



# St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Friday 3rd May 2024

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*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



Goodness, we have been blessed with the weather, warm with occasional showers which is excellent growing weather. To see the Church full as we came together as a school and parish family to honour Our Lady was so special. The children were wonderful in how they sang and participated in our service. Days like this remind us of the importance of praying together as a school family. Our Lady will remain in the Narthex of the church all May for you to enjoy so if you get a chance to drop in too, the world needs all our prayers.

Thank you to all the children who completed our questionnaire this year. It is lovely to read your responses about what you love about our school and what you wanted the Governors and me to know. Comments like, 'that I always feel safe and I am glad I can talk to a teacher when I need', 'That I have fun' and 'That school is the best place to learn' are just a delight. You gave good ideas too on how we can improve. I will approach the PTFA to look at organizing the film nights again, as some of you mentioned you missed them happening in the evening in the school hall on the 'big screen'. Lots of you mentioned wanting proper football/netball nets and pitches, which governors and I have been working on for a while now. The end is in sight for this as work continues to build a multi-use games area starting next week and if everything goes to plan could be ready for our sports day on Friday 24th of May.

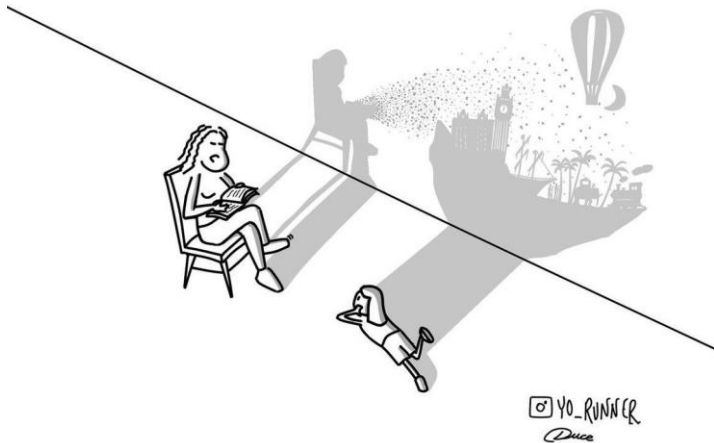
There has also been a call for more opportunities to compete in team games in other year groups so Mr Cummings and I looking to see how we can improve this too.

Take care and hopefully, the weekend will bring a little sunshine so we can enjoy getting outside especially as we have the Bank Holiday.

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:** Ibrahim - *"For great descriptive language"*.

**Rowan:** Catherine - *" For super reading during phonics"*.

**Willow:** Deon - *"For making a detailed story map"*.

**Hazel:** Libby - *"For writing an excellent 'whales' song' story in English"*.

**Beech:** Nancy - *"For excellent writing across the curriculum. It is always, Wow!"*.

**Pine:** Ibraheem - *"For great writing "*.

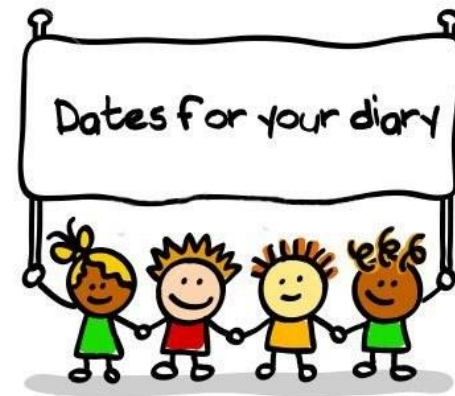
**Elder:** Rayhan - *"For showing a huge improvement in his approach to learning and the presentation of his work"*.

**Cherry:** Jiya - *"For working really hard and giving her all in all subject areas "*.

**Oak:** Milan - *"For pushing himself to be the best he can be"*.

**The Winning House this week:** Southworth!

## Dates for your Diary



Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday (school closed)

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 - 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.

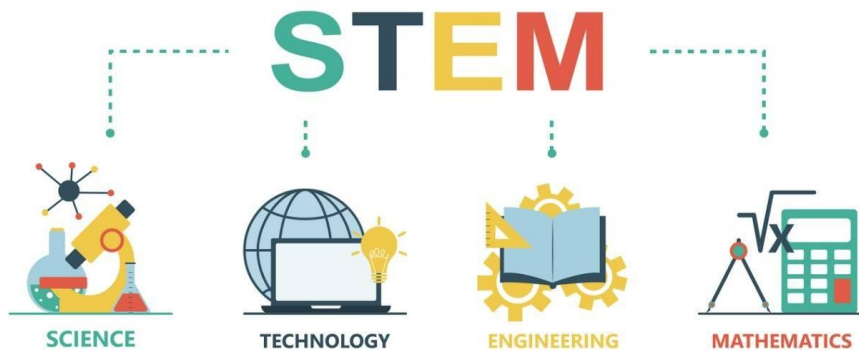
Thursday 6th June - Rowan Class trip to Williamson Park.

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).

## 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 98.09%.

Well done to Year 3 (Pine), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 99.65%.

### **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.

## 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.

## A message from the Governors



Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing on behalf of the Governors to let you know that Mrs Charnley has expressed her wish to resign as Headteacher of St Clare's Catholic Primary School at the end of December 2024 to pursue a new direction. The Governors have accepted her resignation on behalf of the Mater Ecclesiae Catholic Multi Academy Trust.

We are now beginning the process to find a new Headteacher. I ask for your prayers over the next few months as we seek to appoint yet another caring, dedicated, and inspiring Catholic leader.

Your sincerely,

Miss Janet Metcalf

Chair of Governors