

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter



29th January 2021

### Mrs Charnley's Message:

I have found myself this week yearning for all the lovely aspects of my job which seem to have disappeared, especially the time spent with children. It has therefore been a joy to see such engagement both in school and at home. I know it can't be easy but the children are producing some excellent work which is demonstrating great independence. Teachers have been so excited by the high standard they are receiving from many of the children and can see progress continuing. Children seem to be responding to feedback and are keen to make those improvements, a process they are familiar with in school. Well done to those children who are reaching their reading targets; keep this going.

Again, I can only thank all those parents at home who are juggling so many roles at the moment; you really are doing a fantastic job. We are aware that for some of you, technology remains a barrier. This is something we might be able to support you with so please do email the office if you are struggling.

I can't thank you all enough for your problem-solving and reorganising which has helped us to keep numbers within school slightly smaller in some classes. Please do keep evaluating your situation at home and if you are working from home on particular days please let us know as every little change impacts greatly on the staff in school and on safety levels.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



### Headteachers Award

Rowan - Muhammad Yusuf

Willow - Ben

Hazel - Angelo

Beech - Ahmad

Pine - Lionel

Elder - Eloise

Cherry - Lena

Oak - Macy

### 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 . **We will shortly be moving from Teacher2parents to messaging via 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 'Additional Contacts' on the menu. Please ensure that notifications are turned on in your phone settings so that you are alerted when a new message come through. Many Thanks

**Nursery Provision:** We at Saint Clare's Catholic Primary School are constantly striving to ensure that we are meeting the ever-changing needs of children and families within this community. With this in mind, we would welcome your opinion and feedback on what nursery provision your child used or what you would be thinking of using. Please use the link below to access the questionnaire.

<https://forms.gle/Lby2AVu2qSTcP1RV8>

Can I take the opportunity to thank you for finding the time to complete this questionnaire as this will help us plan for the future.

The questionnaire will close on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Test and Trace.** The staff are now part of the government program to support tracking the virus with regular lateral flow testing. This means that every Monday and Thursday staff will be testing for Covid 19 and should they test positive we will have to close their 'class bubble'. You too must let me know in school should you be isolating, as this information is required by the government. Please be vigilant—we all have our part to play in stemming the tide of the virus. The mantra 'Hands, Face, Space' is so important. Many thanks, Mrs C

**Parish News** Next Tuesday, 2nd February, is the feast of the Presentation of Jesus (Candlemas), 40 days after Christmas. After this, our nativity scene will be taken down. If you've not yet had the chance to visit, why not call by over the next few days for some prayer or reflection by this peaceful and consoling scene?

Fr Andrew

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

### **Parent/Teacher Meetings:**

Parent/teacher meetings will take place virtually week commencing 22nd February. Please ensure that you have down loaded the app as details regarding booking will be sent this way.

**RSPB National Birdwatch** This weekend, 29th-31st January it is the RSPB National Bird Watch. We might not be able to get together with loved ones at the moment, but you can make plans with friends and family to take part in the world's largest wildlife survey from the comfort of your own home. There are quizzes and lots of bird information for all the family.

[rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch](https://rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch)

**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.

**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->

**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.