



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th April 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



My goodness time really is flying by! We have had a lovely week back at school with so many exciting learning opportunities. Watching the children strive to reach their challenging targets has been inspiring. Our Year 6 children are really challenging themselves as they prepare for their assessments; there is so much problem-solving going on! At the other end of the school, our Reception, Year One and Year Two children are making such progress with both their story telling and reading. For as long as I have taught, home-learning has always been one of those things where we try and create an approach that aims to suit all ways of family life. In the middle of it all are the children and how we can all best support them with their learning to become the very best versions of themselves. Research shows that the more involved parents are with their child's learning, the more progress they will make and the more confident children will feel with the skills that we need to teach. Practise is everything, the more we can repeat things, the more confident they will then feel applying these across the curriculum. We are also incredibly mindful of how precious family life is and the amount of time that the children are active outside of school. Thank you for practising these skills at home - it truly is the best gift you can give to your children - and it lasts forever!

Seeing so many parents join us and look at the children's work was a delight last night. I could see the children beam with pride as they showed you what they had achieved in school - such precious moments. I am sure you recognised their progress and how the feedback policy makes such a difference to the children. It was also great to have Fulwood Library, Seekers and GoVelo join us too - there are lots of 'free' things we can do with the children and they are just a few for you to get involved in.

There is a section on parking in this week's newsletter so please keep reading all of the newsletter. It has been a constant feature and one that relies on you as parents to solve. Please read it carefully and see what you can do - we should always be polite, courteous and most importantly kind to each other.

God Bless,

Mrs Charnley and the staff of St 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.



Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 96.45%.

Well done to Year 3 (Pine), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.07%.

ABSENCE REPORTING

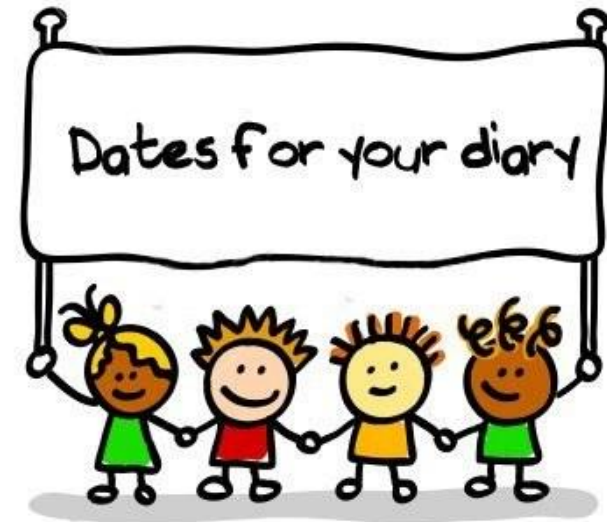
If your child is going to be late or absent for any reason then please call the school office and speak to a member of staff, leave a voicemail, send an email or a message via Arbor to the school. This must be done before the start of the school day which is 8:55am. You must call in everyday that your 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.

Dates for your Diary



Thursday 25th April - Pine Class Trip - Ribchester Museum.

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May - Cherry Class Trip - Lee House.

Monday 13th May - Start of KS2 SATS week.

Monday 13th - 16th May - Year 5 Bike ability.

Wednesday 15th May - Beech Class Trip - Brockholes.

Friday 17th May - Year 6 Bike ability.

Friday 24th May - Sports Day (1:30pm).

Monday 3rd June – Return To school.

Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 Summer Production (2pm & 6pm).

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Mass / Assembly (1:30pm).

Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Meal at Marino's (4:15pm).

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Abel - *"For good listening "*.

Rowan: Jasmine - *" For excellent behaviour on our library trip "*.

Willow: Ada - *"For lovely writing about Queen Elizabeth".*

Hazel: Khaleesi - *"For growing in confidence and an excellent attitude to your work".*

Beech: Ivy-May - *"For super writing and retelling the Easter story".*

Pine: Izzy - *"For fantastic fraction work in Math's".*

Elder: Joshua - *"For showing an excellent understanding of perimeter".*

Cherry: Ahmad - *"For returning to school with a hard-working attitude".*

Oak: Holly - *"For working hard to be the best she can be and showing her creative side across the curriculum".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby

Parking!



Parking is an ongoing issue at St Clare's and an issue that sadly, we are having to bring up time and time again. We understand that parking around the school is limited however, this does not mean that you park in way that is unsafe or causes an inconvenience to others. The car park belongs to the Parish, who kindly allow our parents to use it for dropping off and picking up children from school. Part of the car park is also used by staff at Royal Preston Hospital, who PAY to park on there. Due to a number of complaints, we risk the option of no longer being allowed to use it. Therefore, in order for us to continue having access to the parish car park, please be mindful that you 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 handed in, will be passed on to our School PCSO, who will deal with it accordingly.

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 a 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.

Parent Governor



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Our current Parent Governor, Mr. Tootill's term of office has come to an end. He is happy to continue on the board of Governors to represent parents of the school. However, the position is also open for anyone else that would like to apply. If being a Parent Governor is something that you are interested in, then please contact the school office and provide your details. Re Elections will take place in May.