

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting year at St Clare's and we hope you've all managed to get some quality family time together over the summer holidays. As usual we very much look forward to welcoming all of our children back, wishing our old year 6's good luck in their new secondary schools and welcoming all of our new starters.

During our staff PD day and during this first week we have looked in detail into our school motto and Mission Statement which is on the second page of this letter. We have searched for examples in the bible of *walking in the light* and how this would look at St Clare's; not only in our school, in our school grounds and within our community. We have discussed that as a catholic family; together we are all able to enjoy a loving relationship with Christ and have a loving and supporting relationship with each other. With this in mind, we expect a high standard of behaviour with our children and also you as parents. Please be polite and respectful to all adults and children when you come onto our school grounds. If you have any problems, then please approach your class teacher as your first port of call or you can speak to a member of the senior leadership team which is Mrs Eddies (HT), Miss Callaghan (DHT), Mrs Voyzey (SEND/CO) or Mrs Robson. If you need a one to one chat with a class teacher, then please phone the office to make an appointment or to receive a phone call from the class teacher at the end of the day. You can also contact the school via email for a query using enquiries@stclares.npcat.org.uk.

We would like your relationship with school to be the best it can. The relationship between you and the class teacher is of mutual respect for the good of your child/children. Please follow the simple guidelines below:

- Actively support the school in following the policies and procedures of the school.
- Discuss problems or worries directly with the class teacher or a senior leader
- Use social media such as Whats App to support each other and keep each other up to date with events in school/PE days/trips etc
- Use social media to celebrate the school and to embrace positivity.
- Stand up to bad behaviour on social media and report to the school.

We always start the school year welcoming our new starters into reception by walking the whole school to St Clare's Church. This is always a happy occasion and we'd love you to join us either by helping us to walk to church or meeting us there. **Friday 20th September @ 11am**. (please note time as this will coincide with the usual Friday mass at St Clare's Church)

Communication is really important to us so after this letter, all letters will be sent straight to your email account. Please follow us on Twitter (@StClaresPrimary) Facebook page (St Clare's Catholic Primary) and also our school website www.stclares.npcat.org.uk. Please also download the Marvellous Me app as teachers use this the most for quick communication and celebrations of your child's work. We also have a monthly newsletter with diary dates on, all letters are uploaded to our website and there is a calendar of events on our website also. Paper copies of our newsletters can be found in our two parish churches of St Francis and St Clare's and in our school entrance.

Finally, teachers will be inviting you to a coffee morning to explain homework routines and curriculum expectations over the coming week alongside the usual start of the year newsletter.

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Mrs Eddies and the St Clare's team

Our Vision:

Our vision is based upon developing each member of our community so everyone reaches their full potential in the light of Christ's teachings and the values in the Gospels. Together our community *walks in the light of Christ*.

Aims:

- Enrich the children's understanding and living of their Catholic faith.
- Provide an environment which fosters close partnership with parents/guardians and the Parish Community.
- Promote the dignity and self-esteem of everyone in the school.
- Develop in each individual, respect, care and tolerance for one another.
- Provide a curriculum in line with the distinctive nature of Catholic Education and one which meets National Curriculum requirements.
- Meet the spiritual, academic, physical, social, moral and cultural needs of all pupils to enable them to reach their full potential.

Mission Statement

We follow in the footsteps of Christ.

All of St. Clare's family work together to

Let our light shine

Keep encouraging everyone in all that

Is good.

Night and day care for and

Tolerate each others differences, be kind,

Help each other to do their best and

Encourage each other and

Love one another.

Is what God asked us to do.

Giving us opportunities to

Help make a positive difference.

Teach us to work each day for you.