



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

5th May 2023

St Clare's is a Christ-centred family where everyone is valued and respected. We learn and grow, whilst strengthening our relationship with God and one another. Together in His love, we can achieve our full potential.

Play, learn and grow together with Christ

Mrs Charnley's Message



Goodness, we have been blessed with the weather. To see the school hall full as we came together as a school and parish family to honour Our Lady was so special. The children were wonderful in how they sang and participated in our service. Days like this remind us of the importance of coming together as a school family to pray together. Our Lady will remain in

the Narthex of the church all May for you to enjoy so if you get chance to drop in too.

Coronation celebrations around the school have been amazing. I have seen portrait paintings of King Charles III, music, succession planning, shield creation, and rehearsals for the coronation so that the children know what they will see as part of the Coronation tomorrow. As always, there has been a real 'buzz' and it has been so lovely to see the children having an opportunity to work with other staff across the school.

Please keep Year 6 in your prayers, as next week sees the statutory assessment tests and this year sees it being a shorter week due to the Bank Holiday. They are ready for this thanks to their hard work and the staff supporting the learning along the way too.

You will have seen the letter below from Andrew Pratt regarding parking. Moving forward, if you see parking that concerns you please pass on the car's number plate. We will then forward this to our PCSO Oliver Swales, who will deal with this directly with the owner. The more we do the more things will continue to improve as I have noticed some 'bad habits' around parking creeping back.

Make sure you enjoy the weekend, especially as we have an extra Bank Holiday to enjoy and then a four-day week. I hope you enjoy your own Coronation Celebrations, whatever you have planned.

Mrs Charnley and the staff of St Clare's.



Just as an aide memoire for you all...

“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”

Malcolm X

Headteacher Award Winners this week!

This week's winners are:-

Little Saplings: Oscar

Rowan: Millie

Willow: Abdullah

Hazel: Shay

Beech: Alistair

Pine: Zaydan

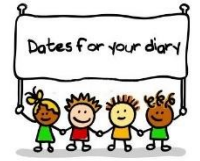
Elder: Ahmad

Cherry: Holly

Oak: Mia



Dates for your Diary



- 8th May - Bank Holiday for the Coronation
- 9th May – KS2 SATS Week
- 9th - 12th May – Year 5 Bikeability
- 12th May - Art Gallery from the Coronation Celebration
- 15th May – KS1 SATS Week
- 17th May - Oak Class visit to Oscott
- 18th May – Ascension Mass
- 19th May – Year 6 Bikeability
- 22nd May - Height and Weight for Reception and Year 6 children
- 23rd May – Pine Class Ribchester Roman Museum Trip
- 26th May – Sports Day
- 26th May - School Closes for the Half term holiday.




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 Way *Mission*

Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He is always ready to help and lead you on the right path.

If you have a decision to make, allow Jesus to guide you. Pray about the different options. As you do, ask yourself

"Which choice is Jesus leading me towards? Which way does he want me to go"



Sports Day 26th May 2023

Please keep your prayers for the sun to shine for our annual sports day on the 26th of May.

On this day the children need to come in their P.E. kit: -

- Black shorts (not lycra/cycling shorts)
- Plain trainers
- Black plain jogging bottoms (not leggings)
- KS2 – Plain black trainers (optional)
- Summer – plain red or black sun hats/caps to be brought into school for wearing at playtimes.



They will also need to come in a T-Shirt in the colour of their team:-

Haydock - Red

Southworth - Blue

Plessington - Yellow

Rigby - Green

You are also welcome to come and join us from 1 pm - we will only open the gates at that time so that staff can make sure that the children are all settled and ready to race. As the children always have a bottle in school drinks are all sorted, we will also make sure that the children have what they need. I would ask you to leave the children with their class teacher throughout so the races can run smoothly. Once all the races are finished and we have our winning house announced then you can take the children which you will collect from their classroom.

Attendance Matters



We all know how that children succeed academically because they are in school to learn. Here at St Clare's before the pandemic we had a great system of rewarding children who have excellent attendance which is why we have decided to bring it back. Over this half term if your child's attendance is at 97% or above then they are in for a special treat in school as a reward. We will only be tracking this from this week until the May half-term holiday so I am looking forward to seeing everyone being rewarded. If you read the government information below you will see how important it is.

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year - Less than 30 Hours of Learning Lost

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best levels/grades they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year - 50 Hours of Learning Lost

These pupils are less likely to achieve their target levels/grades and will start to find it difficult to maintain a habit of attending school regularly. Pupils who take a 2-week holiday every year can only achieve 95% attendance.

90%: 19 days absence a year - 95 Hours of Learning Lost

The Government classes pupils in this group as "Persistent Absentees", and it will be almost impossible to keep up with work and achieve their target levels/grades. Parents of young people in this group could also face the

Message from Andrew R Pratt MBE Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire



Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Road Safety around St Clare's RC Primary School

I recently met with your Headteacher, Mrs Charnley to discuss road safety issues outside the school. Sharoe Green Lane is a very busy thoroughfare and bus route, and I am asking for your cooperation and help in keeping the road safe for you and your children. There have been a number of near misses recently, driving onto the pavement and stopping on the double yellow lines are both illegal and dangerous.

The school has a dedicated dropping-off zone made available by the church which Mrs Charnley helps to supervise and I am asking that you cooperate fully with her directions.

Collecting the children in vehicles at the end of the school day is a particular issue. I understand the difficulties of transporting young children and the pressures of work, but the safety of the children must come before these.

Please accept this letter as a warning. If parking on the double yellow lines continues then matters will be referred to the parking enforcement team at the County Council.

I wish to thank all those parents and carers who park some distance away and carefully bring their children to and from school.

Yours faithfully



Andrew R Pratt MBE

**Deputy Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and
Chair of the Lancashire Road safety Partnership**