

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



Mrs Charnley's Message:

What a week! I have been so impressed with the lovely faces I see on all the zoom sessions over the week. It has been delightful to see how hard so many of you are working and accessing the learning.

I know at the moment we are all struggling to see the light at the end, of what has seemed to be a very long tunnel, but we are a very strong community with Christ at the heart. We have worked together, hand in hand, for such a long time. Please know that we truly value all your support and we are already missing having all our wonderful children together. But we know that there will be a time soon when we can all enjoy just sharing the same space as one community. We just need to work together at the moment to protect each other.

I wish you strength, faith and hope as you journey through the next five weeks. Please remember we are here for you and will do whatever we can to lighten the burden. Please keep in touch by reading the website, as it is here you will find every piece of information you need.

Please look after yourselves and take care.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Rowan - Abdul-Rahman

Willow - Halle

Hazel - Maryam

Beech - William

Pine - Freddie

Elder - Niranjanaa

Cherry - Ben

Oak - Helena

Diary Dates

9th Feb - Parents Online Safety Session 6:30pm

24th May - Year 6 Borwick Hall

Office News

ParentApp We will soon be rolling out our new communication app. Please look out for an email from ParentApps to download the app.

Pupil Information Please advise school of any changes to pupil contact details to ensure that we are holding up to date information for all children.

Thank you! Although we have 47% of our school population requiring places as key workers I really appreciate those families who looked again and rather than their child come full time they are coming for fewer days. Please remember if your situation changes and you can support your child's learning at home then please let us know. No child is disadvantaged by working from home with the way we are providing live teaching sessions every day for every class.

Parish News

We're very conscious that the children who began preparation for Holy Communion and Confirmation last year haven't yet had the opportunity to receive these sacraments. We are working on a plan to complete the preparation and to allow the sacraments to be celebrated, hopefully before the summer holidays. For children who were due to make their first Holy Communion or to be confirmed in 2021, the programme is delayed by one year. It's frustrating for everyone, but we have to keep safe and to make sure that the children have a prayerful, memorable and enjoyable celebration of these important sacraments. Fr Andrew

Keeping Children Safe Online. An 'essential' online safety session for parents, guardians and carers.

Date: February 9th 2021, 6:30pm

Duration: Approximately 1 hour online Zoom session with time for questions

Link and codes will be text prior to the session.

We would ask at least one parent/carer from each family to attend this online session where a Lancashire Education Authority Consultant will present an online Zoom Internet Safety briefing to address some of the issues mentioned above.

The session is for parents/carers only and will last for approximately 1hr with an opportunity for questions during or after the presentation.

The Local Authority and our school have policies in place to ensure children are learning in a safe and secure environment which includes being safe online. Therefore, this session has been organised to help you to contribute to this process in helping children to be aware of the potential problems associated with using the internet and modern technologies.

Borwick Hall The Borwick Hall trip will now take place from Monday 24th May 2021 to Friday 28th May 2021.

Payments for Borwick Hall can still be made. A refund will be issued should the trip have to be cancelled again. As in previous years the information evening will still take place on Wednesday 6th January. Full payment is due by 26th March 2021.

Emergency Assistance Grant

The Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant is to help support residents of the Preston area who do not have enough resources to meet the immediate short-term needs and urgently require assistance with food and essentials items. You must be experiencing financial hardship as a direct result of Covid-19. Awards will be made where there is no alternative means of meeting the need.

Further details can be found at <https://www.preston.gov.uk/article/3303/Emergency-Assistance-Grant-Scheme>