



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th 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 week!! There has been art and music across the school which has been a real delight. I have seen children composing, singing, acting, and artistically creating beautiful pieces of art. I really hope you come to our gallery this afternoon - doors open at 2:45pm - to enjoy seeing this amazing work.

Thursday has been a red-letter day this term. What excitement to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters, enjoy time together with families at our book café, find time to book-swap with friends, and also take part in our book model competition. There was also our 'Poetry Jam' where every class took part in performance poetry, they were all amazing. When you look back at the day you can hardly believe we could fit it all in, but fit it in we did. Thank you to all parents, aunties, cousins, grandparents, and uncles who were able to spare some time to come and read with the children. We hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did.

Thank you so much to the staff for all their hard work in preparing such an exciting day filled full of happy memories for our children. Without the commitment of staff, where would we be?

It has been lovely seeing the parish support our children during their Lenten journey. Rita and Bridgeen have been wonderful holding Lent Prayer sessions for children, it is not too late to join them on Wednesday 13th March, and 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 and make sure you make your Mum feel special on Sunday - they have earned it.

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)
- 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 who will deal with it accordingly.

SEATBELTS

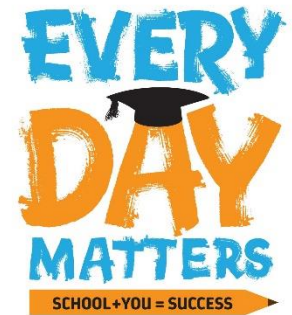
There has been reports that there are parents who have been seen beginning to drive without putting seatbelts on their children. Wearing a seatbelt is a legal requirement in the UK whether sitting in the front or the back of the vehicle. 30% of people who died in cars in 2021 were not wearing a seat 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.

Attendance

The whole school's attendance this week was 95.45%.

Well done to Year 6 (Oak), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 97.08%!



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. 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 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: Eesa D - *"For great effort during arts week "*.

Rowan: Khadijah - *" For writing her name so clearly".*

Willow: The whole class - *"For fantastic team work when writing our poem "*.

Hazel: The whole class - *"For a wonderful poetry performance".*

Beech: Evie - *"For being a polite member of Beech class and always having lovely manners".*

Pine: Niall - *" For Fantastic artwork".*

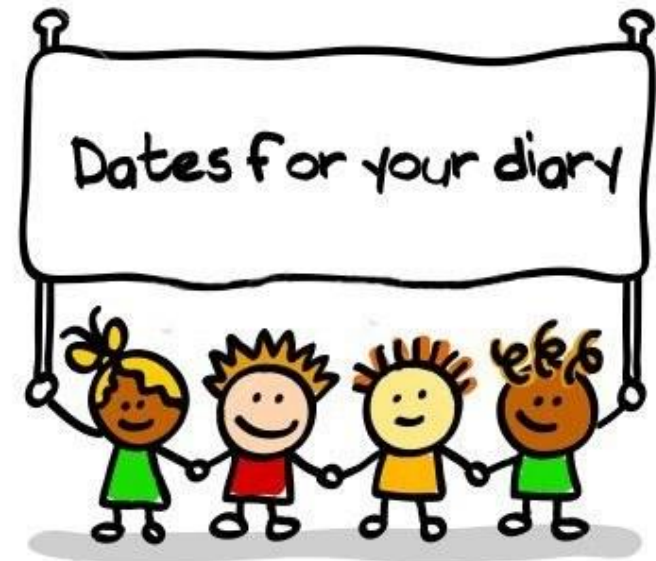
Elder: Tyler - *"For composing an outstand piece of music."*

Cherry: William - *"Producing a fantastic history model".*

Oak: Freddie - *" For giving his all to everything that he does and always showing kindness and respect to others".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby!

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 13th March - Parents evening 1 (Booking open until 11th March on Arbor).

Thursday 14th March - Parents evening 2 (Booking open until 11th 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).

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.

PTFA

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.

QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024
6PM TO 8PM

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

Bring Your Own Drinks

Food will be provided

Food options:
Chicken & Veg Biryani
Tomato Pasta
Desserts

Tickets :
£2.50 per person
(Under 4's free)

Tickets available from
reception from Monday
4th March. Cash only

NO TICKET NO ENTRY !

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 (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.

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.

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.

Messy Church

A poster for 'Messy Church' featuring a large white circle in the center. Inside the circle is a red cross with a small black and yellow detail at its base. Below the cross, the words 'MESSY CHURCH' are written in large, colorful, block letters. The background of the poster is a colorful, abstract pattern of squares and rectangles in shades of red, orange, yellow, and purple, resembling stained glass. The text on the poster is as follows:

MESSY CHURCH

S T. CLARE'S CHURCH HALL
SA TURD AY 23^dMARCH
1.30 – 3.00PM

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AFTERNOON OF A CTIVITIES ,
GAMES AND BIBLE ST ORIES .

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WELCOME.