

St Clare's Catholic Primary School



Newsletter



16th December 2022

Mrs Charnley's Message: In today's world we so often lose the true meaning of Christmas beneath the wrappings and trappings of the preparations. We forget that Jesus Christ is our true pathway to happiness and take instead, the easier route which can demand less of us. Therefore, in those special moments when we have the opportunity to stop and leave our daily toil behind we are reminded that God calls each of us to think beyond ourselves, to think only with a kind heart. I am sure like me, you were all moved by all the Nativity plays over this week. To see our youngest children remind us the true meaning of Christmas has been humbling and a delight to have seen. Thank you children, thank you staff and thank you to all families who shared these special moments. What better way to prepare for Christmas than receive the sacrament of reconciliation. It is a peaceful way to get our hearts ready and one I know the children have valued. Thank you to Fr Stephen for finding the time for us before the end of term.

There has been lots of fun this week too with our whole school trip to the Dukes to see Robin Hood, which was really enjoyed by everyone. Let us not forget the 'Santa Danceathon!' either. It was a delight to see the children laughing and dancing to raise money towards updating the iPad's in school. Well done everyone and thank you families who have helped get the sponsors and to Booths in Fulwood for the wonderful Vimto—the children loved a cool drink after all the dancing.

This end of term also sees us saying a fond farewell to Mrs Wiggins. I know you all appreciate how wonderful she has been as our school secretary and we wish her all the best for her new job. Mrs Adam will be joining us in January and I know you will make her feel very welcome. What a first term this has been and what a delight to see all our children develop and settled. Staff have worked so hard to encourage the children to achieve their very best, something I know you value in the way you have recognised this with your generosity in giving them presents. They would like me to thank you all on their behalf. During this special time remember 'God's love will always be with us.' Have a lovely Christmas with your families and we see you all as the spring term starts on January 9th 2023.

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.



Headteachers Award

Little Saplings - Sapha

Rowan - Jordan & Afiyah

Willow - Charlotte

Hazel - Aminah G

Beech - Niall W

Pine - Ayaan

Elder - Mason W

Cherry - Sanil

Oak - Mila



Diary Dates

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

21st December —School closes for the Christmas break 1:30pm

9th January—School re-opens

30th January - E-safety talk for parents via Zoom 4:30pm

Christmas Dinner and Party Day -

Christmas Dinner will be served on Monday 19th December.

Children are welcome to come to school in Christmas Jumpers/Party Clothes.

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

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.

The Joy of Advent

Mission

The joy of Advent is found in the truth that God loved us so much that he sent his only son to be with us.

Gather around the crib as a class.
Talk together about all of the things you have learnt or experienced, either in your prayer time or whilst watching The Mark 10 Mission, which have made you joyful.



P.E. - After Christmas there will be a change to the PE day for Oak and Cherry Class. They will be on the following days;

Oak Class—Monday

Cherry Class—Friday

This will start the first week back. Children should come in to school in their P.E. kits on these days

Toast - If your child In KS2 would like toast after the half term then please make payment of £5 via parentpay by 20th December.

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

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