



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 22nd 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



As we approach our journey through Holy Week in school we are all reminded of the journey Christ made. This is always such a special time in school when the children and staff contemplate the sacrifice Jesus made: "No greater love has any man than to lay down his life for his friends". Palm Sunday this weekend marks the start of this journey and in school, we will be providing the children to share their Catholic faith and how we can live Jesus' message of 'Love one another as I have loved you'. All the children will have the opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation in a way that suits their age. We also have a wealth of activities that remind us of Jesus' last days before the Crucifixion and the promise of everlasting life that comes with the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. We will also have the opportunity to see Pine class perform this in Church on Wednesday at 3.45pm. What a great way to focus our school community ready for all our work about Jesus' sacrifice next week as we prepare in Holy Week.

From Reception to Year 6 the buzz of learning has been heard throughout the school this week and seeing the continued progress has been so satisfying for all staff. Children know what they need to work on and are focusing hard to try and reach each target set. After the Easter holidays, the curriculum information for your children will be available on their class page on the website. Please remember that you can come and see their work on Thursday 18th April from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm, which I know will be a real treat for you all.

The children have enjoyed every moment of this glimpse of spring which will hopefully pour into next week. We need you to pray for dry weather so that the work on the MUGA can continue over the Easter holidays.

Remember our last day in school is on Thursday 28th of March at 1.30pm.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy family time together.

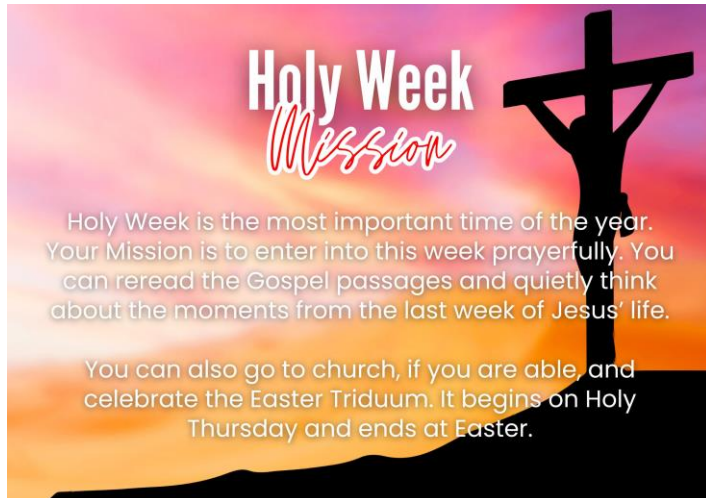
God Bless,

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



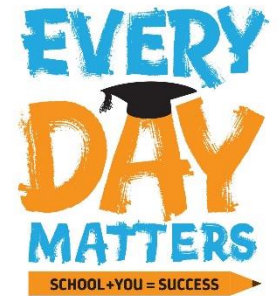
PARKING - KINDNESS and CONSIDERATION to others.

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 94.98%.

Well done to Year 5 (Cherry), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.38%.



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

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

We are aware, that Eid may fall in the school holidays. Should the first day of Eid fall on Tuesday 9th April, then all children will be expected to be back in school on Thursday 11th April. Should the first day of Eid fall on Wednesday 10th April then Thursday 11th April will be authorised leave for those who celebrate on this day. Please update the school on your child's absence on the day.

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Jordan - *"For excellent sorting and classifying".*

Rowan: Ayizah - *"For fantastic writing about polar bears".*

Willow: Safa - *"For a super effort when working on halves and quarters".*

Hazel: Alayna - *"For Fantastic effort in phonics".*

Beech: Joshua - *"For listening to and acting on advice on how to improve his work".*

Pine: Aaminah.K - *"For being polite and helpful".*

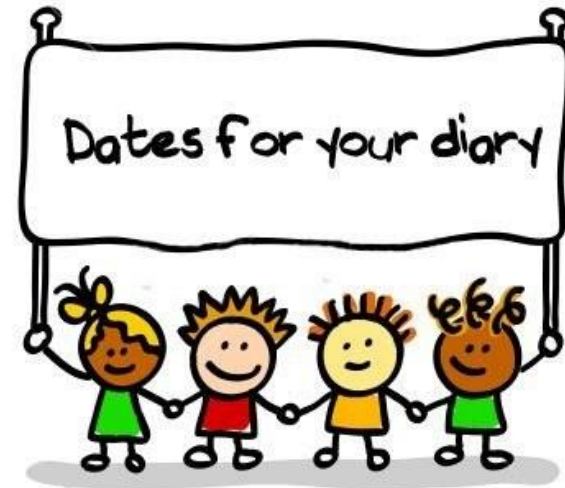
Elder: Sam - *"For his determination with the chunking method of division".*

Cherry: Noah - *"For working really hard and impressing Mrs. Lee & Mrs. Thorpe".*

Oak: Ronan - *"For fantastic responses in Maths, using a range of strategies to solve problems".*

The Winning House this week: Southworth!

Dates for your Diary



25th March -28th March - RE week.

Wednesday 27th March – Year 3 Easter Play (2pm in church)

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.

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 March**. 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.

PTFA

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 (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 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 School supplies that are needed to help with the children's learning. **Our Next PTFA meeting will be: Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 2:30pm.**

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


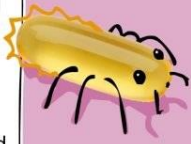

Please check your child's hair this weekend!

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.

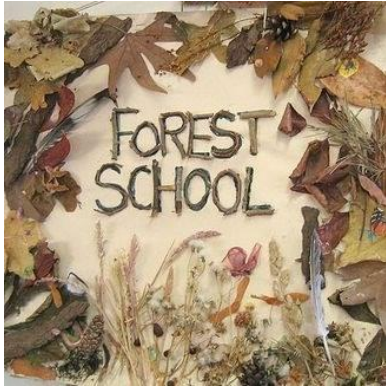
TRANSMISSION



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.

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/e/7H1K2cVuWp>

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

Many thanks.

Child Seat Safety

Lancashire County Council Road Safety Child Car Seat Check Events



Events in Preston

A black and white photograph of a young child sitting in a car seat, smiling. The child is wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark harness. The background is slightly blurred, showing the interior of a car.

Asda, Fulwood. PR2 9NP 10am-3pm
Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March

Smyths Toys, Queens Retail Park. PR1 4HZ
10am-3pm
Wednesday 27th and
Thursday 28th March

Child Seat Safety Ltd

37% of all children are in the incorrect seat for their height, weight and age.

96% of all faults can be rectified easily.

Pop along for free advice and an independent check.