



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

29th 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



Goodness the end of the month is already nearly here and it is amazing to think how settled into the routines in school and the children are clearly thriving. Today is the first of our community events with the Macmillan Coffee Morning for the families of children in Rowan Class. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the valuable work of Macmillan Cancer Support, but also how lovely to come and have a brew and a natter together. I hope you find the time to join us to have fun together as a school family.

We are having our School Open Day and would love to welcome everyone to come and see our wonderful school during the day. Parents and parishioners, old and new to our school are welcome to visit anytime between 9 am to 11 am and 2 pm to 6 pm on Thursday 12th October 2023. This will be a great opportunity to see our school during the day and have an insight into the wonderful learning that happens on a daily basis here at St Clare's. It is no wonder that as a school we perform so well when you see the exciting and challenging curriculum that we offer our children. Just like our mission this week to be thankful to God for all the good things he gives us, let us celebrate this in all he gives us in our school day. Remember everyone is very welcome so spread the word.

Please have a careful look at the uniform list below, especially around footwear. Trainers are for PE days and should only be worn on those days for children in Key Stage 2, black school shoes should be worn.

PARKING!

I understand that we all have to get to drop off our children on our way to work and how busy that can be with the traffic at that time. I also know that by parking on a double yellow line on the road outside the school is illegal and dangerous for the children—particularly if it is right in front of the gates to the school or parish carpark. Please be aware that we have been asked by the police to pass on any care number plate of anyone doing so. Think carefully about all the children coming to school and the safety of everyone. As reception children become more familiar with the routines and our drop-and-go system I am sure things will ease. I really appreciate your help and support in this matter.

Let's hope the weekend stays a little drier as the days shorten, getting out into that fresh air and having a brisk walk can be good for all of us. I just hope that you get a chance to have some relaxing time and some fun with your families.

Have a lovely weekend and family time together.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.

"Once children enter a culture with a powerful ethic of excellence, that ethic becomes their norm. It's what they know." Ron Berger

Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence...



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Abigail

Rowan: The whole class

Willow: Abraham

Hazel: Pearl

Beech: Maariyah

Pine: James

Elder: Muhammad Zayn

Cherry: Elina

Oak: Florence

The Winning House this week: Haydock

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 4th October - Year 2 trip to Ladywell Shrine.

Friday 6th October - Little Saplings trip to Ladywell Shrine.

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

Tuesday 10th October - PTFA AGM.

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

Wednesday 18th October - Flu Vaccinations.

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

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

Thursday 19th October - Last day of term.

Monday 30th October - Return to school after half 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



We still have availability in some of the After-school clubs. These will run until 24th November 2023 and are bookable via the arbor app. Please note that there is a limited amount of spaces in each club so please book sooner rather than later if your child would like to attend. Below is 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 its 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.

PTFA



We are asking parents to come and join our PTFA! Our first meeting will be taking place on Tuesday October 10th at 2:30pm in school. Tea and Cakes will be ready for all of our new members!

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents”
-Jane D. Hull



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 jewellery 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



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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!

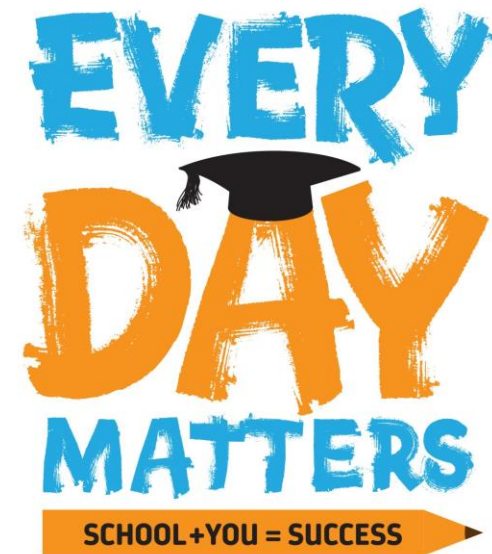
We are no longer using Parent Pay or our ParentApp. This will mean that you will only have one place to let us know about absence/illness/pay for dinners/trips/before school club and so much more.

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 95.39%.

Well done to Year 1&2 (Hazel), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.56%!