

Diary Dates

We need help with the dates written in red. Please let us know if you can help, thanks.



Arthur Jack
Lydia
Jacob Isabel
Daisy
Simon Ellis
Emily
Rosie Thomas
Shaun
Oliver Sofia

Have a lovely day!!

Early Birds and late Birds

Please phone the office if you would like a place at either clubs. Last minute places can also be booked on the day if needed.



ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for January 2020 is: 96.4%

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE THIS YEAR SO FAR IS: 96.4%



Monday 3rd Feb	Reception children have hearing ,height and weight by School Nurse
Monday 3rd—Thur 6th Feb	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 10th Feb	GB Athlete visit
Monday 10th Feb 3-5.30pm	Parents Evening
Tue 11th Feb	Safer Internet Day
Thur 13th Feb, 3-5.30pm	Parents evening
Mon 17th—Fri 21st Feb	HALF TERM BREAK
Wed 19th Feb	Simon Carson Holiday Club
Thu 27th Feb	Class, and club photographs
Wed 4th—Fri 6th March	Year 5 children to Whitby
Mon 9th—Fri 13th March	Science Week
Wed 11th March	Years 1 & 2 Wynyard Woodland Planetarium
Mon 6th April	Holy Week events all week
Fri 10th April	Good Friday Break up
Mon 13th—Fri 17th April	Easter Break
Mon 20th April	Professional Development Day-children not

Reception	94.3%
Y1	95.4%
Y2	94.2%
Y3	98.8%
Y4	96.6%
Y5	97.7%
Y6	97.9%

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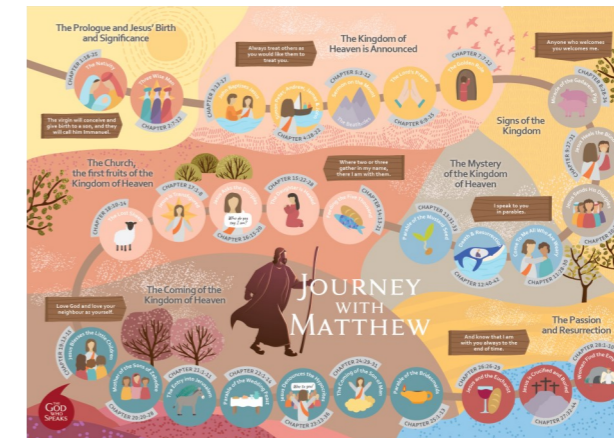
February 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have designated 2020 as 'The God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word to celebrate the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin.

At St Clare's we have dedicated this year to be 'Our Year of the Word'. Throughout the year we shall be seeking opportunities to celebrate, live and share God's word with our children, our parish and our school community. One of the first things we are asking our children to research about is to develop their knowledge of Matthew's gospel. Each week, during Monday's assembly our children will present in a creative way a chapter from Matthew's gospel. This might be in the form of music, dance or even art but will give our children a chance to journey through the year with Matthew.



The School Council invite Andy Preston for question time at St Clare's!

Mr Preston was invited to his old primary school by our School Council. He explained all about his role as the mayor of Middlesbrough and the commitment he has in improving the town.

He currently is planting 10,000 trees across the town, trying to reduce plastic pollution and build new houses in the town to regenerate the town centre for shopping.

We loved hearing all about his stories from when he was a former pupil at St Clare's.



Curriculum News

We would like to keep you fully engaged in knowing and understanding what your children are learning about in class. We will be developing the inside of the monthly newsletter to keep you informed about the curriculum in each year group and ways that you might continue the learning journey at home. Over this coming term we will also be updating our curriculum information on our website

EARLY YEARS

This half term we have been enjoying learning all about People Who Help Us. We have looked at doctors, police officers and life-guards. Children have also enjoyed taking part in the Rainbow Challenge; completing different challenges and collecting a stick. As part of our PE, we have been learning new rhymes and songs and associated actions. We are getting extremely good at building and have loved working with lego, straws and connectors and big building blocks. Our teachers are all really proud of the amazing creations we have come up with!

In RE we have been learning all about Simeon and Anna and Jesus' presentation at the Temple. We even helped teach the other classes in our key stage assembly on Tuesday by acting the story out for them. We are enjoying exploring the wide array of books written by our Julia Donaldson and have also enjoyed sharing some of our favourite stories with Everywhere Bear who is taking it in turns to come home with someone each night, snuggle up and read with us.

YEAR 1

IS IT A BIRD? IS IT A PLANE? NO WE THINK IT WAS AN ALIEN!

Earlier this term Year one explored a crash site in the school garden. The children carried out an investigation and they found lots of metal screws and pipes and a smashed glass dome. The site was covered in sparkling moon dust and the garden gate was dripping with glowing yellow slime. The children wrote crash reports and concluded that it must have been an alien spaceship!

Year one have had lots of fun in science being sense detectives in our school outdoor area. The children went on a senses Scavenger Hunt to see if they could find and describe a list of objects using their senses of sight, smell, sound and touch. They enjoyed listening to nature and finding sweet smelling plants and flowers. They found lots of rough and smooth natural objects but unfortunately no treasure!

YEAR 2

Year 2 have been really enjoying the new topic on Famous Faces. We have been learning about Neil Armstrong and comparing his experiences with Tim Peake. In Art we have been looking at pointillist painting and the work of Georges Seurat. The children really enjoyed producing pointillist pictures. In science we have been talking about food chains. We have made mobiles representing different chains. There were some fascinating conversations about who eats who! Thank you for supporting the children with their homework. There are some fabulous rockets coming in.

YEAR 3

Year 3 have been enjoying their Famous Faces topic - we have loved learning about the life of Grace Darling. In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division with remainders. We are very lucky to have a student teacher with us this term and we are all showing a great commitment to our work. In art we are looking at the work of the artist Lowry and we will be using his art work to inspire us. In science we are learning about famous scientists eg Marie Curie, who have impacted our world with their discoveries. We continue to celebrate the wonderful homework that the children of Year 3 produce and their model making is amazing!

Our author this term is Roald Dahl and we are currently enjoying reading 'The Witches.'

YEAR 4

Year 4 have made an excellent start to this half term, completing lots of lovely work about Grace Darling and her heroic rescues. Pupils have produced some amazing writing using Talk for Writing to produce their own newspaper reports. Mr Swinnerton has been blown away by the quality of work, particularly our amazing handwriting which hasn't gone unnoticed by Mrs Eddies! In Science, we have had a blast conducting experiments with eggs, we have had an eye opening time as we looked at which drinks are the worst for our teeth—the results were rather unexpected!

Mrs Shipley, who listens to the children read each week, also gave us a lovely talk on her role within the local church community. She told us all about her work in the parish and even brought in some hosts to allow us to have a practice at receiving holy communion. Year 4 behaved extremely respectfully and gained a great deal from the experience.

YEAR 5

Year 5 Mini-Vinnies have been very successful in raising money for Francis Hannaway's missionary work in the Congo. They have raised over £150 through holding weekly tuck shops. Thank you to all parents/carers for their generosity and to Mrs Manders for her time and effort in providing stock and organising the children. This is an important cause and is part of Year 5's contribution to the Year of the Word in our school. Further to this, Year 5 studied the baptism of Jesus as part of the school's journey through Matthew's Gospel. They studied the scripture before producing some stunning pieces of artwork. They then presented this to the other children in a whole school assembly.

YEAR 6

On Tuesday, we held a SATS meeting for parents to discuss the arrangements of SATS week (w/c 11th May 2020). Homework books will be distributed before half term following payment of £10 via Parentpay. If any parents were unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to catch Miss Beamson, otherwise she will update parents during their Parents Evening appointment. Children are working extremely hard in their practice papers and are showing a fantastic attitude towards their learning. This week, we have been writing a persuasive letter to the South African Government to ask them to release Nelson Mandela after being sentenced to life in prison following his attempts to overthrow the Government.

World Book Day Thursday 5th March

SAVE THE DATE We will be celebrating World Book Day with fun reading activities across the whole week. Please can each child dress up as a book character on Thursday 5th March for our usual celebrations. We will be hosting a coffee morning and parade to show off our fabulous outfits.

More details to follow as we will also be having the book fair in all week.

Safer Internet Day-11th February

This week our teachers will be talking to the children about the safe use of the internet as well as online behaviour. Mrs Eddies and the e-cadets will be presenting an assembly on this year's theme which is titled: together for a better internet.

For more details to help you as parents keep your children safe at home, please go to: www.saferinternet.org.uk



Pupil Progress Evenings Monday 10th and Thursday 13th February

Parents are invited to come and meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their progress and achievements. All KS2 children are expected to join their parents for their appointment so they are fully engaged in the process of knowing what progress they have made since September and their next steps.

Your appointment times should have come home with your child/children. If for any reason they have not, please contact the school.