

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



18th November 2022

Mrs Charnley's Message:

What a week it has been! There seems to be a real buzz in the air as the children across the school are busy getting ready. I know you will be in for a real treat with our Advent Service led by Year 5 and Year 6 on the 30th of November. Key Stage 1 are also throwing themselves in rehearsing for 'Starlight' while Reception are getting ready to perform 'Born in a Barn'. Advent is just around the corner and I know the weeks are just going to fly by as we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

Year 4 children were fantastic in representing our school with their visit to Corpus Christi this week. They clearly all really enjoyed the science lesson on rocks and the excitement of working in a laboratory was evident in the wonderful work and photos. If you get chance have a look on Elder Class blog to see the joy in the children's faces. Thanks to Mr Tootill, our parent governor, for helping Mrs Clack make it all possible.

This week I have had the joy of looking at the teaching of R.E. across the school. I really enjoyed seeing the wonderful learning in every class. From understanding how Mary felt at the annunciation to the really complex way we understand 'love' in so many different situations was amazing to see.

Can you help?

I know that Mrs Bridgeman sent a message out via the app about some help with moving the old mini bus to Preston College. I need to hear from you if you can as soon as possible or we will miss a very exciting opportunity.

Preston College are going to strip out the mini bus and fit it out as a reading den to have on the play ground. It will be redecorated and made into a wonderful space for the children of our school at no cost—all we have to do is get it to Preston College. I would hate to miss out on this wonderful opportunity so please if you can help get in touch.

Have a lovely weekend—true Lancashire autumn weather is here so I am sure you have got your wellies and umbrellas ready.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Little Saplings - Abigail

Rowan - Addilynn

Willow - Emily

Hazel - Abdul Rahman

Beech - Ibraheem

Pine - Giulietta

Elder - Whole Class

Cherry - Shana

Oak - Naveen Alex



Diary Dates

23rd November - Crazy hair Day

30th November— Year 5 & 6 Advent Service

Reception Class Vision Screening

5th-16th December - Year 6 Swimming

13th December - Key Stage 1 Nativity 2pm & 6pm in School

- Little Saplings Nativity 10am in School

14th December - Rowan Class Nativity 11am in Church

15th December - Whole School Pantomime Trip

16th December - Santa Dash, details tbc

19th December - Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper and Party day

21st December —School closes for the Christmas break

9th January—School re-opens

Advent Service - On Wednesday 30th November the children in Year 5 and Year 6 will be leading our Advent Service in Church. All children are involved so they will need to meet in their own classrooms in their full school uniform at 4:40pm. We welcome you all to stay and invite your families to mark the start of Advent. After the service the children will be dismissed from Church.

Pantomime Trip - There will be a whole school pantomime trip on 15th December to watch Robin Hood at The Dukes Theatre, Preston. The cost of the trip is £13, please make payment via Parentpay.

Minibus - Preston College have kindly agreed to convert the old Parish minibus into a Reading Van for the children. This is an exciting project and we are really looking forward to having an extra space in school, that can be used by all year groups, all year round. We need to get the mini bus to Preston College, so we are appealing for anyone who would be able to tow it the short distance. If you feel you would be able to help or no someone who can, we would be very grateful to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Wiggins in the office on 01772 787037.

Thank you in advance.

Parking! Parking has been a consistent problem here at St. Clare's. I would ask that you work together in order to ensure the mornings remain smoother, the cones are there to allow the traffic to flow with our 'drop and go' system.

At the moment parents are ignoring our one way system—parking cars to take children to the playground which leads to the car park becoming gridlocked as they try to reverse to leave. There have been times this week that the traffic on the road cannot move, so cars cannot leave the carpark which then stops cars getting on! Can I reassure you that I am always there at the Church steps to help the children safely walk along the path to the playground gate. There will always be a member of staff at that gate to ensure that children continue across the playground to their class safely. Equally Mrs Ronson is always on the bottom gate to ensure children cannot leave the school.

I would ask, that once your child has been picked up that you then leave the school yard to release parking space on the car park.

Poppy Appeal - We would like to say a great big thank you for all of your kind and generous donations you gave for our poppy art display. The royal British Legion will be very grateful .

Olly & Libby, Beech Class, Student Council

Swimming - Year 6 will be swimming every day from the 5th December until the 16th December. Please complete the consent form on Parentapp. Many Thanks

Our Weekly Mission - Here is our weekly mission - a small way of putting into practice the gospel values. We believe we are called to live our lives differently because of what we have experienced and prayed about. What we offer as the 'mission' is a suggestion of how we can all do just that.



Christ the King *Mission*

"Jesus," he said "remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42)

The good thief was completely honest about who he was and what he had done. He prayed a simple prayer from the heart asking Jesus for what he needed. Your mission is to do the same.

Borwick Hall - The final balance for Borwick Hall is due on 1st December 2022. Instalment's can be made via Parentpay up until this date.

Reception children – due to start primary school in September 2023.

The **statutory closing date is 15 January 2023.**

The application to be made by the closing date using this direct link

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

Should you need any help, support or guidance, the Pupil Access Office Contacts are listed below

Preston, South Ribble, West Lancashire and Chorley 01772-532109

MESSY CHURCH

ST. CLARE'S CHURCH HALL
SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER
1.30 – 3.00PM

COME AND ENJOY AN
AFTERNOON OF ACTIVITIES,
GAMES AND BIBLE STORIES.

ALL AGES AND
DENOMINATIONS
WELCOME.