



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st 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



Parking, Parking, Parking!!!!

Parking has been a consistent problem here at St. Clare's. I am at a loss as to what wording I can use that will help some parents understand we all have our part to play in making sure that the children are safe. We should show respect and care for everyone in our school and the parish carpark is no different. I would ask that you work together to ensure the mornings remain smoother, the cones are there to allow the traffic to flow with our 'drop and go' system. I would ask, that once your child has been picked up you then leave the schoolyard to release parking space in the car park. It has also come to my attention that children are not always seat belted as they leave. It is a legal requirement that seat belts are used wherever you sit in a car. Remember, it is the children who wear seatbelts in cars that survive crashes. Please read on as there is a section all about this as I would be devastated - as you all would - if it took a fatal injury to make everyone realize that change needs to happen.

It has been a pleasure to see our children strive for excellence this week. I have seen some amazing writing across the school from Little Saplings through to Oak class. This week the children in Elder and Pine had the opportunity to immerse themselves in the life of the Egyptians and Greeks. Oak class excelled in their performance in the Preston Schools Dance competition, whether they won or not is unimportant - it was a real delight and privilege to have watched them give their all that is true excellence. Well done everyone.

Next week sees our Art's Week and I know that the staff have a full week of creativity planned, including our annual World Book Day. I hope you find the time to come in on Friday 8th after school to see all the wonderful work that the children have created. In the words of Henry Moor - "To be an artist is to believe in life."

Have a lovely weekend despite the changeable weather.

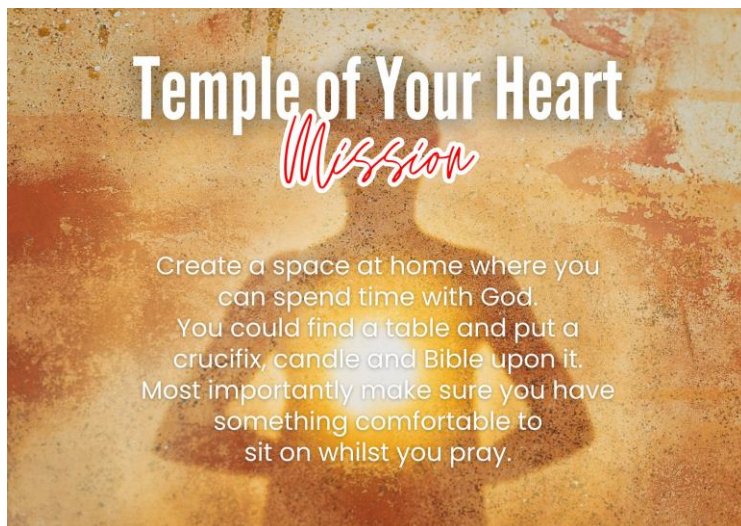
God Bless,

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 are welcome to join with their children)
- Class Mass – Year 5 – 1st March
- Class Mass – Year 4 – 15th March
- 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.

SEATBELTS

There has been reports that there are parents who have been seen beginning to drive without putting seatbelts on their children. Wearing a seatbelt is a legal requirement in the UK whether sitting in the front or the back of the vehicle. 30% of people who died in cars in 2021 were not wearing a seat belt – the highest percentage since modern records began. This amounts to over 200 deaths and many more serious injuries. Wearing a seat belt halves the chances of dying in collision. It remains the bedrock of occupant protection, even in modern cars with airbags etc.

You can be fined up to £500 for not wearing a seat belt.

Wearing a seat belt not only helps protect your safety, it helps protect the safety of others.

Only one person is allowed in each seat fitted with a seat belt. Never use the same seat belt across two or more passengers.

As a passenger over the age of 14 it's your responsibility to ensure you're wearing a seat belt. Failure to do so could result in a fine.

Child passengers

Children under 135 cm (4'4") tall must be in the correct car seat for their height and weight.

You can be fined £500 if a child under 14 years old isn't in the correct car seat, or, if over 135cm tall, wearing a seatbelt whilst you are driving.

Attendance

The whole school's attendance this week was 93.55%.

Well done to Year 3 (Pine), Your class had the highest attendance with 99.69%!

Last week, we were visited by our school's attendance officer from the Lancashire County Council. As per her guidance, We will be monitoring the school's attendance very closely, Whether this be for sickness, holidays in term time or being late to school.

ABSENCE REPORTING

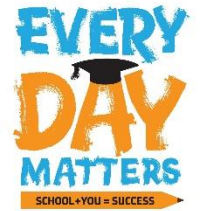
If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason then please call the school office and speak to a member of staff, leave a voicemail, send an email or a message via Arbor to the school. This must be done before the start of the school day which is 8:55am. You must call in everyday that your 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 starts 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. After the meeting with the LCC attendance officer, we have been informed that 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 needs 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: Oscar - *"For good listening and attention"*.

Rowan: Aisha Hiba - *"For working hard in everything"*.

Willow: Deon - *"For persevering with his English challenge"*.

Hazel: Maria - *"Writing a superb character description using adjectives"*.

Beech: Aleeza - *"Really improving her cursive handwriting across the curriculum"*.

Pine: Abdul Rahman - *"For being a great role model"*.

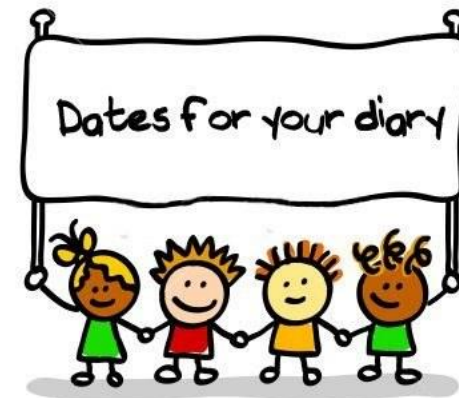
Elder: Ben - *"For showing a good understanding of decimals"*.

Cherry: Alayna - *"For working particularly hard in math's this week"*.

Oak: Mia - *"Wonderful reflections in RE and working hard across the Curriculum"*.

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



Adoration in Church during Lent every Thursday – 8:30am – 8:45am
(Parents and welcome with their children).

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day.

Friday 8th March – Year 5 Forces Workshop.

Friday 8th March - Art Gallery for parents (2:45pm - 3:45pm).

Wednesday 13th March - Parents evening 1 (Booking opens 4th March on Arbor).

Thursday 14th March - Parents evening 2 (Booking opens 4th March on Arbor).

Friday 15th March - Year 4 Mass (parents welcome to join).

25th March -28th March - RE week.

Wednesday 27th March – Year 3 Easter Play.

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

Thursday 11th April – School re-opens.

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

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

3D Art Competition



DESIGN AND BUILD A 3D MODEL OF A HISTORICAL EVENT!

As part of our arts week, we are running a competition to create a 3d model that shows an amazing historical event or time! How about a model of the moon to show the first moon landings? Or a Viking helmet? A beautiful Greek vase or a model of the pyramids? The choices are endless!

They can be any size and made out of anything you like! Be as creative as possible...

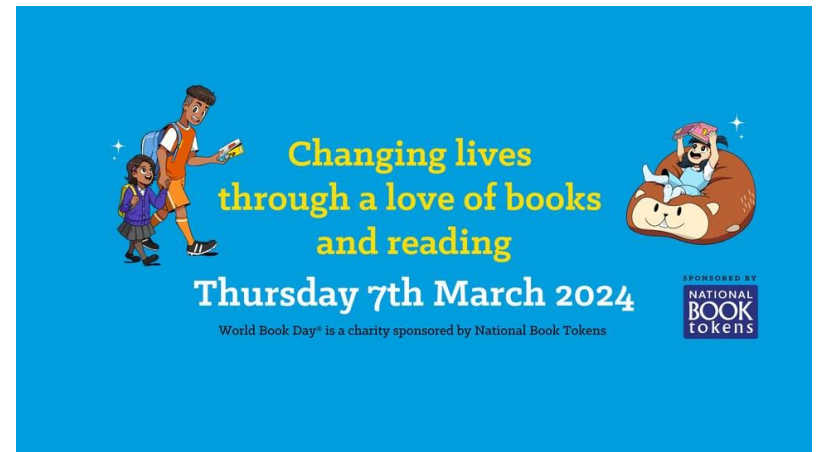
Bring your models into school on Friday 8th March for our exhibition and judging!

Arts Week



On the week commencing Monday 4th - Fri 8th March, we are having an Arts week. As part of this week the children are completing an art project linked to their History topic. On Friday 8th March there will be an Art gallery open to parents from 2:45pm - 3:45pm and we are inviting parents to come and have a look at the children's work.

World Book Day / Book Café



World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March and we would like children to come to school dressed in a book character costume.

We are holding our annual Book Café in school on this day and would like to invite parents to come into school and read a story to their children (this can be a book from home or from school). Please join us in the school hall, where you can enjoy some reading and a refreshment. The Timetable is as follows;

9-9:45am - Rowan and Little Saplings

9:45 - 10:30am KS1


10:30 - 11:15 am KS2



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. 

PTFA

Thank you to all the parents who attended our last PTFA meeting where we voted for a new committee.

I am happy to introduce our new PTFA committee:

PTFA Chair - Mrs. Chudasama

PTFA Vice Chair - Mrs. Clayton

PTFA Treasurer - Mrs. Bangi

PTFA Secretary - Mrs. Desai

A Big Thank you to our previous Chair, Mrs. Van Parys-Woodacre, for her commitment to the PTFA for a number of years and for helping to raise funds for the school. All of her efforts are greatly appreciated. The PTFA are grateful for her continuing on with them as a member and for the wealth of knowledge she can share.

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. It would be nice to see new faces at the meetings.

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

PTFA School Family event!

We are 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 (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 March. (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.



The poster is for a Quiz Night event. It features a red background with a diamond pattern. At the top center is a large, glowing yellow sign that says "QUIZ NIGHT". To the right of this sign is the St Clare's School crest, which is a shield with a cross and the letters "S C". Below the sign, there are two yellow circles: one on the left that says "Bring Your Own Drinks" and one on the right that says "Food will be provided". In the center, there is a white rounded rectangle containing the text "FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024" and "6PM TO 8PM". Below this, it says "Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place". At the bottom left, it lists "Food options: Chicken & Veg Biryani, Tomato Pasta, Desserts". At the bottom right, it says "Tickets : £2.50 per person (Under 4's free)" and "Tickets available from reception from Monday 4th March. Cash only". At the very bottom, it says "NO TICKET NO ENTRY !". There are several yellow question marks scattered around the poster.

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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.

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.

Headlice




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/>

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.




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.