



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th May 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 difference the weather makes in school, it has been lovely to see the children being able to play on the field at playtimes. Please try to remember to send in a hat and apply sun-cream – technology is so great now that sun-cream can be applied and lasts 12 hours which is great for school. It has also meant that the builders are back to continue the work on the long-awaited MUGA. Today sees them 'digging up' so please be mindful when you come to pick up this evening and keep the children safe.

Parking!!! I am becoming a 'broken record' in my plea to you all as parents to be kind, patient and considerate when parking. Lancashire County Council came to visit school again yesterday, to draw my attention to how reckless parents are parking. I too have noticed that more parents are parking and then waiting on the playground before the start of the school day. Then when they want to leave the car park, the parents using our 'drop and go' system cannot as the car park is gridlocked, leading to gridlocking the road which triggered Lancashire County Council. Two members of staff and myself are on hand every morning to make sure that the children come safely into school. We have put this system in place to support you as parents - it gives me no joy to be out in every weather but when followed correctly it has eased the situation which is why we do it. So here is my plea:

- If your child is in Reception through to Year 6 please use the 'drop and go'
- Follow the route of 'drop and go' - by cutting off to be 'quicker' you then make it longer for others and shows a lack of kindness
- 'Drop and go' near the church steps where I can make sure the children remain safe
- If you can, park at Booths and walk in
- If you can, car share

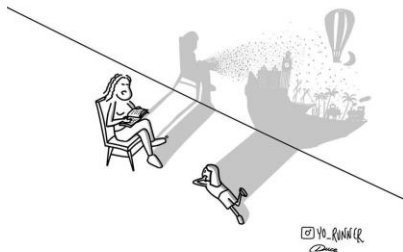
Please keep Year 6 in your prayers, as next week sees the statutory assessment tests and this year sees it being a shorter week due to the Bank Holiday. They are ready for this thanks to their hard work and the staff supporting the learning along the way too.

Take care and hopefully, the weekend will bring a little sunshine so we can enjoy getting outside and enjoy family time together.

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.

Thy Kingdom Come
Mission

Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost inviting you to pray for more people to know Jesus. Your mission is to 'Pray for Five.' Choose five people who do not know Jesus and pray between Ascension and Pentecost for them to experience his love.

THY KINGDOM COME

Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Grace - *"For enthusiasm in the garden kitchen".*

Rowan: Medina - *" For being so grown up and working hard".*

Willow: John - *"For excellent map work".*

Hazel: Abdullah - *"For an excellent attitude for all you have done this week. Keep it up!".*

Beech: Maariyah - *"For continuing to always try her best in all areas of the curriculum ".*

Pine: Jesslynn - *"For fantastic RE answers in church".*

Elder: Deon - *"For writing an excellent historical diary entry. Well done! ".*

Cherry: Diggy - *"For great contribution on our trip".*

Oak: Rosie - *"For Kindness and love to others and pushing herself out of her comfort zone".*

The Winning House this week: Rigby

Dates for your Diary

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 - Rowan & Early Years - Creepy Crawly Roadshow.

Friday 17th May - Year 6 Bike ability.

Wednesday 22nd May - 'Task Master' style activities - Parents / Carers welcome (See times below).

Friday 24th May - Sports Day - Parents / Carers welcome (1:00pm).

Monday 3rd June – Return To school.

Wednesday 5th June – Pre-school and reception new starters induction evening (6:00pm).

Thursday 6th June - Rowan Class trip - Williamson Park.

Friday 7th June – Blessed Sacrament Procession – 1:45pm - Parents / Carers Welcome (Children may go home early after)

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

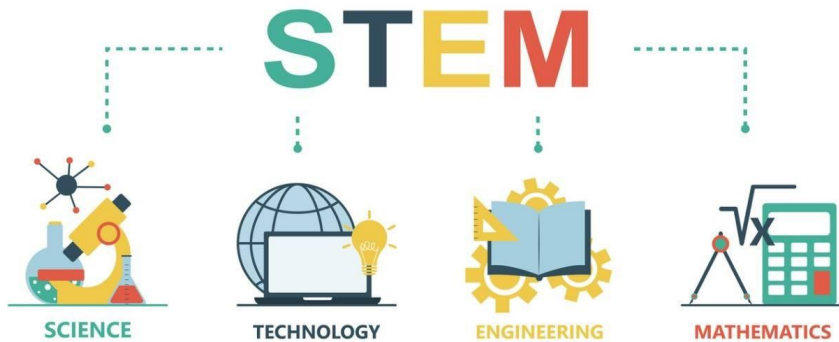
Tuesday 16th July – Year 6 Leavers Mass / Assembly (1:30pm).

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

Wednesday 17th July – Close for Summer – 1:30pm (Reach for the Stars on the Playground 1:00pm).



STEM



We will be holding a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math's) week in school at the end of this half term - week commencing 20th May. On Wednesday 22nd May you are welcome to come and join your children in school to complete 'Task Master' style activities at the following times:

1:45pm - 2:30pm - Little Saplings, Rowan, Willow, Hazel and Beech

2:30pm - 3:15pm - Pine, Elder, Cherry, Oak

Also, if you work in a STEM based environment and have time to come into school and speak to the children about your role, or can offer any support in STEM based activities, then please contact Mr. Parkinson.

Thank you!

Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 97.75%.

Well done to Year 6 (Oak), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 100%.

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.

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.

Brass Lessons

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Is your child interested in learning a brass instrument?



Many studies have proven the academic and emotional benefits learning an instrument has on young children. *“Learning to play an instrument stimulates the brain, improving functions like memory and abstract reasoning skills, which are essential for math's and science.”*

The children at St Clare's now have the opportunity to access individual brass lessons in school. We are working in partnership with Josette Coupe who has a wealth of experience from teaching brass with the Lancashire Music Service and is passionate about teaching children to play brass instruments. The brass lessons will take place on a Wednesday during school time and will start from the 24th April.

The cost of the lessons.

Individual lessons are for 20 minutes and cost £10 per lesson. There is an additional charge of £20 per term if you would like to hire an instrument. Cash is preferred in a clearly marked envelope at the start of each half term. Alternatively, Josette's bank details can be provided if needed. Payments will be collected at the start of each half term so the total will vary depending on how many weeks are in the upcoming half term.

How can you get involved?

If your child is interested in starting brass lessons, please return this form as soon as possible. The lessons are offered on a first come first served bases due to the number of instruments available.

If you have any questions, please see Miss Barton at the end of the school day. Thank you

Nut Free School



Please be reminded that St Clare's is a **Nut Free School**. Our “Nut-Free Policy” means that the following items should not be brought into school: Packs of nuts, Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches, or any other items that contain nuts. This is to ensure the safety of children in our school, who have serious allergies.



Come and join us for the Mary O'Gara Foundation's

FAMILY FUN DAY!

FOOD - MUSIC - FACE PAINT - PENALTY SHOOTOUT AND MUCH MORE!

SATURDAY 25th MAY
SHERWOOD PUB
FULWOOD
PR2 9GA

1pm - 5pm

FREE ENTRY




Proceeds from this event will go to support The Mary O'Gara Foundation

St Catherine's hospice care

JOIN OUR FULWOOD TEAM




Various volunteer positions, days and shifts available



Spend your spare time
doing something fun and rewarding



Meet new people,
develop your skills, or improve your CV and job applications



Give something to your community and support the work of St Catherine's Hospice

To try a taster session in our Fulwood store - 109 Black Bull Lane PR2 3QA - please speak to a member of staff, call 01772 726023, or scan the QR code to fill in a short form to register your interest

