



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th 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



Our new Reception children have settled in seamlessly to school life and it really feels as though they've been part of the school for a long time. They have established all those important routines and I must say they have made a very smooth transition into the hall at lunchtime and are having a go at eating all their lunches; every plate is quickly emptied and their cutting skills are improving by the day!

My highlight of this week was joining the whole school and their singing lesson with Mrs Calman. I know that 'singing lifts your soul' and the children really did do that ready for our Harvest celebration on the 18th of October. We really are a talented school and everyone clearly enjoyed every moment of the lesson. We hope you have the date in your calendar ready to join us in Church.

As part of our harvest preparations, we are also working with the Foxton Centre for the Homeless. Our school council have put the message out there for you to help with donations that come to school. For all the information please listen to our Year 5 council members by following this link:https://www.instagram.com/reel/Cx-XQ8OokAy/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link&igshid=MzRIODBiNWFiZA==

The weeks are just rushing by, and the half-term holiday is just around the corner. The last days of summer have definitely been and gone as there is a real feel of autumn in the air, with the weather being very changeable. Please make sure your child comes to school with their coat for those moments when the rain suddenly appears.

Warm weather is promised this weekend, as we really have had a lot of rain these last couple of days. 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.

"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: Kobi

Rowan: The Whole Class

Willow: Aamina

Hazel: Oliver

Beech: Ariana

Pine: Aaminah G

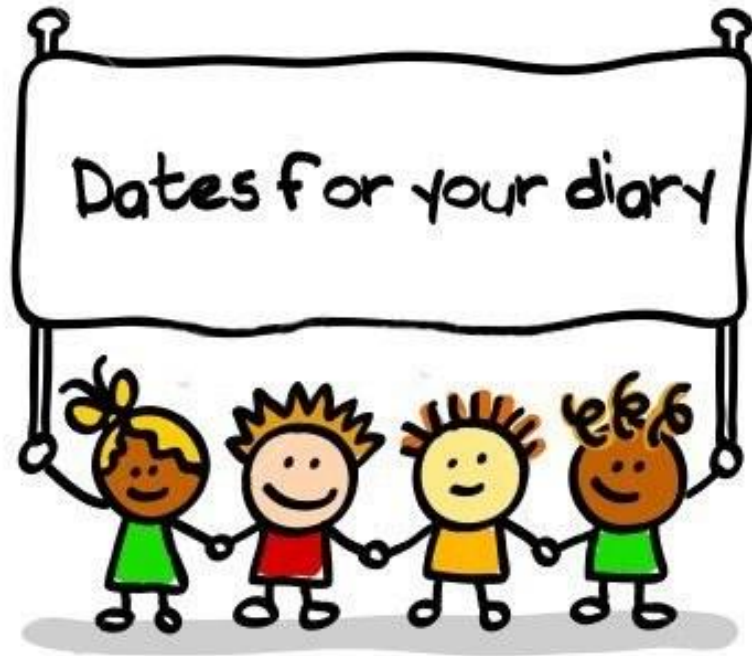
Elder: Maryam M

Cherry: Sophie

Oak: Neal

The Winning House this week: Rigby

Dates for your Diary



Monday 9th October - Thursday 19th October - Wellbeing Fortnight.

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

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

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



Wellbeing Weeks

At St. Clare's we recognise that mental wellbeing is the key to leading a happy and fulfilled life. We understand that at times we all can feel overwhelmed or anxious but there can be many different strategies and activities that children can use to help them overcome the struggles of everyday life. From the 9th of October to 19th of October all the children will take part in our 'Wellbeing Weeks'. During these two weeks the children will be encouraged to try a range of activities designed to help them cope with difficult feelings and emotions and to encourage them to have a great time as life is FUN! Over the next two weeks your child will

- . Experience nature and relaxation going for a walk with their classmates to a local wood
- . Have a danceathon and take part in a whole school dance flash mob for fun!
- . Create a healthy snack to share with a family member as healthy body means healthy mind
- . Learn about a range of coping strategies they can use when they feel unbalanced

. Have a relaxing time in the chillout zone in their classroom to find out what they enjoy and what calms their mind

. Take part in yoga sessions

We also want to get as many parents and family members involved too! We invite you

. To come to school to share a healthy snack with your child and chat with other parents. Dates and times below

Date and Time	Class
Monday 9 th of October 3pm	Oak Class (Y6)
Tuesday 10 th of October 3pm	Rowan Class (Rec) and Hazel (Y1/Y2)
Wednesday 11 th of October 3pm	Beech Class (Y2) and Elder (Y4)
Friday 13 th of October 3pm	Little Saplings (Preschool) and Willow Class (Y1)
Monday 16 th of October 3pm	Pine Class (Y3)
Thursday 19 th of October 3pm	Cherry Class (Y5)

. To volunteer to accompany a class on a walk to the woods (if you are able to accompany a class for a walk please see Miss Scott or Miss Barton)

. Come to our activity fair at 2.30pm on Friday the 13th of October for preschool (Little Saplings), reception (Rowan class), year one (Hazel and Willow class), year two (Hazel and Beech class). You can collect your child from class at 2.30pm and look at the stalls of all the extra-curricular clubs that are offered in the Preston area and see if you would like to sign your child up for extra activities that will help boost their mood!

. Come to our activity fair at 3.00pm on Friday the 13th of October for year 3 (Pine class), year 4 (Elder class), year 5 (Cherry class) and year 6 (Oak class). You can collect your child from class at 2.30pm and look at the stalls of all the extra-curricular clubs that are offered in the Preston area and see if you would like to sign your child up for extra activities that will help boost their mood!

We are looking forward to a wonderful couple of weeks!

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, More information will be given in Due Course.

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.

PTFA



We are asking parents to come and join our PTFA!

What is the PTFA? A PTFA is a group of volunteer parents / Grandparents, Teachers and Friends who work together to make their school a better environment for children to learn. They raise extra funds through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and much, much more.

Our first meeting will be taking place on Tuesday October 10th at 2:30pm in school. Tea and Cake 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



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



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

We are using Arbor's free Parent Portal and Arbor App!



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!

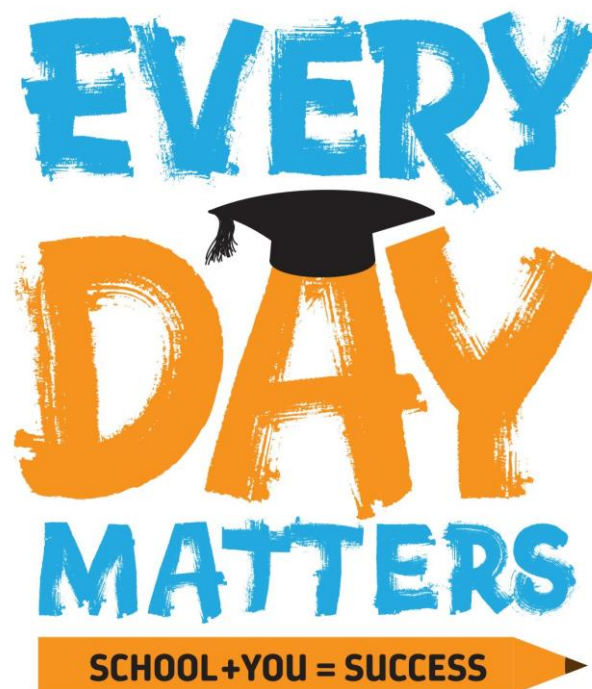
We are no longer using Parent Pay or our ParentApp. This will mean that you will only have one place to let us know about absence/illness/pay for dinners/trips/before school club and so much more.

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 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 school's attendance this week was 96.55%.

Well done to Year 1 (Willow), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 97.95%!

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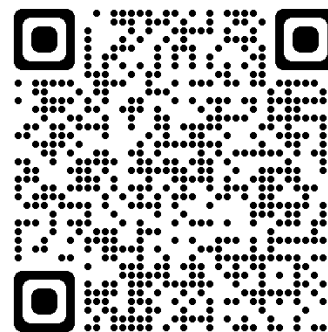
I understand that we all have to get to drop off our children on our way to work and how busy that can be with the traffic at that time. I also know that by parking on a double yellow line on the road outside the school is illegal and dangerous for the children—particularly if it is right in front of the gates to the school or parish carpark. Please be aware that we have been asked by the police to pass on any 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.

Free cycling activities during October Half-term

There will be Learn to Ride sessions available at the Uclan Sports Arena during October half-term.

There is also some Bike ability Level 1 & 2 available. This is for any children in Year 5, 6 or above. It could be that they have missed out on doing it in school, did not quite get succeed with all of it or their school is taking part soon and they would like some practice before hand.

Please pass on this QR code to access the Eventbrite links



Happy Cycling

Karen Wood

