

St Clare's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter



28th May 2021

Mrs Charnley's Message:

Our Year 6 have really enjoyed their residential adventure week at Borwick Hall. It has been a real delight to see them rise to the many challenges throughout the week and spend time being children. I know that they are looking forward to their last half term and are busy learning their lines as they get ready to perform their end of year play. We will wait and see how things continue to develop but rest assured everyone will get chance to see them perform.

You will have received the letter sent out from Dr Sakthi Karunanithi as Lancashire has given a directive, due to the spread of the new variant, to continue with mask wearing. Our current guidance and protocols will remain in place next half term. Like you, we are desperate to lose this too; if for no other reason but to be able to smile at each other. If things change, we will let you know.

As we head into our final half term we will begin to thank God for each other and remember that we have much to celebrate. Spending time with the staff and the children this week has demonstrated just how far the children have travelled in their learning. Please don't underestimate just how much, you really have done a fantastic job and it is incredible to think that despite the continuous disruption, great progress has still been made and children will be moving on to their next classes with that important gift of reading. In terms of transition there will be opportunities for children to meet their new teachers for September, we will find creative ways to do this depending on the on-going situation. Our Year 6 children will continue to get all those transition building blocks ready for high school. Make sure you all enjoy the half term break ready for the last six weeks of this year as they are truly 'jam packed' with lots of exciting learning for everyone.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Rowan - Isabelle T

Willow - Amarah

Hazel - Oliver

Beech - Aysha

Pine - Aarav

Elder - Addis

Cherry - Ella-Rose & Lena

Diary Dates

28th May - School closes for half term :Remember as part of 'track and trace'. You must inform school should anyone in your house who tests positive for Covid during the half term week.

7th June - Inset day

8th June - School re-opens

14th June - Year 5 Castlerigg

Rowan Class - If anyone has any baby dolls, cots, prams or dolls clothes that they no longer use and are happy to donate, Rowan Class would welcome these donations. Please drop into reception in a carrier bag. Many Thanks

P.E. Timetable

After the half term P.E. will be on the following days;

Monday - Hazel

Tuesday - Willow and Elder

Wednesday - Beech and Pine

Thursday - Rowan and Cherry (Mrs B)

Friday - Oak and Cherry (Mr H)

St Clare's 50th Anniversary Cookbook!

Are you a budding chef? A baker? Does your family have a favourite meal? Who wears the chef's whites in your house??? Mums, Dads and all the children - it's time to get cooking.

The PTFA is putting together a school cookbook as part of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations for St Clare's.

We're looking for a good mix of sweet and savoury dishes.

Get your thinking caps on and cook like you're on Masterchef! Bake like a Bake-Off star! Send us your recipes and we will choose as many as we can for the published book.

Submit your favourite dish by email to stclaresptfa@gmail.com.

You can attach a photo of the finished dish, its preparation, its presentation or everyone pitching in to help eat it!

Please do not send the recipe an attachment to the email, just write the recipe in the body text of the email.

Numbers are limited so the sooner you can let us have it, the better.

DEADLINE : half term - 28th May 2021

Covid-19 testing information for education settings: for parents

What tests are available: There are two main types of test to check if you have coronavirus:

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests are for people with symptoms and must be run through a laboratory to get a result.

Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests – which are commonly referred to as rapid tests – are for people without symptoms and can yield results within 30 minutes of taking one.

The type of Covid-19 test you should take depends on whether you have any symptoms.

Testing for people without symptoms: People who do not have any symptoms can test themselves for coronavirus with rapid tests. Free rapid testing is available to everyone in England, with people encouraged to test themselves twice a week.

How to get a rapid test The main port of call for accessing rapid testing will usually be through your school or college.

However, there are a number of other ways you can access rapid testing: Order home testing kits online, Many business offer workplace testing programmes, on-site or at home, You can collect a box of 7 rapid tests to use twice a week at home at participating pharmacies. Find your nearest site.

What to do if you test positive using a rapid test

If you or your child's rapid test result is positive, you and your close contacts will need to self-isolate immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test via the NHS as soon as possible. You will need to communicate this with your child's school.

Testing for people with symptoms If you or your child have one or more of the following Covid-19 symptoms you must isolate immediately and book a PCR test via the NHS: a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

What to do if you don't have any classic Covid-19 symptoms If you or your child have other new or unusual symptoms or if in doubt, you can still get a PCR test. However, you do not need to immediately self-isolate for 10 days.

How to get a PCR test If you or your child has any of the three classic symptoms, you can get a PCR test here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>. If you or your child do not have any of the three classic symptoms, proceed through the questions and then tick the box that says: "My local council or health protection team has asked me to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms". What to do if the PCR test is positive

If the result is positive, you and your close contacts must self-isolate immediately for 10 days from the day you took the test.

What to do if the PCR test is negative If the result is negative, you do not need to isolate.

Outbreaks in education settings

In the event of an outbreak of Covid-19 at a school, your child may be asked to self-isolate for 10 days if they have come into close contact with a positive case. The Infection Prevention and Control Team have produced a short video for schools with information about hand hygiene ready for the WHO Hand Hygiene day on 5th May 2021. The link is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFV0xjKHrp4>