

# St Clare's Catholic Primary School



## Newsletter



7th January 2022

**Mrs Charnley's Message:** Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. It has been lovely to hear from the children about the special family time you have had together and of course the excitement that comes with a visit from Father Christmas. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your generosity with the gifts for staff at the end of the last term; they appreciate your kindness.

What a busy start already as all the children launch themselves into the topics for this term. The curriculum information for you all about the topics this term should be on the website and as always this term promises to be as busy with lots of exciting learning across the school. It was lovely to see so many parents join our class 'Zoom meet the teacher' sessions on Wednesday. I know that staff valued the time to share with you the routines—I know it is always good to have a reminder of PE days and homework. I would also like to reinforce their message of 'READ, READ, READ' with your children. This is also the half term of our Year 6 residential week to Borwick Hall. I know that this will be a special week so we will need your prayers for a sunny and safe week.

It has been lovely for the children to mark the Feast of the Epiphany by visiting the Nativity Scene in Church. We are so blessed with the wonderful links with our parish and the opportunity to see a 'full scale' crib to appreciate the wonder of Jesus' birth at Christmas.

Finally, a reminder that doors open for pupils at 8:45 am, with the school day, starting at 8:55 am. Miss. Scott or Mr. Parkinson and I do come out at that time so children should not be on the playground before then unless they have been booked into Morning Club. I would ask you to remember to be considerate with the 'drop and go' in the mornings so that we can keep all our children safe.

Have a lovely weekend, I think that the weather will mean curling up and reading a good book.

**Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.**



### Headteachers Award

#### Little Saplings - Pearl

Rowan - Finley

Willow - Izzy

Hazel - Yusuf

Beech - Giulietta

Pine - Evie

Elder - Ida

Cherry - Layla

Oak - Oliver K



## Diary Dates

10th January: Egyptian Day (Elder)  
11th January: Roman Day (Pine)  
7th —11th February: Year 6 Borwick Hall  
14th—18th February: School Closed for Half Term  
21st February: Inset Day  
22nd February: School re-opens

**PTFA Meeting** - There will be a PTFA meeting held on Monday 10th January at 6pm via Zoom. Details to access the meeting;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87525335657?pwd=dmU5SUFOTDl1aUg4MWNTeWU1UWtBdz09>

Meeting ID: 875 2533 5657

Passcode: PG2q8f

## School Admissions

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

15 January 2022 for primary schools

Apply Online 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 commenced 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](mailto: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.