

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



17th December 2021

Miss Scott's Message:

My goodness what a week! First of all a big thank you for all of your co-operation and patience this week. We really appreciate your support and all the get well messages for Mrs Charnley.

This week we have had a wonderful time in each class. Each class has learnt more about the story of Jesus' birth and how this important event shapes our lives. I have seen some beautiful Christmas cards and decorations being made all over the school. We had great excitement on Christmas party day and Christmas lunch day. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I am sure were exhausted when they got home.

Sadly, this week we are saying goodbye to our lovely chef Geoff as he is retiring. He has been so kind and generous to the children and staff! He has always gone above and beyond for every single child in our school. Geoff greeted every child with a big smile and such a welcome. He has always prepared the most delicious food and never worried about portion size. Geoff, we want to thank you for all that you have done. You will be greatly missed and wish you the very best for your retirement.

I would also like to say another thank you on behalf of all the staff for the lovely gifts, cards and kind messages we have received for the Christmas period. Your thoughtfulness has meant a great deal to us all. Have a holy, happy and hopefully healthy Christmas

Miss Scott and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Little Saplings - Maryam

Rowan - Ivy CS

Willow - All the Class

Hazel - Huda

Beech - Rayhan

Pine - Maryam P

Elder - Sanil

Cherry - Alessio

Oak - Jorgia



Diary Dates

17th December—School closes for the Christmas break at 1:30pm

Tuesday 4th January—School Re-opens

Rainbow Raffle - Thank you to everyone who bought tickets for the Rainbow Raffle.

The winners of the hampers are;

Little Saplings—Joanna

Rowan—Abdullah

Willow—James

Hazel—Jayden

Beech—Rayhan

Pine—Ryan

Elder—Ida

Cherry—Damon

Oak—Faye

Meet the Teacher - Zoom meetings will take place on Wednesday 5th January providing an opportunity for teachers to share with you what the children will be learning in the spring term. The times of the meetings are;

3:30pm – Little Saplings

3:50pm – Rowan

4:10pm – Year 1 from Willow and Hazel

4:30pm – Year 2 from Beech and Hazel

5:00pm – Year 3 - Pine

5:20pm – Year 4 - Elder

5:40pm – Year 5 - Cherry

6:00pm- Year 6 - Oak

Flu Immunisations—If your child missed their flu immunisation in school and you would like them to receive it please contact the local Intrahealth Coordinator on the below telephone number, choosing the appropriate option for the locality.

Year 6 Borwick Hall—A reminder that the final payment for Borwick Hall is now due. If you have any queries please contact the office.

Morrisons Good to Grow —Thank you to everyone who helped us raise a fantastic 2286 Good to Grow vouchers. This has enabled us to order some new equipment for the Forest Schools area

KS2 Toast - If your child would like to have toast after the Christmas break please make payment of £5.80 via Parentpay by 17th December. When making payment please take into account toast payments still to come out of your balance up to the end of this term.

After School Clubs—We will be starting some afterschool clubs for KS2 in January. Clubs can be booked on Parent app . Once a place has been confirmed please then make payment on Parent pay. Places will not be allocated until payment has been received. Many Thanks

School Admissions

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

15 January 2022 for primary schools

Apply On line at <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-online-for-a-school-place/>

Academy Information

All the Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lancaster have been invited by our bishop, Rev Paul Swarbrick to consider converting to an academy and join a Catholic Multi Academy Trust (CMAT). Please see his introductory letter below.

There will be three CMATs in the diocese (which stretches from Preston to the Scottish Borders). Our CMAT will be the Mater Ecclesiae (Mother of the Church) and will eventually be made up of the 23 Catholic primary and secondary schools in the greater Preston area. Bishop Paul has asked everyone to convert and join one of the CMATs by 2026.

The Governors of Saint Clare's Catholic Primary School feel that this is an exciting opportunity and are considering being in Phase 1 of the schools converting to an academy. This process will take place this school year in readiness for a potential September 2022 conversion.

As part of the conversion process the Governors will consult all school stakeholders; which includes:

Parents
Staff members
The Parish of Saint Clare's
Lancashire County Council

The consultation period commences on Monday 6th December 2021 and finishes on Friday 21st January 2022 at 3pm.

Please see [here](#) for the additional information which details Bishop Paul Swarbrick's vision for academisation along with the consultation letter and FAQs.

Any questions or feedback can be sent to bursar@st-clares.lancs.sch.uk

Following the close of the consultation period the Governing Board of St Clare's Catholic Primary School will consider all the responses received and make a final decision as to whether they wish to start the academisation conversion process this school year. We will keep stakeholders updated of the Governors' decision and next steps.

If any parent wishes to discuss this further please email the address above or contact the Headteacher, Mrs A Charnley.