



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 19th 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



What a wonderful week we have had. It was so humbling to see the school family rally together to support the Metanoia Project with their work with the homeless from St Wilfred's Church in Preston Town Centre. Your generosity was overwhelming and Ruth, Joe and Jen are overwhelmed with our support.

Our 'Harvest Celebration' highlighted how thankful we are for what we have and the importance of sharing with others. To see the joy on the children's faces as they sang, BSL, read and gave thanks together. It was such a lovely service where every child was included and involved. As always, the children were a credit to the school and to their families. Their singing, acting and thoughtful reflection were very moving. The children really did shine throughout the celebration.

Oak class have also had a busy week again serving the community. Oak class organised a bingo event for parishioners and friends of Saint Clare's. It was a roaring success and the hall was packed to the rafters! Great fun was had by all and it was wonderful to see the children acting as such wonderful ambassadors for our school. Well done Oak class.

After the half-term holiday, you will receive your child's report which will outline how they have settled into their new class and will form the basis for your parents' meetings on the 7th and 8th of November. The parents' meeting slots will be available to book after half term and there will be information on how to do this with your child's report.

This has been a very exciting start to the year for the children, and I know they are already proud of their achievements as they seek excellence in all that they do. Have a wonderful half-term break rested and ready for another busy half-term with our run-up to Christmas and all that this brings to our school. Remember that the clocks go back on the 29th of October and we return to school on Monday 30th of October. Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless,

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 Ford

Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Tia

Rowan: The Whole Class

Willow: Ciaran

Hazel: Theo

Beech: The Whole Class

Pine: Veronika

Elder: Mylo

Cherry: Kacie

Oak: Myli

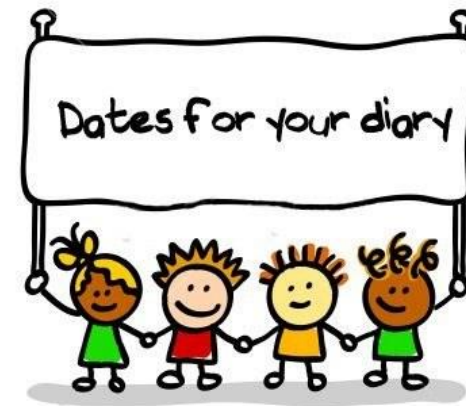
The Winning House this week: Rigby

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.

Dates for your Diary



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)

Wednesday November 1st - All Saints Day Mass with Parish (9:15am).

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

Monday 4th December - Advent Service (Year 5&6).

Tuesday 12th December - Little Saplings Play in the Hall (10am)

Tuesday 12th December - Rowan Class Play in Church (2pm).

Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity show 1 at 2pm - KS1 Nativity show 2 at 3:30pm.

Friday 15th December - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime.

Tuesday 19th December - Confession - Year 5 (10:30am) Year 6 (1:30pm).

Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Lunch/Jumper/Santa Dash.

Thursday 21st December End of Autumn Term.

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 to book 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

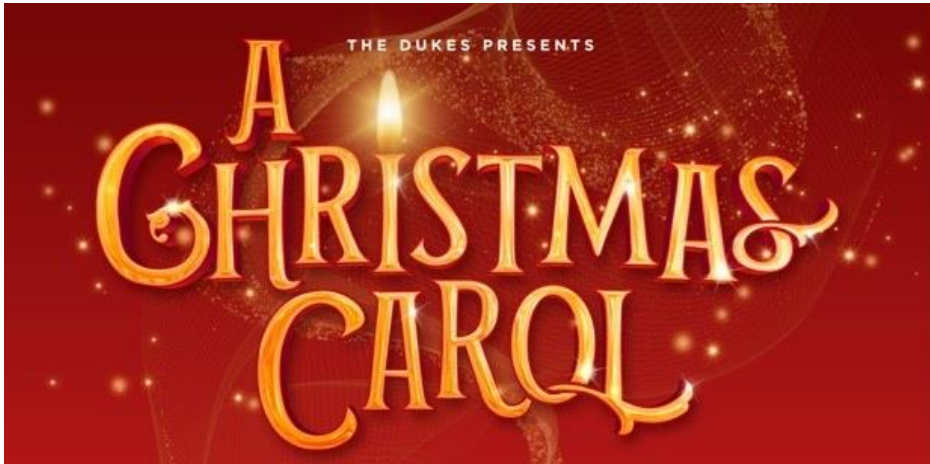
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You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

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.

School Trip



This Year, the whole school will enjoy a trip to the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to see the upcoming production of **A Christmas Carol**, the heart-warming classic that has captivated audiences for generations.

We are going to Unwrap the magic this season with a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens classic tale, featuring toe-tapping live music, festive fun and a touch of Christmas magic. This heart-warming and uplifting tale of redemption is the perfect festive treat.

Date: 15th December 2023

Cost: £15 per child.

This Trip will be payable via the Arbor App under 'Trips'. Booking opens Friday 20th October 2023 and will close on Wednesday 15th November 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) who will work with a small team of volunteers.
- 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.**

Wood



If anyone has any off cuts of wood that they can donate to the school then this would be very much appreciated. Little Saplings are collecting it for their woodwork.



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.



God invites you into the joy of following Him. Your Mission is to pray about what the greatest joy of following God is. You could write this down or even create a letter thanking God for inviting you to share in the joy of His kingdom.

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.

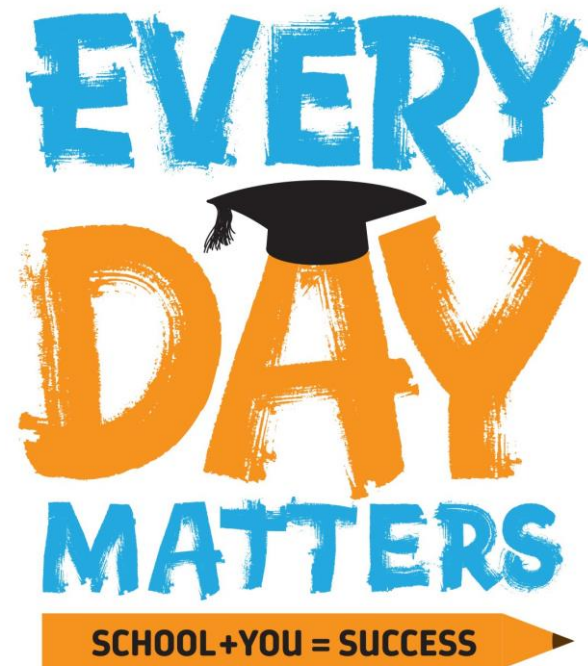
In order to know when new messages are sent, please turn on your app notifications on your mobile device.

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 94.85%.

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

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.