

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



25th November 2022

Mrs Charnley's Message:

My goodness, this has been a week of two halves, the weather is telling us that Autumn is here with the rain—especially on Wednesday when it was horrendous. Please make sure your child does come with a waterproof coat as these heavy showers can appear quickly.



Advent is here! This Sunday marks the start of our journey of preparation to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God!

It is a truly magical time and we hope you can join Year 5 and Year 6 as they take the lead at our Advent service this coming Wednesday—

30th of November at 5 pm in the church.

Please check the diary dates for Key Stage 1, Reception and Little Saplings performances that are just around the corner. There is something really magical about our youngest children retelling the story of Jesus' birth.

At the risk of sounding like a 'broken record', I find myself drawing your attention to parking and the safety of all our children again. I am truly grateful for the lovely email I received this week as they feel exactly the same as we do in school. We are concerned that until a serious accident happens to one of our beautiful children nothing will change. In their email they point out—parents/guardians are parking along the length of Sharoe Green Lane either fully or partially on the pavement, the length of which has double yellow lines. I wanted to let you know that I have reported it to our local councillor Maxwell Green. This is an accident waiting to happen. People pulling on and off the pavement into the road with lots of pedestrians on foot. This has triggered involvement with the police. Please, for the safety of the children, you need to stop.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Little Saplings - Brynn

Rowan - Safa

Willow - Evelyn

Hazel - Aleeza

Beech - Huda

Pine - Zofia

Elder - Ryan

Cherry - Frederick

Oak - Layla



Diary Dates

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, Lancaster. 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.

Meet the Teacher , Spring Term Update -

There will be a spring term update via zoom on the following dates;

Wed 11th Jan—EYFS & KS1

Thurs 12th Jan—KS2

Times to be confirmed

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.

Meaning of Advent

Mission

Advent is a time of joyful preparation where we get ready to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas and for when he comes again.

Each day in Advent, have a small treat to remind yourself of the joy of this season. Say a short prayer, asking Jesus to help you perfectly prepare your heart for when he comes.



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.