

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



17th September 2021

Mrs Charnley's Message: The lovely thing about being back in school is how quickly the children settle into the old routines. It has been a pleasure seeing the children in the hall for lunchtimes and key stage assemblies, long may that continue. Monday sees 'Election Fever!' as the children in Year 6 canvas the children for the roles of Head Girl, Head Boy and Team Captains. I know they have worked hard on their presentations and wish them all the very best on Monday and look forward to sharing with you the results.

My highlight this week was to spend time with Cherry class on retreat at Castlerigg Manor. What a delight they were and we have made special memories of spending time together. God smiled on us with the weather as we walked to Derwent Water and it was wonderful to see the children helping each other throughout the visit.

Receiving Jesus for the very first time in the Eucharist is a precious moment for every child and I know that the forms to apply for this year's programme are available from the church. This year Fr Andrew and the team of catechists are working to make sure that the children in Year 4 and Year 3 have this opportunity so please make sure you return your form to Fr Andrew by Friday 1st October.

Next week sees the beginning of our Forest Schools Programme. Mrs Clack will be making sure that all the children in school will have a block of 5 weeks over the year to use and apply their learning to the outdoors. Little Saplings and Year 1 are the first for this year and will, each week, have half a day to enjoy using this valuable resource. There is information via the app for our Year 1 children which has gone out today.

Have a lovely weekend with your families whilst there is good weather to enjoy.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Little Saplings - Safa

Rowan - Lana-Mai

Willow - Bareerah

Hazel - Alistair

Beech - Muhammad Zayn

Pine - William

Elder - Muhayudeen

Cherry - Jeremy

Oak - Aryan

Diary Dates

17th September - KS1 Film Night

22nd September - School Photos

6th October - Open Day

Dinner Money - Please could dinner money payments be made at least a week in advance via parent pay. A copy of the school dinner menu can be found at <https://www.st-clares.lancs.sch.uk/school-dinners/> Many Thanks

Open Day - We will be holding an open day on Wednesday 6th October from 9:30am until 5:30pm. For September 2022 admissions. To book a place please contact the school office on 01772 787037.

Corpus Christi Open Evening - Corpus Christi open evening will be held on 22nd September from 6pm-8:30pm



Our Preschool is open and accepting the vouchers for 15hours and 30 hours. Please contact the Mrs Wiggins in the office if you need any information and spread the word to everyone you know who may need a place for their 3 year old.

What a lovely start with the children really having lots of fun. They have already been very busy picking blackberries and making blackberry and apple crumble—my favourite. I have seen you being busy and smiling all day.

Mrs Ronson would like some pallets if anyone has some to spare...just contact the office to make arrangements.

First Holy
Communion
Preparation



This is such a special time for the children of Year 3 and Year 4 who wish to prepare to receive for the sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

This year it is being offered to both year groups as a result of Covid. They will remain as year group throughout the programme

Forms will be available from Church the weekend of 11th September and must be returned to Fr Andrew by the 1st of October.

Little Saplings - Please could all children bring in a pair of named wellies and slippers with a sole to keep in Pre-school. Many Thanks

School Admissions

School admissions open on 1 September 2021 for children due to start primary or secondary school in September.

The deadline to apply for a school place for September 2022 is:

15 January 2022 for primary schools

31 October 2021 for secondary schools

Apply On line at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/>

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>