each other with respect and kindness at all times. I would ask that you work together in order to ensure the mornings remain smoother, the cones are there to allow the traffic to flow with our 'drop and go' system. I would ask, that once your child has been picked up that you then leave the school yard to release parking space on the car park. Finally no one should ever park illegally.

There is information on the parish website about the Confirmation program which this year takes place in this Autumn Term. First Confession and First Eucharist forms have also been given out ready for their preparation programme and need to be returned to the presbytery. We are so blessed to have Fr Steven and Fr John Mark who find the time to come into school and spend time with the children.

Have a lovely weekend and family time together.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.

"Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all"
Aristotle

Headteacher Awards!



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: The whole class

Rowan: The whole class

Willow: Narmin

Hazel: Kiara

Beech: Zaynab

Pine: Patrick

Elder: Tara

Cherry: Anthony

Oak: Willow

The Winning House this week: Plessington

Results!

What I love so much about Saint Clare's is that we are a family. It would be easy to get caught up in the idea that your worth is determined by your test scores. But the children here at Saint Clare's are so much more and all the staff know that there are many other ways to be smart. Throughout the year I have witnessed talented musicians, dancers, artists, athletes, scientists, geographers and historians. In our school family, the children are kind, patient, supportive, caring, and compassionate. This is why we are so proud of all the children achieve.

I am delighted to share with you all the statutory assessment outcomes, which also reflect our school family.

Year 1 Phonic Screening

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2022/2023

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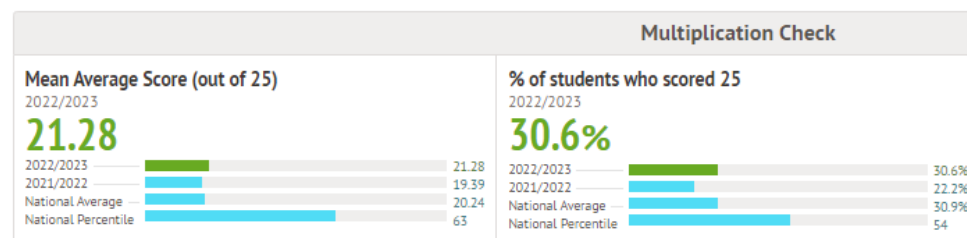


Everyone is to be congratulated on these fantastic results as they reflect the wonderful journey our children make throughout the school.

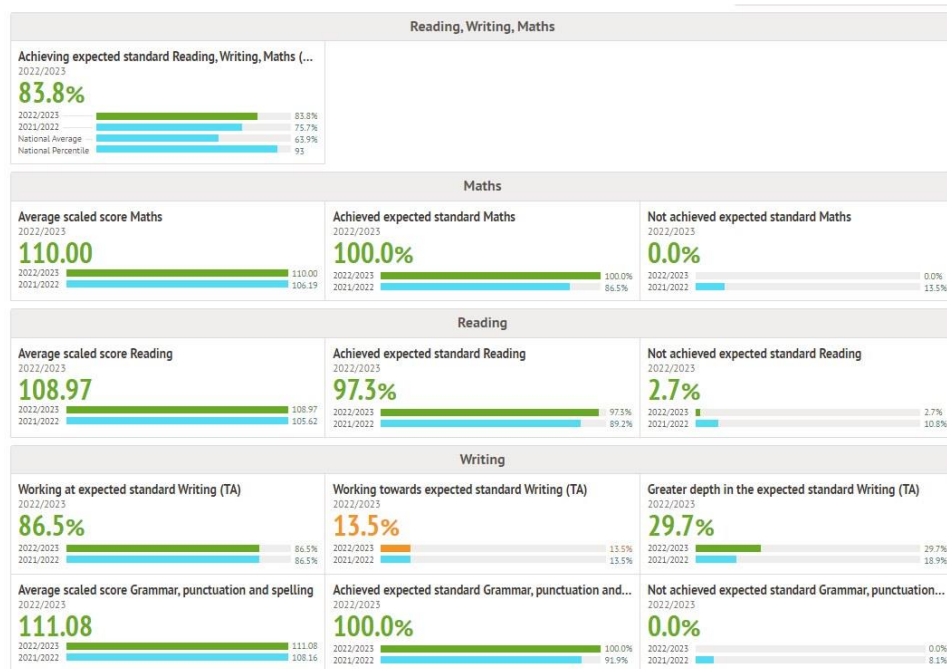
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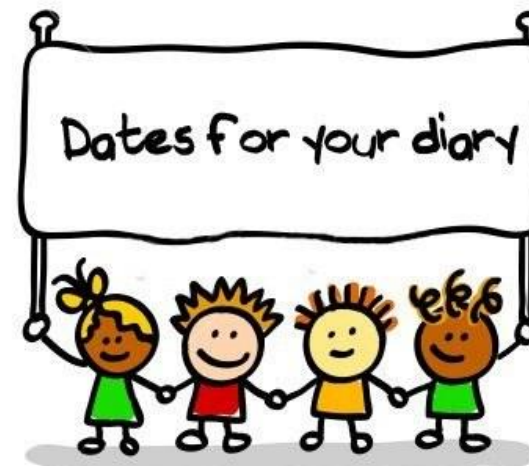
Year 4 Multiplication Check (MTC)



Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SAT)



Dates for your Diary



Thursday 28th September - Key stage 1 Film Night 15:20pm to 16:20pm.

Friday 29th September - MacMillan Coffee Morning for Rowan (reception) Children. 10am - 11:30am.

Friday 29th September - Key stage 2 Film Night 15:20pm to 16:20.

Tuesday 10th October - Year 4 trip to Liverpool Cathedral.

Thursday 12th October - School Open Day for the 2024 reception class. Anytime between 9am-11am & 2pm-6pm.

Wednesday 18th October - Year 6 Harvest Bingo at 10am.

Wednesday 18th October - Harvest Service at 1:45pm.

Thursday 19th October - Last day of term.

Open day



We are having our School Open Day for the 2024 Reception class. Prospective parents are welcome to come and visit the school anytime between 9am to 11am and 2pm to 6pm on Thursday 12th October 2023.



School admissions are now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

As we are a faith school you will also need to complete a supplementary form that you will find on the last page of our admissions policy that you will find on our school website.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.



Secondary school admissions: If your child is in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

Corpus Christi and Our Lady's Catholic High School will need you to complete a supplementary faith form which you will find on their websites.

The closing date for secondary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 31 October 2023.

After School Clubs



The school will be running some very exciting after school clubs. These will run for 8 weeks from 25th September 2023 to 24th November 2023 and are bookable via the arbor app. Please note that there are a limited amount of spaces in each club so please book sooner rather than later if your child would like to attend. Below are a list of the clubs:

- Dance
- Spanish
- KS1 Multi Sports
- Hobby Horse Agility (Hobby horse dressage and show jumping)
- KS2 Rugby
- Singing

These clubs apply from Year 1 to Year 6 and are not available to Reception or Little Saplings.

The Hobby Horse club is the first of it's kind in the area and will be run by Mrs Ronson! Any children who attend this club are encouraged to bring in their own hobby horse if they have one at home. If any parents have any hobby horses that they can donate to the school then this would be very much appreciated.



St. Clare's Coffee Morning 29th of September

We are inviting all reception parents, grandparents and family to come and have a coffee and a chat in our school hall for Macmillan Cancer Support.

The coffee morning will be on Friday the 29th of September 10am-11.00am. You will be able to spend time with your child reading, chatting and raising money for a good cause.

Please come along and bring your wallets!

Thank you for your kind support!



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.



Uniform

At this time of the year, we are mindful that September brings uniform buying. Please remember to access any preloved uniform and at the moment there is 20% off at M&S.

Please remember that if your child is joining Year 3 - Pine Class - they will be wearing a school tie...get practicing ready for September too.

Footwear

Trainers/boots/shoes with high heels must NOT be worn.

Hair

Excessive hairstyles are not acceptable in school, for example:

- Shaved heads (Number 3 is the minimum acceptable cut)
- Shaved lines, steps, Mohicans, etc. are not allowed.
- Dyed or colours/streaks/strongly contrasting colours.
- Any child coming into St Clare's Catholic Primary School with an excessive hairstyle will be internally excluded until the hair complies with the uniform policy.
- For hygiene and safety reasons, long hair must be simply tied back with neutral colours, avoiding large bows and hair bands.

Jewellery and Nails

For safety reasons the wearing of jewelry is not considered suitable for normal school activities and must not be worn or brought into school.

No jewellery except a wristwatch and plain stud earrings are allowed in school. If a child is unable to remove the earrings for PE, the child must put plasters over the earrings. Parents will be reminded of the policy. If children are to have their ears pierced, it should be done at the beginning of the summer holiday in order for the earrings to be removed for school in September.

NO NAIL VARNISH in school.

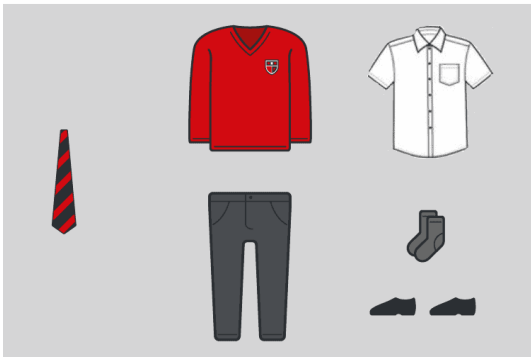
PE Kit

- Red school PE T-shirt with the school logo
- Red school hoodie with the school logo
- Black shorts (not lycra/cycling shorts)
- Pull-on black pumps
- Black plain jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- KS2 – Plain black trainers (optional)
- Summer – plain red or black sun hats/caps to be brought into school for wearing at playtimes.

Boys Uniform



This is for classes Little Saplings, Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech.



This is for classes Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak.

Girls Uniform



This is for classes Little Saplings, Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech.



This is for Classes Pine, Elder, Cherry and Oak.

We are Gold!



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. Our sporting achievements this year include:

USE THIS SPACE TO LIST YOUR SCHOOLS ACHIEVEMENTS With a total of young people competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all the staff who gave up their time outside the school day, particularly Mr Cummings and Mr Boardman. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!

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

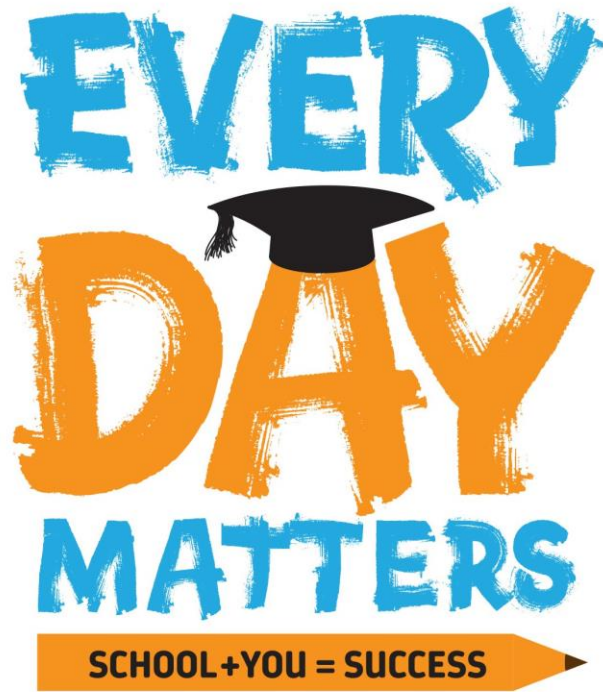
We are no longer using Parent Pay or our ParentApp. This will mean that you will only have one place to let us know about absence/illness/pay for dinners/trips/before school club and so much more.

In order for this to run smoothly we need you to make us aware of any changes that you may have to your contact information, in particular your email address.

Please be aware that any credit and any debts from Parent Pay will be carried over to Arbor. Any future payments paid via the parent pay app will be refunded apart from the Castlerigg trip and the Borwick trip Hall trip, these will remain on Parent pay.

During the summer holidays you will have received 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. Please check your junk email as it has been known to go into this folder.

Attendance!



This year, We will be focusing on the schools attendance.

At the end of each term those children who have got 100% attendance will receive a certificate!

Any children who have got 100% attendance at the end of the school year will receive a prize!

The whole schools attendance this week was 96.13%

Well done to Year 2 (Beech), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 100%!