

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



22nd January 2021

Mrs Charnley's Message: It never ceases to amaze me how resilient our children are, coping so well with working in different ways. I want to take this opportunity to thank the many parents who took the time to complete the class questionnaires this week to help us ensure we continue to offer the very best for our children and families.

We are legally required to provide three hours of learning for children in Key Stage 1 and four hours for children in Key Stage 2. It was lovely to hear how well the zoom sessions were being received by children and parents, please remember that your child should attend three in the week—we are suggesting Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday and Thursday sessions provide opportunity for a 'drop in' to get help with anything the children need, and remember you can still get help via the class emails during the office hours of 8.30am to 4.30pm.

You may know that staff working in schools are now involved in the government initiative to support the 'track and trace' by testing twice a week. For staff here it will be on Mondays and Thursdays so please be aware that should a member of staff test positive we will need to close that class bubble for the required ten days isolation. We will be in touch as soon as possible and providing staff are asymptomatic remote learning will continue.

Today's Government update highlighted that schools should be prioritising supporting critical care workers which should be approximately 20% of the school. Thankyou for those parents who did look at reducing some days however, school is still running at 36% most days. Please look carefully to see what you can do to help reduce this further.

Have a lovely weekend with your families and keep safe.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Rowan - Jenson

Willow - Michael

Hazel - Oliver

Beech - Anthony

Pine - Ava

Elder - Harry T

Cherry - Sana

Oak - Maja

Diary Dates

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

24th May - Year 6 Borwick Hall

Office News

ParentApp Thank you to all those who have downloaded the app . If you have not yet received an email to activate the app please contact the school office. If you would like to add additional parent/ carers to the app this can be done via the 'Additional Contacts' on the app. Please could you also complete the Permissions consent and Medical form to ensure that we hold up-to-date information.

Road Re-Surfacing There will be resurfacing works taking place on Sharoe Green from 3rd-10th February between 9am-4pm. Access to school will be maintained, however there may be some delays .

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->