



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th 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

I have enjoyed spending time in the classrooms with the children and seeing the way the children are embracing the enriching curriculum that staff are providing. Year 6 are getting to grips with the very challenging text of Beowulf and taking it in their stride—seeing the connections with Shakespeare's Hamlet. They are immersing themselves in their Anglo-Saxon and Viking topic. I know that they enjoyed learning life skills with their First Aid Training. I have had the privilege of spending time with Pine class. Goodness, the understanding they have shown in math's was a delight to see. While in Elder class children were getting to grips with interpreting graphs and what data can tell us—something I use every day. It was a pleasure to see our children in Cherry class sharing their knowledge about all the planets in our solar system. Finally, I need you all to know that Little Saplings make the very best smores, despite the cold they have been outside learning every day enjoying forest school learning.

Next week is our One World Week. We are looking at how to keep our children safe online. The children are looking forward to developing their understanding of Islam. I am looking forward to visiting the Mosque and I know many parents are coming in to share their faith with us in school, thank you.

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

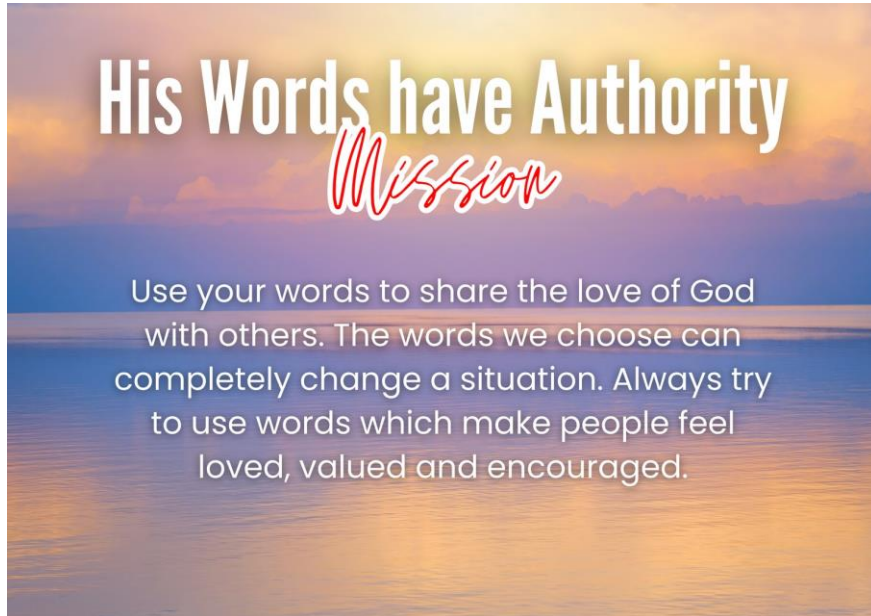
God Bless,

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 Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Jerome - *"For doing well with his mark making".*

Rowan: Rayaana - *"For working hard and being independent".*

Willow: Millie - *"Super effort with her writing this week".*

Hazel: Eloise - *"For Perseverance with her math's work this week".*

Beech: Quinn - *"For trying really hard to improve his spellings".*

Pine: Jaiden - *"For working hard and answering lots of questions".*

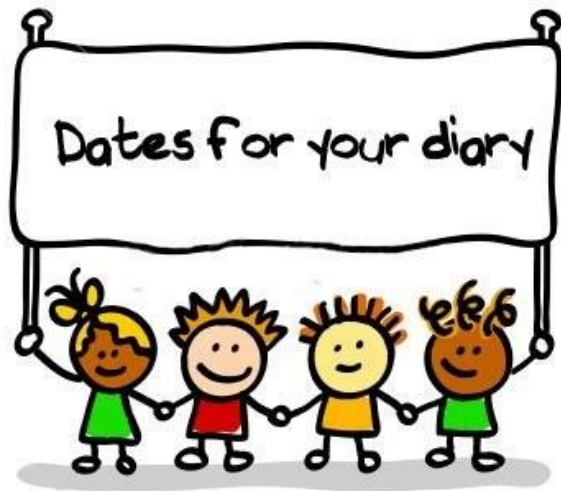
Elder: Emmanuel - *"Excellent explanations & outstanding geographical knowledge during our river topic".*

Cherry: Leona - *"Pushing herself out of her comfort zone during performance poetry".*

Oak: Ronan - *"For making great progress in Math's & working hard across the curriculum".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



Monday 29th January - One World Week.

Wednesday 31st January - Year 6 Mosque visit.

Thursday 1st February - Year 5 Mosque visit.

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.

27th February – Year 4 Egyptian Workshop

27th February – Year 3 Ancient Greece Workshop

28th February – Year 6 Dance Competition

1st March – Year 5 Mass and Lenten Lunch

Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 94.53%.

Well done to Year 5 (Cherry), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.06%!

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 an 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.

Online Safety Jan 2024 Parents, Carers

In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

Online Safety Information Session



Please find below the link to access the parent/carers session scheduled for **Wednesday 31st January 2024 – 9.30am – 10.15am.**

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZWQyZiMwMjQtNGVhMy00NDEyLTg2ODItZDQ1OGNjM2FiMjcw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7B%22Tid%22%3A%22dcdb1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2C%22Oid%22%3A%225772fa8f-9814-4199-aef2-9195804f833e%22%2C%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3Atrue%2C%22role%22%3A%22a%22%7D&btype=a&role=a

Attendees do not need to register, they simply click on the link at the above time to access the session. **Cameras and voice/audio will be switched off for all attendees.** Attendees can ask questions by typing in the Q&A box, but this will be explained during the session.

The event will be streamed using Teams. Attendees can watch the live event in:

- **Teams app—desktop (Windows or Mac) or mobile.** (The Teams app is free to download if attendees would like to do that beforehand).
- **If you don't have Teams you can access it via one of the following browsers - Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Firefox.**

As a reminder, this session (and all our virtual sessions) will be recorded and will be subsequently shared so if somebody can't make the live session then they can watch it back at a time that is convenient to them.

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.