



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

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



Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. It has been lovely to hear from the children about the special family time you have had together, and of course, the excitement that comes with a visit from Father Christmas. I know how much you all enjoyed spending family time together over the holiday. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity with the gifts for staff at the end of last term; they really appreciate your kindness.

What a busy start already as all the children launch themselves into the topics for this term. The curriculum information for you all about the topics this term should be on the website next week and promises to be as busy as always. Please have a look at the key dates for this next half term.

It was lovely to see so many parents join our staff for this term's 'Meet the Teacher' meetings. It was a great opportunity to see and understand the learning for the children this term. Please look carefully at the term dates too—I know there are trips planned for Elder Class, our One World Week, World Book Day, Bishop's Fund Day, Lenten faith journey and Borwick Hall for Year 6. There are so many exciting learning and community activities for us all to enjoy.

I know that staff shared with you our E-Safety training for all parents coming as a newsletter, which will be with this one. This is such great information as the pace of technology makes it so tricky for parents to keep up with how to keep children safe online at home, so please take the time to read. Please remember Mrs Doolan's offer of support in putting parental controls with the help of our ICT provider should you need it. Just contact the office and we will go from there.

Please remember that the school day starts at 8.55 am and all children should be in class by that time ready for the day's learning. From Monday the gates will be closed at that time and children will have to enter the school through the main entrance. They will also receive a late mark on that day. Thank you for your support in this matter. Finally, I would ask you to remember to be considerate when parking at the start and end of the school day.

Have a lovely weekend everyone and let's hope the weather will be kind to us all.

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.



Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Scarlett - *"For becoming a lot more independent in class".*

Rowan: Angelina - *"For a fantastic one less than worksheet".*

Willow: Zayyan - *"An excellent effort in all areas this week".*

Hazel: Muhammad T - *"An excellent attitude towards your work and showing kindness to others".*

Beech: Rose - *"For trying much harder in all areas of the curriculum".*

Pine: Huda - *"A fantastic diary about life in the cotton mills".*

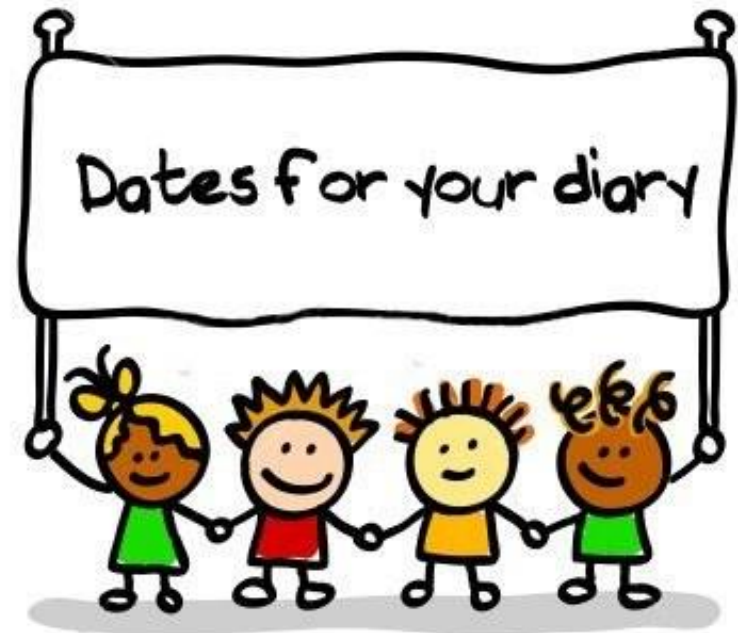
Elder: Bobbie - *"For her excellent explanation of the epiphany".*

Cherry: Maryam A - *"For great answers and working hard in class".*

Oak: Lilly - *"Fantastic work multiplying fractions in math's".*

The Winning House this week: A tie between Rigby & Southworth

Dates for your Diary



Monday 15th January - Year 4 field work trip.

Tuesday 16th January - Year 6 Angelo Saxons Workshop

Monday 29th January - One World Week.

Monday 5th February - Borwick Hall.

Tuesday 6th February - Safer internet day.

Friday 9th February - Break up for half term.

Tuesday 20th February - Return to school.

Spring Term After School Activity Clubs



Parents can now book spring term after school activity clubs for next term on Arbor. There will be Dance Club, KS2 Spanish, Multisport and Lego starting on the week commencing 15th January 2023.

There are still some spaces available, book now to avoid disappointment.

KS2 Archery started this week and will continue every Thursday for the next 4 weeks. The times are 3:20pm - 4:20pm.

Holy Communion Program



The Holy Communion program is commencing for those who have already registered on Saturday 20th January at 9:30am in the Parish Hall.

For anyone in year 3 or above who haven't registered but would like to receive their First Holy Communion they need to speak to a priest at the parish as a matter of urgency. Many Thanks, Fr Stephen.

World Faith Week



Next term as part of our R.E. Curriculum we will be focusing on the religion of Islam. We will be taking part in One World Week which commences on 29th January 2024. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to come in, we look forward to you sharing all about your faith with the children.

Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 95.37%.

Well done to Year 4 (Elder), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.69%!

ABSENCE REPORTING!

If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason then please call the school office and speak to a member of staff, leave a voicemail, send an email or a message via Arbor to the school. This must be done before the start of the school day which is 8:55am. You must call in everyday that your child is absent.



UK Health Security Agency reminds parents of back-to-school advice amid rising levels of winter illness in the new year.www.gov.uk.

https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-reminds-parents-of-back-to-school-advice?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications-topic&utm_source=d2897b05-876e-4b17-96d6-0a01fa2e1827&utm_content=daily

Online Safety



At the end of each month we will be sending out a Online Safety Newsletter. We have also added a section to the website under 'Parents' which we would encourage you to take a look at, this includes a booklet to help support with parental controls. With Christmas comes a wealth of new technology for children to enjoy. Our ICT consultant has found that by using Google Family you can help to keep your child safe online.

<https://familylink.google.com/>

Family Link gives you access to manage your child's account and data settings. As a parent, you can help change or reset your child's password if they forget it, edit their personal information or even delete their account if you feel necessary. You can also use the Google Family Link is a parental controls app that helps you keep your family safer online.



Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk/poppyappeal

To St Clares Catholic Primary School

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised £482.46



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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.

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.

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. Please use the one-way route when using the drop-and-go system. Some of the parking spaces are reserved for hospital staff, please be mindful that you are not blocking them in. I really appreciate your help and support in this matter.