



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 24th November 2023

Play, learn and grow together with Christ

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.



Mrs Charnley's Message

The days just seem to be rushing by this week and as always it has been full on. Starting the week with our Monday assembly by giving a check to the Baby Beat appeal, based at the hospital, just shows what a difference one class can make with Hazel raising £470.00 with their community event. Our work on social justice does not stop there as the majority of the school took part in the ACN Break the Silence Red Wednesday 'live stream'. The singing was fantastic and so were Isabel, Aarav, Elena, Jacob and Roberta - just a shame technology meant that sound disappeared for a short while. To see the school singing together, and in parts, was a real delight and to quote Greg - 'really uplifting'. We are incredibly proud of everyone on such an achievement, to have spoken live, just like television presenters, is definitely memories made for life. The work doesn't stop there either. You will see a message from our School Council about Pray for Peace - Play for Peace. Please have a look at how you can help and support this important work.

This Sunday sees the parish run a Christmas Fair after Mass at about 10.30 am. Please have a look below if you can help as they are raising money to replace the organ in church. They would welcome your help with items for the stalls or just coming along to enjoy the fun.

Sunday also sees the Feast of Christ the King. Pope Francis has described the heart as the place where we are truly ourselves and that this is where God meets us, if we let Him. When we allow Christ into our lives - when we allow Him to become the King of our hearts - we experience the joy, peace, mercy and love that He brings. The Feast of Christ the King marks the end of Church's liturgical year. The year ends on a real high point and celebrates the Kingdom of God in all its richness before beginning the new Liturgical year with the reflective and penitential season of Advent.

Have a lovely weekend with family time together.

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." —

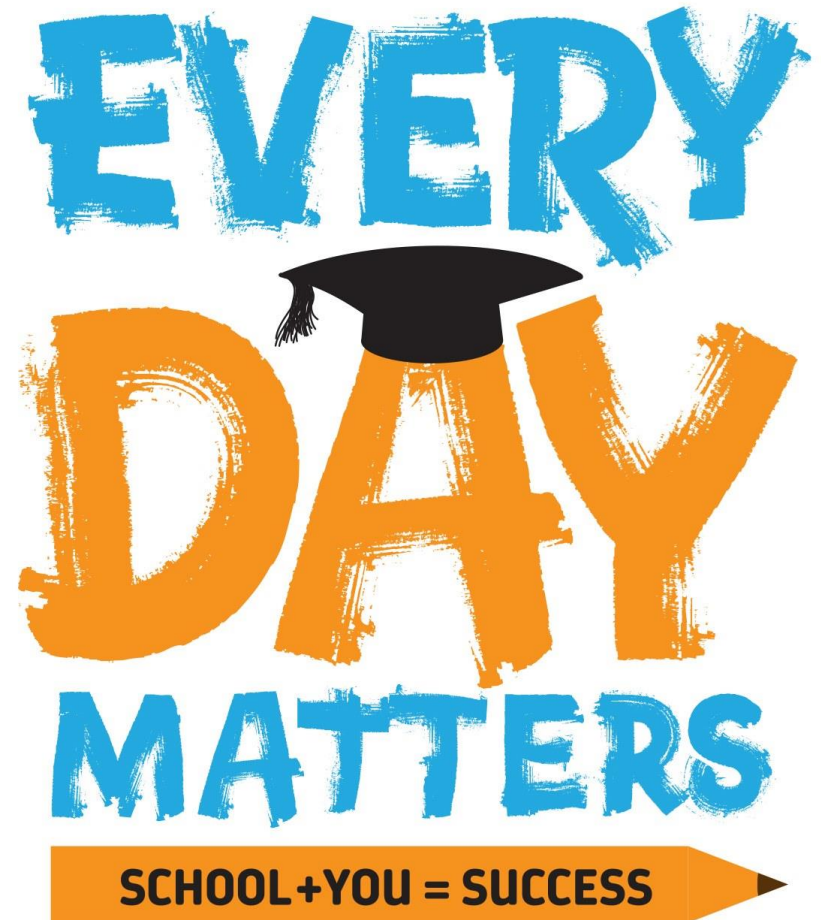
Henry Ford

Faith

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.



Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 94.47%.

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

Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Adam - *"Amazing Singing"*.

Rowan: Angelina Rose - *"Trying hard to talk her friends"*.

Willow: Abraham - *"Fantastic effort over all areas of the curriculum"*.

Hazel: Charlotte - *"Excellent effort in her work, and becoming more independent"*.

Beech: Scarlett - *"A hardworking attitude and doing the best in all that she does"*.

Pine: Muhammad Yusuf - *"Super Handwriting"*.

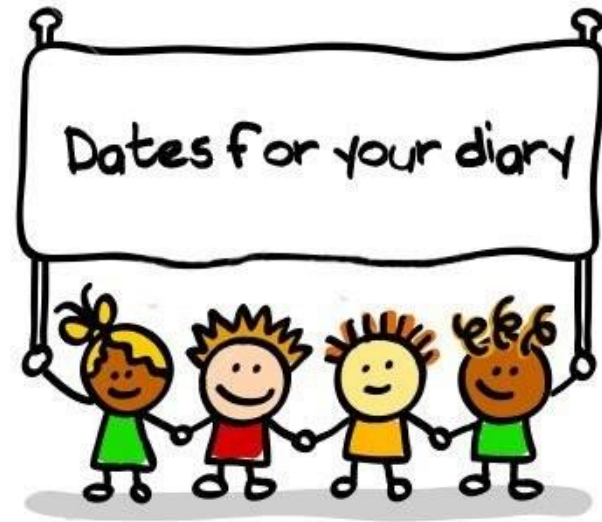
Elder: Michael - *"Using clay to make an excellent model of Skara Brae"*.

Cherry: Ella - *"Showing patience and kindness to everyone around her"*.

Oak: Isabel - *"Working hard across the curriculum and pushing herself out of her comfort zone"*.

The Winning House this week: Haydock!

Dates for your Diary



Sunday 26th November - Christmas Fair at St Clare's Parish (10:30am).

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

Friday 8th December - Pray for Peace - Play for Peace (Children to come in PE kits)

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.

Saturday 16th December - Messy Church at St Clare's Church Hall (1:30 - 3:00pm).

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

Thursday 21st December - Break up for Christmas (1:30pm).

Monday 8th January - Return to school.

Autumn Term After School Clubs



This week ends the Autumn term after school clubs, it was the last of the 8 sessions for Dance, Spanish, Multi sports, Hobby Horse, Rugby and Singing. Please keep a look out for any upcoming clubs in the near future.

Parish Christmas Fair



Christmas Fair Sunday 26th November - 10:30 am (Feast of Christ the King)

We are holding a Christmas Fair to start raising funds for a much-needed new organ for our Church. We would be very grateful if you could help by coming along to the fair and donating any of the following type of items:- Cakes for the cake stall, raffle prizes, bottle and food tombola prizes, good as new items, books, clothes, toys, etc. And any other donations you would like to make to the fair. Everything can be left in the Narthex. Do come along and support the organ fund and bring family and friends after Mass on the 26th, bacon butties, coffee, tea etc. will all be available, along with the stalls and fun for the children's Christ the King morning for our parish!!!

The parish have asked if any parents are able to donate for the Christmas Fair. If you are able to provide a bottle, small bars of chocolate, a selection box, toys or books in good condition then please drop them into the Church by tomorrow.

Pray for Peace – Play for Peace

On Friday 8th December, we will be running our 'Pray for Peace – Play for Peace'. Throughout Friday 8th December we will be taking part in a number of praying and playing activities. E.g. playing board games, playing sports related games and have the opportunity to pray for those children affected by war. If your child keeps their PE kit in school the class teacher will make sure they are changed for sporting activities. Otherwise all children need to come in their PE kit. We are asking if all children could bring in their favourite board game to share with a friend. All proceeds will be going towards a charity that supports all children who are affected by war. Parents can make donations via Arbor - within 'School Trips' to sponsor their child.

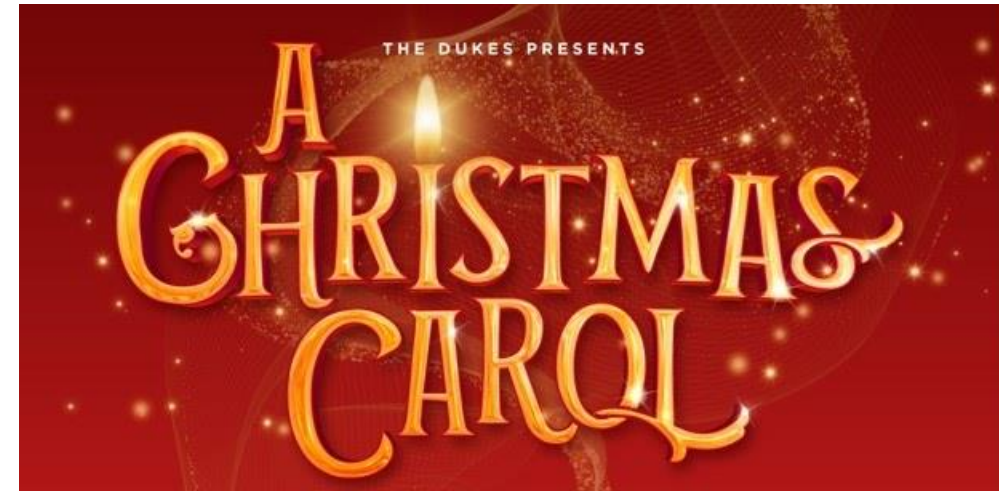
From Safaa and William - Cherry Student Council.

On Friday 8th December, we will be running our 'Pray for Peace – Play for Peace' event. Throughout the day the children will be taking part in a number of playing and praying sessions. If your child has their PE kit in school, staff will make sure they change for any sporting activities. If your child comes to school in their PE kit, please send them to school on Friday 8th Dec in their PE kit, ready to **play** sports. The children will also have the opportunity to **play** board games on this day - we would love it if your child could bring in their favourite board game so that they can share these with their friends.

In order to raise money for children who are affected by war, we would love you to sponsor us! We have set up a donation page - within 'School Trips' on Arbor, where you can donate towards this cause, the donation link will go live at the end of today's School day. We are hoping to raise as much money as we possibly can!

Many thanks, The Student Council (Safaa and William - Cherry class)

School Trip



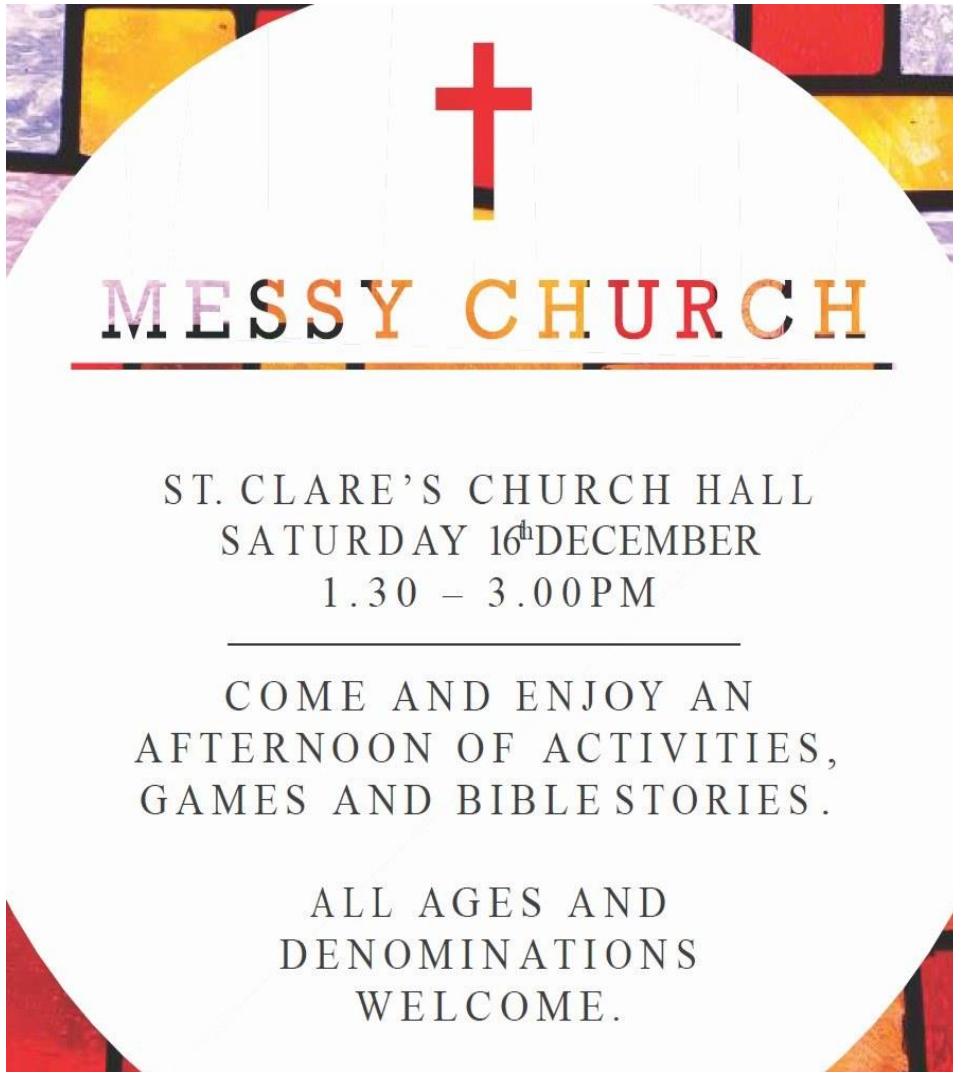
This Year the whole school will enjoy a trip to the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to see the upcoming production of **A Christmas Carol**, the heart-warming classic that has captivated audiences for generations.

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

The moral of *The Christmas Carol* is that society can be transformed for the better through generosity, empathy, and compassion.

Date: 15th December 2023

Messy Church



Piano/ Keyboard & Voice Lessons



There are still places available for parents who want to book their child in for Piano / Keyboard and Voice lessons with Mrs. Calman. The Parental Direct Payment scheme allows parents to pay the Music Service directly for instrumental and vocal tuition. The lessons are delivered in school, Individually. A Separate email will be sent to parents with instructions on how to book.

School Admissions



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.

PTFA

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

Thank You to all the Parents who attended our Second PTFA meeting. There were some excellent ideas on how we can raise funds for the school and discussions on how we can bring our current ideas to fruition.

- Mrs. Patel will be running a Tuck shop. We have decided that we will start with once at the end of every term. There will be a notification prior to this to let you know the date.
- 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, please could you donate these to school.

New members and new ideas are always welcome! Please keep a look out for our next meeting date.

St Clare's After School Club



St Clare's After School Club is a private childcare provider which provides childcare solely for children at St Clare's Primary School.

We pick up the children on our register from the school and take them to the adjacent church hall.

We provide a snack and a drink of milk or water then the children are free to choose from a variety of activities including arts and crafts, board games, small world toys, role play, outdoor play, physical play, quiet reading, IT resources (computer, XBOX, Wii etc.).

We also have the use of a large grassed area behind the church hall and the school playground for physical activities such as football, cricket, ball games, scooters etc.

We are open after school Monday to Friday. You may book the day or days you require subject to availability. Unfortunately, we cannot take one off or occasional bookings.

We are pleased to say we have spaces available. These will be on a first come first served basis.

Please contact Gill McAuley on 07879241099 between 2.30 and 5.30 for further information.

Please feel free to leave a message outside of these hours and we will get back to you.

The Big Ambition Survey



The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with young people so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



Board Games



Rowan class are trying to create a board game lending library. Please can you look through your cupboards and toy box to see if you have any boards games you no longer play. If you are happy to donate, please send them to the school office. Many Thanks, Miss Scott.

Wood / Branches / Leylandii



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

Thank You. Mrs. Ronson.

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 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.