



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 17th 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



Firstly, I want to commend the children in our Year 6 for the way they have supported each other during this week. They have shown real maturity in tackling the Statutory Assessment Tasks this year - SATs. What impressed me the most was the mature way our children worked together. You showed resilience to keep going with a smile and supported each other positively. Well done!

Cherry Class enjoyed working with GoVelo on the Bikeability program this year and the weather was kind to us too. Great skills in resilience and in keeping going, to develop your skills as cyclists. Please remember that you will still need an adult's support on the roads to keep you safe.

Tomorrow we will see sixteen of our children receive the Sacrament of Eucharist for the first time. This is such a wonderful moment in their faith journey and one that is celebrated by school, parish and home alike. Please keep:

Libby, Tilly, Elina, Isabelle, Carl, Arthur, Wilfred, Paul, Niall, Matthew, Ollie, Hudson, James, Alistair and Patrick

in your prayers at this special time.

Next week will certainly be a red-letter week as we have our STEM theme week. I know we have exciting activities planned, with science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the heart. There are 'Task Master' style activities on Wednesday for you as parents, to come and join in with your child and have some fun learning together. We also all have to pray for the dry weather to stay with us for Friday as it is our annual Sports Day. The children have already competed in some events we have included this year such as welly wanging, hula hooping and standing long jump.

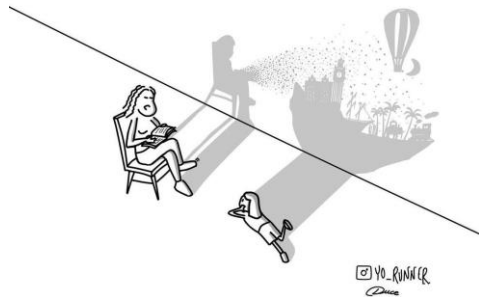
As in previous years, to support the parking, our school playground will be available. The gate to access to the playground will be open from 12:35 pm, please use this first before the parish car park. It will be a lovely afternoon which needs not to be interrupted by having to sort out 'poor parking' from parents.

Take care and it looks like the sunshine is staying with us so we can be 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.



Headteacher Award of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Haron - *"For doing fantastic in Math's"*.

Rowan: Alex - *" For fantastic effort during phonics"*.

Willow: Edwyn - *"For writing a lovely poem"*.

Hazel: Ethan - *"For growing in confidence and developing a 'can do' attitude"*.

Beech: Evie - *"For super map skills at Brockholes and for working harder in all her independent tasks"*.

Pine: Libby - *"For working hard and answering questions in class"*.

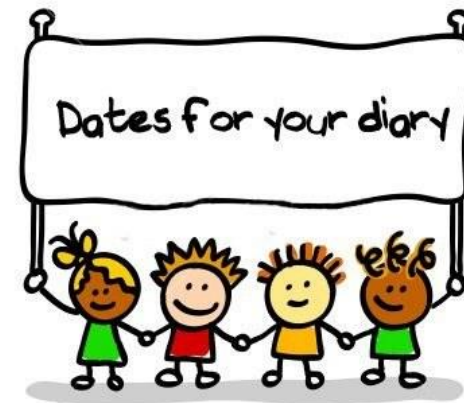
Elder: Aynoor - *"For excellent work using division and multiplication to answer word problems"*.

Cherry: Hajira - *"For having a 'can do' attitude showing bravery & determination during bike ability this week"*.

Oak: The Whole Class - *"For approaching the SATS with confidence and maturity, Well Done!"*

The Winning House this week: Southworth!

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 22nd May - 'Task Master' style activities for STEM week - 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)

Thursday 20th June - Pre-School and Hazel class trip - Beacon Fell.

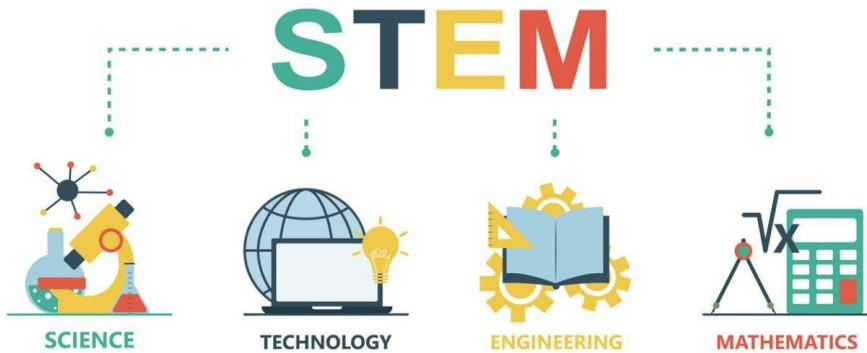
Wednesday 10th July – Year 6 Summer Production (2pm & 6pm).

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!

Sports Day



Our Annual Sports day will take place on Friday 24th May 2024 at 1pm. Parents / Carers Welcome.

Parents to park on the school playground first before using the parish car park.

Children are to come to school in their PE kits wearing a T-shirt in the colour which represents the 'House' they are in at school.

Plessington - Yellow

Rigby - Green

Haydock - Red

Southworth - Blue.

For EYFS / KS1, the teacher will write a note in your child's diary to tell you what colour they need to wear.

The menu for next Friday has changed. Lunch for the children on this day will be a picnic style lunch. This will include: Sandwiches, Vegetarian Sausage Roll, Cucumber and Carrot sticks, Crisp and Cake for dessert. You are welcome to send your child in with a Packed Lunch from home if you prefer.

Attendance



The whole school's attendance this week was 98.37%.

Well done to Year 2 (Beech), 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.

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.

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.

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.

Lancashire Family Hubs Network



Parents and carers – we need your help!

- Do you want to get involved in shaping services delivered by the Children and Family Wellbeing Service?
- Are you passionate about Family Hubs meeting the needs of the local families?
- Could you spare some time to tell us what you think about the services a few times each year?

If you answered yes to any of the above then you would be an ideal candidate to join our new parent and carer voice group. The aim of the group is to set up further groups in each district across Lancashire where parents and carers will have the opportunity to shape and mould services provided by The Children and Family Wellbeing Service and Family Hubs that would support and benefit their local communities.

If you are interested we are holding 3 online drop in sessions on the evening of Thursday, 16th May 2024 where you will have the opportunity to give us your views on how these groups could be set up and also express an interest in being involved in your local group.

The sessions will take place 5pm, 6pm and 7pm and you are free to drop in at the session that works best for you.

If you would like to be involved then save the details below (or look out for the link to join the meeting on the day) or speak to a member of staff in the building. If you would like to be involved but are not available on 16th May please send us a message or tell us when you're next in a centre and we will make sure you are still able to contribute and be involved.

Parent and Carer Group Consultation – 16th May 2024 @ 5pm, 6pm and 7pm

[Join the meeting now](#)

Or use the details below to access the Microsoft Teams meeting (you may need to download the Teams app if joining via mobile phone or tablet):

Meeting ID: 398 644 214 199

Passcode: 6jc6L4



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

<p>Spend your spare time doing something fun and rewarding</p>	<p>Meet new people, develop your skills, or improve your CV and job applications</p>	<p>Give something to your community and support the work of St Catherine's Hospice</p>

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





FAMILY FUNDAY

at

Avenham Park

on

30th May 12-2

join us for lots of fun games and activities

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC

Don't forget your blanket

RING 01772 539444 OR EMAIL
cfwprestongroups@lancashire.gov.uk
to book a place



Come And Join Us On HASLAM PARK MAY 28TH 12-2PM FOR A FAMILY FUN DAY

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