



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th March 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



What a lovely week we have had with your children! Every classroom I have entered this week has been buzzing with enthusiasm. The children have been working to acquire new skills, explore topics, and grapple with challenging questions. It is a true testament to the joy and power of learning.

I have seen Year 3 busy rehearsing for their performance of their Easter Play, you are all in for a real treat so please check the diary dates to make sure you don't miss seeing the children perform. There have been many highlights this week. This week has also been the Blackburn Music Festival "Let's Go Sing Together" Concert. I was delighted that our children really did sing their hearts out in the afternoon all ready for the performance this evening. I can safely say that they represented all that St Clare's school values. Well done Year 4 and Year 5, you made us all very proud.

Thank you to all who joined our parent's meetings this week. I hope you found it useful to catch up with your child's class teacher. I have heard nothing but delightful comments from staff as they shared your child's progress so far this year. You will have a chance to come to school to see all their work on Thursday 18th April from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm, looking forward to seeing you join us in celebrating the excellent work.

Remember the parish is still leading Lenten Prayer sessions for children, it is not too late to join them on Wednesday 20th March. 08:25 -08:45 am in church. Bring your children along, to take part in Lenten morning prayer, a chat about the gospel of the week, their own Lenten Promises, and their quiet time with Jesus. Everyone is welcome.

Have a lovely weekend whatever the weather.

God Bless,

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.

"The one thing that you have that nobody else has is you. Your voice, your mind, your story, your vision. So, write and draw and build and play and dance and live only as you can." – Neil Gaiman

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.



Lent



During Half Term we started our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a time when we try to 'grow' in a special way. We cannot always see the growing happen, but it does! We grow in love, goodness, kindness and helpfulness – this happens 'inside' us. Lent is also a special time when we think about Jesus and how he grew. We will try to grow more like him.

Below are a couple of dates for the diary:

- Adoration in Church during Lent every Thursday – 8:30am – 8:45am (Parents and families and welcome to join with their children)
- RE/Holy Week – 25th March -28th March – more details to follow.

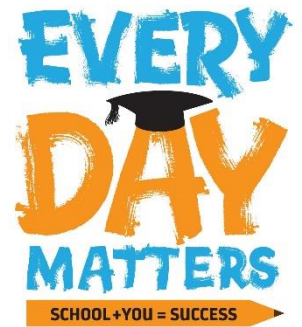
PARKING / Car Safety



PARKING - KINDNESS and CONSIDERATION to others.

Unfortunately, we continue to have a number of complaints about people parking inconsiderately on the church car park, especially at the end of the day. Please be mindful of other parents and carers and do not park your car in a place that is blocking other people in or preventing others gaining access. Please continue to report any incidents, along with a registration number to the office. Any registration numbers that have already been handed in, have been passed on to our School PCSO who will deal with it accordingly.

Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 95.51%.

Well done to Year 5 (Cherry), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 98.05%.

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. Failure to do this will result in an unauthorised absence mark.

LATENESS

We are noticing a number of children who are late to school every morning. The school day start at 8:55am and we expect all children to be in school and ready for Registration at this time. Being late, not only disrupts the class but also causes problems with ordering school dinners. Those who are persistently late will be marked as such in the register and this could lead to the parents receiving a fine.

If your child is going to be late to school for a specific reason i.e. A Medical Appointment, then school need to be informed before 8:55am. This is to ensure they are given the correct mark in the register and we can put their order in for a hot dinner if needed.

EID

For our Muslim families who will be soon observing the celebration of Eid, Children are authorised to have 1 day off from school. We are aware that Eid can be on different days and so we are happy for the children to take the one day off on the day that their family celebrates. Please update the school on your child's absence on the day.

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Ibrahim - *"For showing kindness".*

Rowan: Mohammed Adam - *"For doing well with writing his letters".*

Willow: Sabrin - *"For a lovely start to her story map".*

Hazel: Ethan - *"An excellent use of adjectives to write your own poem".*

Beech: Elliott - *"For super writing about Neil Armstrong".*

Pine: Isabelle - *"For showing resilience & determination when spelling".*

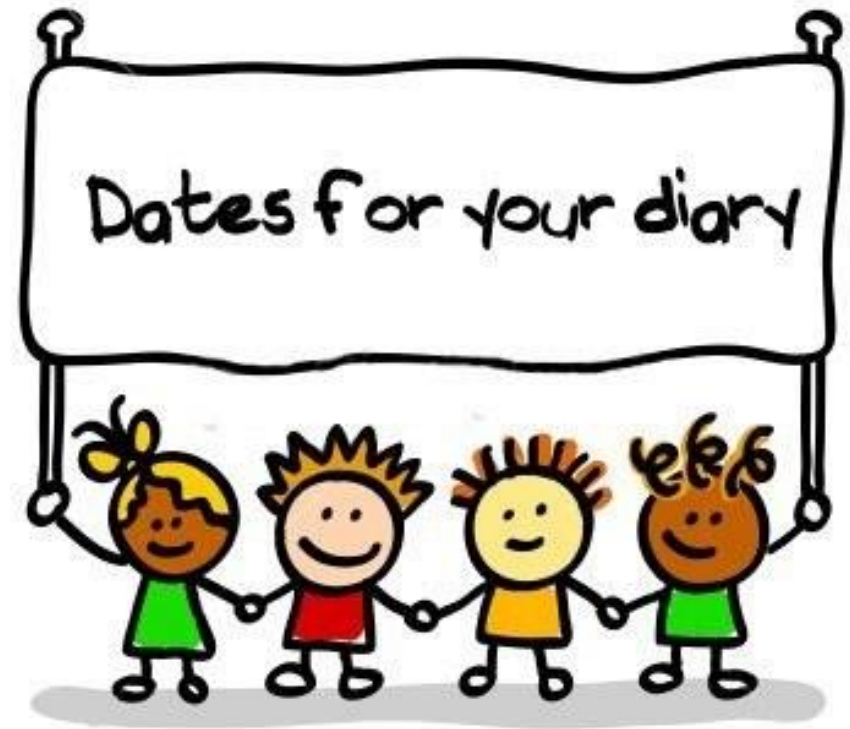
Elder: Eva - *"For wonderful singing and her overall performance at let's go sing".*

Cherry: Sam - *"For working extremely hard in class and completing his homework".*

Oak: Dillon - *"For always working hard to the best he can be and for sharing his opinion and ideas in class".*

The Winning House this week: Southworth!

Dates for your Diary



25th March -28th March - RE week.

Wednesday 27th March – Year 3 Easter Play.

Thursday 28th March - Pj's & Movie Morning (See Details Below).

Thursday 28th March – Close for Easter (1:30pm).

Thursday 11th April – School re-opens.

Wednesday 17th April – Summer Term School Mass (9:15am).

Thursday 18th April - Meet the teacher (informal drop in /book celebration) in class (3:30-4:30pm).

Friday 19th April – PTFA family event, St Clare's Family Quiz Night (6pm – 8pm). See Details below.



Thank you to all the parents who attended our last PTFA meeting.

PTFA meetings are not only a great way of sharing ideas on how we can raise funds for the school, but it also gives you a chance to meet other parents and be more involved with your school community.

Our Next PTFA meeting will be: Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 2:30pm.

School Family event!

I am very excited to share details of our upcoming Family event, **St Clare's Family Quiz Night!**

This is a chance to show off your knowledge and have fun in a family friendly competition. The ticket price will include food (bring your own drinks).

Date: Friday 19th April 2024

Time: 6pm - 8pm.

Ticket Price: £2.50 per person (age 4 and under are free).

Menu:

- Chicken & Veg Biryani.
- Tomato Pasta (V)
- Desserts (Any donations are welcome).

Please inform staff of any allergies

Tickets will be available at the school office from Monday 4th March - Thursday 11th April. (CASH ONLY). The number of guests and your meal choice will be taken at this time!

In order to make this event successful, we do need your help! We are looking for donations for our prizes! If there is anything you are able to donate or If anyone is a business owner or knows anyone who runs a business and are able to donate some prizes then we would be greatly appreciative! (please drop in to the school office).

It will be lovely to see you all there with your families and our school community to have some fun, eat some good food and you may even go home with a Prize! Most importantly, there will be great memories made.

All Money raised by the PTFA goes back into the school to be able to purchase things like iPads, Books and other School supplies that are needed to help with the children's learning.

School Council Event - Pj's & Movie Morning



As part of Lent, we always try to think about other people, and we do this by supporting ACN. The School Council are organising a Movie Morning on Thursday 28th April. Come in your pyjamas and watch a movie in your class! The cost is £1, all of which will go towards supporting the work of ACN around the world. Cash will be collected on the day.

Piano/ Keyboard & Voice Lessons



There are a few places available for parents who want to book their child in for Piano / Keyboard or 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. Please see the email that was previously sent to parents with instructions on how to book.


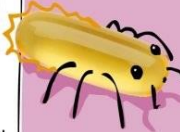

Headlice

Choose self care

What can I do to help?
Treat head lice as soon as you spot them. Check everyone in the house and treat them on the same day if they have head lice.
The first step is to try the wet combing method with everyday conditioner.


Treatments available to buy over the counter include head lice combs and medicated lotions or sprays. Always read the information leaflets provided with the medicine before using the treatments on your family.

When should I see a GP?
If you or someone in your family have enlarged glands in the neck, and/or a sticky, weeping scalp. Or if after many attempts, you cannot clear the head lice infestation.




There has been a surge in cases of Headlice across the UK. There has also been reports of a few cases in school. Please can all parents check their children's hair and be extra vigilant throughout the year. Please treat any cases in accordance with the NHS guidelines, see the following link. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>


A QUICK GUIDE TO HEAD LICE




SYMPTOMS + DETECTION



The main symptom is an itchy scalp. Children may hardly notice head lice or may have only a vague scalp irritation.




Move a fine-tooth comb through wet hair from the scalp outward. Lice are usually found at the back of the head or behind the ears.




Eggs (or nits) are oval-shaped, grayish white, and can be seen as tiny globules firmly stuck to the base of hair shafts. They're easier to see because they typically greatly outnumber lice.


CARE



Use a special shampoo, cream, or lotion to kill the lice eggs. To get rid of them, use a fine-tooth comb to carefully pick them out.




Wash your bedding and clothes in hot water. These items should probably be dried in a drying machine that reaches 130° F (54° C) for about 30 minutes.



Place anything that can't be washed in airtight plastic bags for 2 weeks to kill the lice.

TRANSMISSION



Head lice are most common among girls aged 5-11, but can affect almost anyone. The infestation is spread by close personal contact and possibly by shared combs, brushes, hats, and other personal items.

Being clean does not prevent getting head lice. There is no association between head lice and poor hygiene or low socioeconomic status.

Forest School



Mrs. Ladybird needs some Drainpipe for our forest school. If you have any that you could donate to the school then we would love to take them off your hands. Please give in any donations to the school office. Thank you

Parental Questionnaire 2024



Governors are always interested in the views of parents and children so every year they ask the school to send out a questionnaire. This helps steer the school to continue to grow as they value the views of parents.

Please find time to complete the following questionnaire using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7nl8SToCyE-M-hxxCMgblc38wvS3rDZHI9lg52xHsydURUxEWkY5SVg4WUIIOTVKWjRUWkg1NIFQNY4u>

The questionnaire will remain open until the end of the term.

Many thanks.