



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 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



The weeks are really hurtling, and the half-term is just around the corner. I am delighted to see your generosity as we prepare for our Harvest. It will be a real red-letter day next week as we have Year 6 leading a community event inviting parishioners to their Harvest Bingo. Wednesday afternoon will see our whole school community coming together in church to mark this season. I hope you can all come and join us as it is such a lovely service, see you there on Wednesday 18th October at 1.45 pm.

This week it has been lovely to see such exciting learning around school. Mrs Calman continues to bring out the very best in our music provision, to hear the children singing is just a delight. Elder, Cherry, and Oak classes are also developing their skills in performance which is such a joy - reminding me how music can 'lift your soul'.

Open Day was a real success and how lovely to see our Year 6 children being excellent ambassadors for our school. To hear from the parents how wonderful they are, how knowledgeable they are about our school and how confident they are. A real testament to the wonderful children we work with each day. You were all a real credit to yourselves and our school. Well done Year 6.

This week has also seen our Well-being Fortnight in full flow. It has been really impressive to see the parents finding the time to join classes with their healthy snacks, we have had a full dance - hopefully, we will be able to show the whole school dancing together on Monday on our website later in the week. There walks to Mason Wood, how breathing and stretching support our well-being too. I am looking forward to our Well-being fair this afternoon and finding out the many ways we can support our children, I hope to see you there too 2.30 pm for Key Stage 1 and from 3 pm for Key Stage 2.

Please can you remember our 'drop and go' system in the morning as it not only keeps our children safe but helps the smooth running of traffic at a hectic time.

Have a lovely weekend with your families returning all rested for our last week before the half term.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." — Henry For

Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Isabelle

Rowan: The Whole Class

Willow: Umme Hani

Hazel: Alex

Beech: Timmy

Pine: Jenson

Elder: Sera

Cherry: Jacob T

Oak: Christina

The Winning House this week: Rigby

War Poems



Cherry class have been busy writing War Poems over the last couple of weeks. We are going to get the poems published into a class poem book, which is available to pre order from the school shop on Arbor. The poem books are a great keepsake or will make a great gift for a grandparent. The books are priced at £8 each – you can pre order as many copies as you would like. We are asking that orders are made and paid for before 1st November, so that the books can be printed and returned to school before the Christmas holidays. Many thanks Mrs Bridgeman.

Hazel Class Community Event



Hazel Class have been busy all week completing challenges every day to raise money for the Baby Beat charity. We have been running around the track (10 times!!!), a penalty shootout against Mrs Mills, football, rounders, basketball and we even managed a sponsored silence for 30 whole minutes (it was bliss!!!).

Please send in any sponsorship forms and money in by the w/c 16th October and we shall forward this onto the Baby Beat charity. Thank you everyone for your generosity.

Abdullah – I really enjoyed doing the penalty shootouts against Mrs Mills

Kaleesi – I liked partitioning the two-digit numbers

Adil – I liked playing basketball and raising money for charity

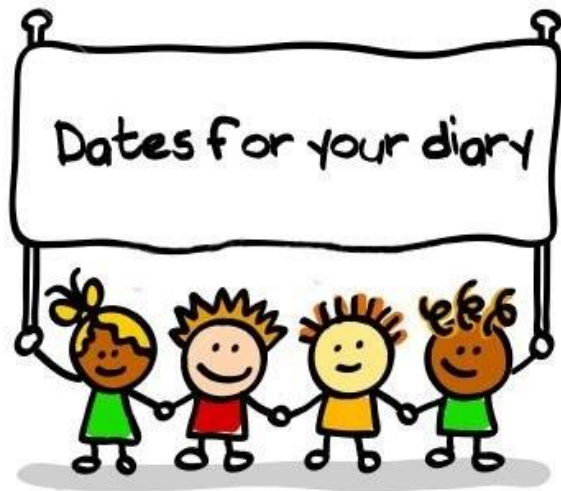
Maria – I enjoyed playing rounders football and raising money

Pearl – I enjoyed our science lesson this week and learning about our body parts

Joanna – I have liked practicing my handwriting

Oliver – I have liked writing my own snail and the whale story

Dates for your Diary



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 & Own clothes day (£2 to be paid via the Arbor app).

Monday 30th October - Return to school after half term.

Monday 30th October – Reports to parents.

Monday 30th October – Booking opens up for parents evening (Via Arbor)

Tuesday 7th November – Parents evening 1 (2pm – 5:30pm)

Wednesday 8th November – Parents evening 2 (2pm – 5:30pm)

Wednesday 8th November – Rock Trip Yr4 Corpus Christi



Harvest

Dear Parents,

Our first student council mission is to organise a harvest collection. On Wednesday 18th October, we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival, where we give thanks for all the food that we have, that keeps us fit and healthy. We are very lucky, but not everyone is. Some people don't have access to food on a daily basis. You are welcome to join us in church at 1:45pm

Metanoia Project's Homeless Drop In, based at St Wilfred's church, help to support these people. We are going to collect toiletry items, to pass on to this project, in order to help those who are less fortunate.

Each Class will be asked to bring in a Donation:

Little Saplings / Rowan: Shampoo.

Willow: Deodorant Spray Can.

Hazel: Gloves - Men's Adult size (brand new or in good condition).

Beech: Toothpaste

Pine: Soap / Shower gels.

Elder: Hat - Men's cap or winter hat (brand new or in good condition).

Cherry: Socks - Men's Sizes (brand new or in good condition)

Oak: Toothbrush.

Donations can start coming in to school from Tuesday 10th October.

Thanks,

Wilfred and Aaminah P.

School Councillors

Parents Evening



Parents evening will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th November - 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 8th November - 2pm - 5:30pm

Time slots will be bookable Via the Arbor app. The option for parents evening will come under 'Guardian Consultations'. Booking will open on Monday 30th 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.

PTFA



Thank You to all the Parents / Grandparents who attended our PTFA meeting. It was such a joy to see so many of you and we hope that you can continue to attend the meetings and be a part of our PTFA. There were some excellent ideas on how we can raise funds for the school and we can't wait to work with you all to bring some of these ideas to fruition. Below are some of the ideas we are already working on:

- As some of you may already be aware, our old minibus is in the process of being converted into a library for the school. Once the minibus is complete, we need to think about stocking it up with lots of books! The school will be buying new books but one of the great ideas that our PTFA members came up with was to ask parents if they could help too. If you have any books at home that you no longer want or need then please could you kindly donate them to the school.
- We will soon be running a Tuck Shop after school on Fridays. This will be managed by Mrs. Patel (parent). She may need some help so if anyone would like to volunteer then please let us know at the school office.
- We are planning a school Disco! We will need plenty of help and volunteers to make this happen so please do attend the next meeting if you are able to help with this.

Finally, I am happy to announce that our New Treasurer for the PTFA is Mrs. Bangi (parent).

New Members and New Ideas are always welcome!

Our next Meeting date is; **Monday 13th November at 2:30pm.**



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.



ARBOR!



99% of our parents are now successfully using the Arbor App! Hopefully, most of our initial teething issues have now been ironed out. There is still an issue of Emails going into your Junk Mail, we are aware of this and are currently in the process of trying to resolve this. Until then, please keep an eye out in your Junk Mail folder for any correspondence from school.

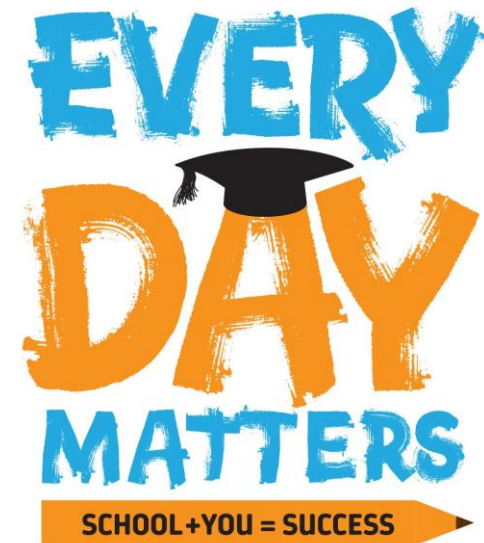
In order to know when new messages are sent, please turn on your app notifications on your mobile device.

If you are still not on the Arbor App and would like to join or are having any issues with joining then please contact the school office.

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.

Attendance!



This year, we will be focusing on the school's 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 school's attendance this week was 96.78%.

Well done to Year 4 (Elder), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.31%!

PARKING!



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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 car 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.