



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

19th 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

Firstly, it was lovely to see parents coming into school to look at our Art Gallery following the King's Coronation. The quality of work was great to see and the joy on the children's faces as they shared with their parents what they created was lovely. I was also delighted that some parents took the time to look at the preloved uniform too.



Now for the truly exciting news!

We are OUTSTANDING! I am delighted to share with you that we were judged to be outstanding in our recent inspection. To read in the inspection report that 'children behave in our school because we love one another' and 'St Clare's offers exceptional care for the children and families in their school community.' is a true testament to the wonderful school we are and one that fills us with pride. You will all receive a copy of the report with this week's newsletter, which is also available on the school website. I would encourage you to read it all and enjoy it.

It only seems proper to celebrate such recognition so with this in mind we have plans in place for all the children to enjoy. On Friday morning the children are welcome to bring in a game they enjoy playing with their friends. We will also set up some in school too. I would ask that personal electronic games such as a Nintendo Switch remain at home, they are very expensive and well-loved and it would be upsetting if they were to be damaged. The children must also remember that it must be a game they will enjoy sharing with their friends in the morning.

Of course, we also have our sports day in the afternoon. As it stands today, the weather forecast is promising for Friday so keep your prayers for the weather to be with us for an enjoyable afternoon. The information has been in the newsletter for the past couple of weeks. For children in Rowan, Willow and Hazel's class staff will be sending home the children's PE kit as it will need to be ready for Wednesday and Friday of next week. We will be opening the playground for parking for parents as we cannot block the parish car park. I will open the gate to the playground from 12.40 pm - not before as we will still be setting up for sports day.

We are also having a picnic lunch as part of the celebrations and sports day. What a red-letter day it will be!

Enjoy the weekend and important family time together ready to enjoy our last week before the half-term holiday.

Mrs Charnley and the staff of St Clare's.



1 - Just as an aide memoire for you all...

*'The mind is not a vessel to be filled,
 but a fire to be kindled.'*

Plutarch



Headteacher Award Winners this week!

This week's winners are:-

Little Saplings: Eisa

Rowan: Umme-Hani and Joanna

Willow: All the Class

Hazel: All Year 2

Beech: All Year 2

Pine: Khalisah

Elder: Manuel

Cherry: Austin

Oak: Nianjanaa

Winning House this week: Haydock

Act of Kindness: Oliver R - for helping Oliver around school

Lilly - for being a kind friend

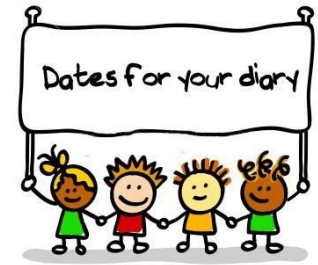
Ibraheem - for tidying his table without being asked

Zachary - for helping Mrs Martin to move the worship

table



Dates for your Diary



- 19th May – Year 6 Bikeability
- 22nd May - Height and Weight for Reception and Year 6 children
- 23rd May – Pine Class Ribchester Roman Museum Trip - Beech Class Trip to Brockholes
- 26th May – Sports Day
- 26th May - School Closes for the Half term holiday.

Remember the school summer term continues on Tuesday 6th June 2023.

Sports Day 26th May 2023



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.

Pentecost *Mission*

On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came and filled the followers of Jesus with his love, peace and strength. They were changed forever.

Each day, ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill you. As you do this, notice the Holy Spirit helping you to feel closer to God and more able to share His love with others.



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)
- Summer – plain red or black sun hats/caps to be brought into school.

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 open the playground for extra parking at 12.40pm. As the children always have a bottle in school, drinks are all sorted, we will also make sure that the children have everything 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 home. Please await while for the teachers to take the children safely back to class, and then you can collect from their classroom.



Before School Club

Today is the last day to if you need a place for your child in our before-school club. To do this you need to go on the school app and complete the request form by the 5pm today. Invoices will then go out the week beginning 19th of May.

Many thanks,
School Office



Toast

This is the last call to pay for the next half term's toast please log in to parent pay if you wish your child to be 'on the list next half term'. This is a set deadline of 5 pm so please remember that after that time you will not be able to pay and your child will not receive toast for next half term.

Attendance Matters



Next week is the last week to count attendance and I am really looking forward to rewarding lots of children for their attendance for this half term. Remember that for your child to win, they must have a 97% or above attendance. Attendance is so important - for children to achieve well they have to be in school to learn and well done to those who do it every day. Please see below the guidance from the Government.

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 possibility of legal action being taken by Dudley Council, including the issuing of Penalty Notices and Fines.



Parking

Thank you so much for those who are really working hard to improve things around parking. There is more to come too about changes to the use of the parish car park. There is a meeting scheduled for next week with the parish so when I know more I will pass it on to you all.