



St Clare's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 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



Welcome back to the second half of our Autumn Term.

I can safely say that autumn is well and truly here, as we have had four seasons in one day. Please can you make sure that your children come to school with a coat—especially some of our older children who walk to school.

What a magical half-term this is with our run-up to Christmas and all the events we have to mark the Liturgical year. Please check the diary dates to make sure you don't miss out.

Next week also sees our parent's evenings which I hope you are booking appointments for through the app. This will take place in the school hall. Please be mindful that appointments are ten minutes per child. This is a lovely opportunity to talk to your child's teacher and see how well they have settled into the new academic year. At the spring term parents' evening, you will have the opportunity to look at your children's work.

Of course, we are mindful of everything that is happening in the Holy Land. To see that there are communities with no electricity or running water and that have resorted to drinking water from a well – which they fear could run dry at any time – is heart-breaking. As always in war it is the innocent and particularly children who suffer. Of course, because our children are so lovely, they recognise that “We just want peace”.

Our Year 4 school council representatives came to see me today to see what as a school we can do. To hear them say "We are all the same no matter what religion we follow, we are family" truly puts things into perspective for us all. As a school family, no matter what religion, we will be praying for peace for all in this conflict. The school council will be meeting and putting together a plan on the actions we can take to help support all children to make a difference, so please look out for this in our newsletter.

I would ask everyone to keep the children caught up in this conflict in your prayers too.

Finally, I know that you will be marking Bonfire Night this weekend so please keep yourself safe and enjoy spending time together as families.

God Bless,

Mrs Charnley and the Staff of Saint Clare's.

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young." — Henry Ford

Headteacher Awards! Awards of Excellence



This Weeks Winners Are...

Little Saplings: Molly - *"Great listening and attention all week"*.

Rowan: Madinah. A - *"Working hard to complete every job"*.

Willow: Jordan - *"Sharing his ideas during class discussion"*.

Hazel: Lana-Mai - *"Excellent effort in all areas of the curriculum"*.

Beech: Anna - *"Trying hard in all her independent tasks"*.

Pine: Yusuf - *"Always trying his best"*.

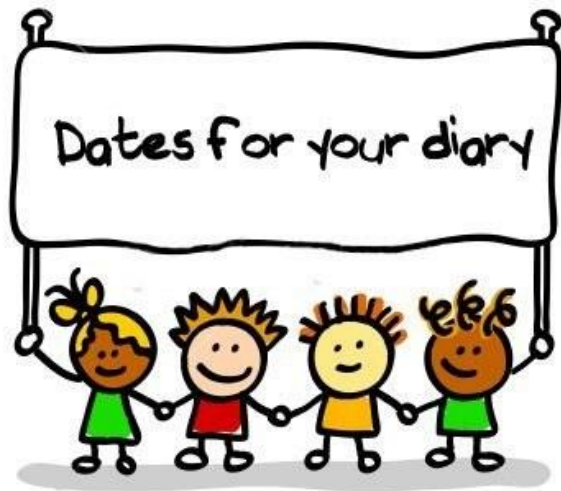
Elder: Zofia - *"Always being helpful and considerate"*.

Cherry: Lewis - *"Working hard in class and offering up ideas and opinions during discussions"*.

Oak: Dalwyn - *"Always contributing to class discussions with confidence"*.

The Winning House this week: Southworth

Dates for your Diary



- Tuesday 7th November – Parents evening 1 (2pm – 5:30pm).
- Wednesday 8th November – Parents evening 2 (2pm – 5:30pm).
- Wednesday 8th November – Rock Trip Yr4 Corpus Christi.
- Monday 13th November - PTFA meeting (2:30pm)
- Sunday 26th November - Christmas Fair at St Clare's Parish (10:30am).
- Monday 4th December - Advent Service (Year 5&6).
- Tuesday 12th December - Little Saplings Play in the Hall (10am).
- Tuesday 12th December - Rowan Class Play in Church (2pm).
- Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity show 1 at 2pm - KS1 Nativity show 2 at 3:30pm.
- Friday 15th December - Whole School Trip to the Pantomime.
- Tuesday 19th December - Confession - Year 5 (10:30am) Year 6 (1:30pm).
- Wednesday 20th December - Christmas Lunch/Jumper/Santa Dash.
- Thursday 21st December - Break up for Christmas (1:30pm).

Parents Evening



Parents evening will take place on the following dates:

Tuesday 7th November - 2pm - 5:30pm

Wednesday 8th November - 2pm - 5:30pm

Time slots are bookable Via the Arbor app. The option to book parents evening will come under 'Guardian Consultations'. Booking is now open!

PTFA

“At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child’s success is the positive involvement of parents”
-Jane D. Hull

Thank You to all the Parents / Grandparents who attended our PTFA meeting. It was such a joy to see so many of you and we hope that you can continue to attend the meetings and be a part of our PTFA. There were some excellent ideas on how we can raise funds for the school and we can't wait to work with you all to bring some of these ideas to fruition. Below are some of the ideas we are already working on:

- As some of you may already be aware, our old minibus is in the process of being converted into a library for the school. Once the minibus is complete, we need to think about stocking it up with lots of books! The school will be buying new books but one of the great ideas that our PTFA members came up with was to ask parents if they could help too. If you have any books at home that you no longer want or need then please could you kindly donate them to the school.
- We will soon be running a Tuck Shop after school on Fridays. This will be managed by Mrs. Patel (parent) who will work with a small team of volunteers.
- We are planning a school Disco! We will need plenty of help and volunteers to make this happen so please do attend the next meeting if you are able to help with this.

Finally, I am happy to announce that our New Treasurer for the PTFA is Mrs. Bangi (parent).

New Members and New Ideas are always welcome! Our next Meeting date is; **Monday 13th November at 2:30pm.**

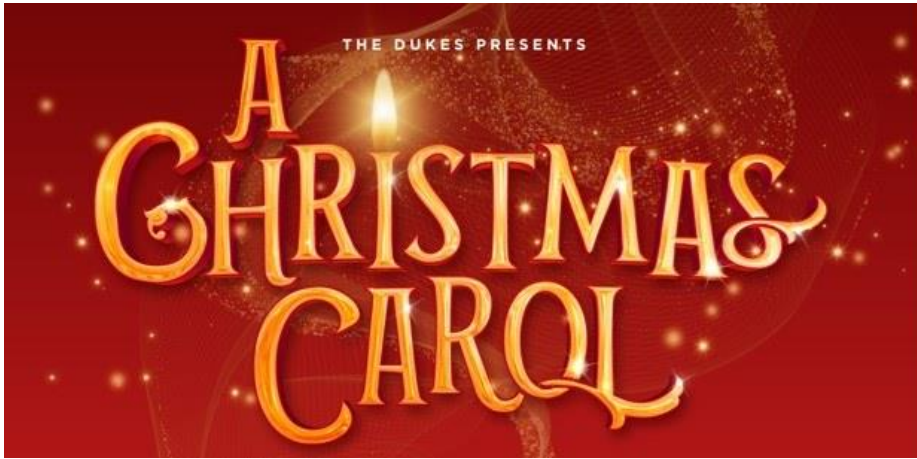
Parish Christmas Fair



Christmas Fair Sunday 26th November - 10:30 am (Feast of Christ the King)

We are holding a Christmas Fair to start raising funds for a much-needed new organ for our Church. We would be very grateful if you could help by coming along to the fair and donating any of the following type of items:- Cakes for the cake stall, raffle prizes, bottle and food tombola prizes, good as new items, books, clothes, toys, etc. And any other donations you would like to make to the fair. Everything can be left in the Narthex. Do come along and support the organ fund and bring family and friends after Mass on the 26th, bacon butties, coffee, tea etc. will all be available, along with the stalls and fun for the children's Christ the King morning for our parish!!!

School Trip



This Year the whole school will enjoy a trip to the Dukes Theatre in Lancaster to see the upcoming production of **A Christmas Carol**, the heart-warming classic that has captivated audiences for generations.

We are going to Unwrap the magic this season with a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens classic tale, featuring toe-tapping live music, festive fun and a touch of Christmas magic. This heart-warming and uplifting tale of redemption is the perfect festive treat.

Date: 15th December 2023

Cost: £15 per child.

This Trip will be payable via the Arbor App under 'Trips'. Booking opens Friday 20th October 2023 and will close on Wednesday 15th November 2023.

St Clare's After School Club



St Clare's After School Club is a private childcare provider which provides childcare solely for children at St Clare's Primary School.

We pick up the children on our register from the school and take them to the adjacent church hall.

We provide a snack and a drink of milk or water then the children are free to choose from a variety of activities including arts and crafts, board games, small world toys, role play, outdoor play, physical play, quiet reading, IT resources (computer, XBOX, Wii etc.).

We also have the use of a large grassed area behind the church hall and the school playground for physical activities such as football, cricket, ball games, scooters etc.

We are open after school Monday to Friday. You may book the day or days you require subject to availability. Unfortunately, we cannot take one off or occasional bookings.

We are pleased to say we have spaces available. These will be on a first come first served basis.

Please contact Gill McAuley on 07879241099 between 2.30 and 5.30 for further information.

Please feel free to leave a message outside of these hours and we will get back to you.



School admissions are now open.

If your child is in their last year of pre-school/nursery* you can now apply for their primary school place at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools

It's quick and easy to do and you will receive email confirmation of your application.

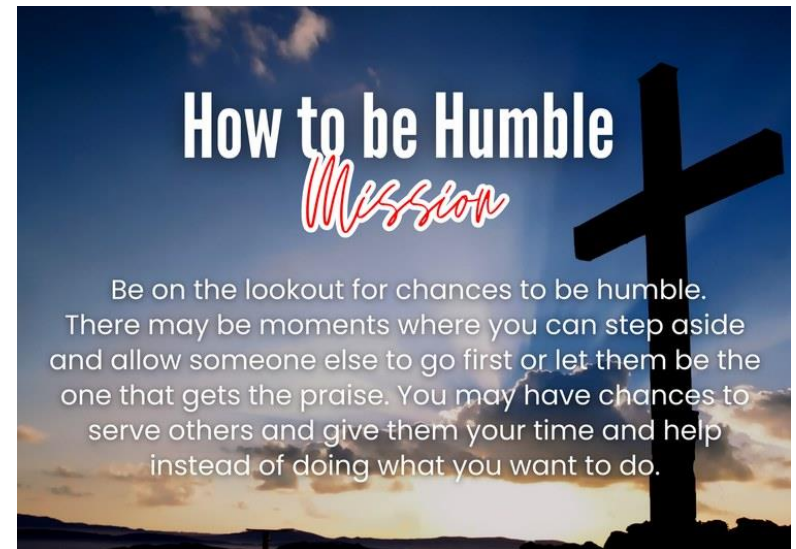
You must apply even if you already have siblings in school. If you live in Lancashire you can include out of area preferences on your online application.

As we are a faith school you will also need to complete a supplementary form that you will find on the last page of our admissions policy that you will find on our school website.

The closing date for primary applications for September 2024 is 23:59 on 15 January 2024.



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.



ARBOR!



99% of our parents are now successfully using the Arbor App! Hopefully, most of our initial teething issues have now been ironed out. There is still an issue of Emails going into your Junk Mail, We are aware of this and are currently in the process of trying to resolve this. Until then, please keep an eye out in your Junk Mail folder for any correspondence from school.

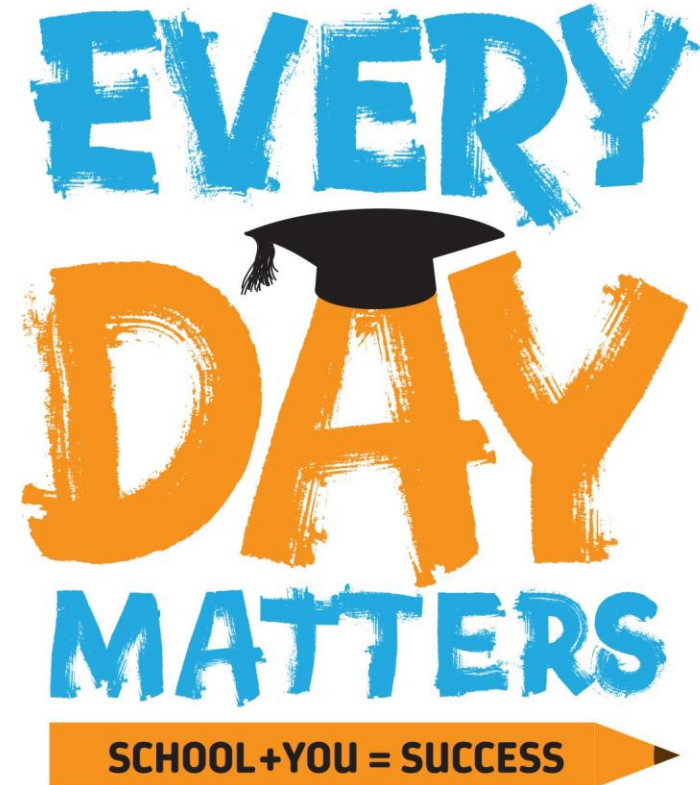
In order to know when new messages are sent, please turn on your app notifications on your mobile device.

If you are still not on the Arbor App and would like to join or are having any issues with joining then please contact the school office.

In order for this to run smoothly we need you to make us aware of any changes that you may have to your contact information, in particular your email address.

Please be aware that any credit and any debts from Parent Pay will be carried over to Arbor. Any future payments paid via the parent pay app will be refunded apart from the Castlerigg trip and the Borwick trip Hall trip, these will remain on Parent pay.

Attendance!



The whole school's attendance this week was 99.17%.

Well done to Year 4 (Elder), Your class had the highest attendance this week with 98.77%!

PARKING!



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I understand that we all have to get to drop off our children on our way to work and how busy that can be with the traffic at that time. I also know that by parking on a double yellow line on the road outside the school is illegal and dangerous for the children—particularly if it is right in front of the gates to the school or parish carpark. Please be aware that we have been asked by the police to pass on any car number plate of anyone doing so. Think carefully about all the children coming to school and the safety of everyone. As reception children become more familiar with the routines and our drop-and-go system I am sure things will ease. I really appreciate your help and support in this matter.

Wood / Branches / Leylandii



If anyone has any off cuts of wood, Branches or Leylandii that they can donate to the school then this would be very much appreciated. Little Saplings are collecting it for their woodwork and their Garden Area.

Remembrance Poppies



There will be a range of remembrance Merchandise, along with crocheted poppies made by Mrs Rossall for sale at playtimes from Monday 7th November to Friday 11th November. Items will be sold between 50p - £2. Please bring in the correct change.