

ST CLARE'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



JULY 2020



It has been very strange period of time in which we have collectively come together to try and keep you entertained and educated whilst having a version of school in small “bubbles” on site.

Quite rightly, it is traditionally a time to thank our teaching and learning teams, and we have done. A special mention this year to the help “behind the scenes”. The office and site staff have been tirelessly cleaning, posting, organising, cooking and sorting meal vouchers.

We have also received some incredible support from the Esteem Trust, who we are a part of, and our thanks are also extended to the Central Team.

Mr Marshall, Acting Head

THE END OF SCHOOL YEAR 2019/2020

We are pleased to say that we will be welcoming back students from Monday September 7th 2020.

There will be some small changes that are detailed later in the newsletter, but please be reassured that we have measures to keep you and your families safe. If you have any questions we'd be happy to try and answer you (send them to Mr Marshall's profile). Please bear with us, if we don't reply straight away, but you will get a response.

In the meantime, we hope everyone stays safe and that they are looking forward to a summer

with sun and fun!



*“If you get tired, **learn to rest** not to quit.” Banksy*

TERM & INSET DATES 2020/2021

	STARTS	ENDS	INSET
AUTUMN	Mon 7 th Sept	Fri 23 rd Oct	2nd, 3rd & 4th September
	Mon 2 nd Nov	Fri 18 th Dec	23rd October
SPRING	Mon 4 th Jan	Fri 12 th Feb	-
	Mon 22 nd Feb	Thu 1 st Apr	-
SUMMER	Mon 19 th Apr	Fri 28 th May	30th April
	Mon 7 th June	Thu 22 nd July	-

PARENT PAY – A REMINDER

If you have yet to do so, **PLEASE REGISTER OVER THE HOLIDAYS.**

<https://www.parentpay.com/parents/> Due to the current climate with Covid-19, we would encourage all parents to sign up to Parent Pay in order to make payments to the school. At this point we cannot accept cash at the office for the payment of school dinners, uniform, tuck shop and trips.



Paying electronically in this way is both a more secure of sending money to the school and much safer for everyone in terms of reducing the spread of the virus. You are able to send the amount of your choice which is particularly useful for school dinners to cover a number of weeks/months, and we are also able to refund any overpayments in case a child leaves the school.

We can offer support any to parents in order to set this up or if you have any questions, you can telephone the school office staff on **01332 511757** or email admin@stclares.derby.sch.uk



YEAR 11 CELEBRATION EVENT, SPORTS DAY & EXAM RESULTS DAY

We had an amazing Year 11 (socially distanced) Celebration Event yesterday on the school field. Thanks to Kate and Narinder, who made delicious individual picnic platters that were enjoyed after a wonderful set of speeches. Mr Kent announced 11W as the winners of the Sports Day.

We look forward to seeing year 11 to collect their result on Thursday 20th July between 10am and 12pm. After this, we shall post the result first class. We'll be in touch about collecting your final certificates when we get them delivered. This can sometimes be mid-point in October – I'll write to Year 11 when we know more.

Our leavers **left their mark** on our Values Wall, as did **Mr Whyman**, who is moving to Abbotsholme School and **Mrs Vasey** who retired. See our special notice later on.





MRS THORNHILL – THE CRAZIEST VIRTUAL SPORTS DAY!

A huge thanks to Mrs Thornhill for organising a whole school Virtual Sports Day! There were 8 events, all demonstrated by the school staff (and looking rather silly!)



Why not try them with your friends and family over the holidays? We'd love to hear how you get on!

If you want to give it a try, the link was put on Dojo on **July 10th**.

MEET THE GOVERNORS: LARAIN TUPLIN, VICE- CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Laraine moved to Derby from the West Midlands 20 years ago to work for the NHS as a pharmacist advising GPs on prescribing and has been a governor at St Clare's for 12 years. Now retired from work she has more time for her hobbies, playing the viola in an orchestra, swimming, gardening, and walking. She also spends a lot of time volunteering at her local church in Mickleover. Her 4 grandchildren aged between 5 and 11 also keep her busy.



Although from a family which included several teachers she didn't know much about special needs before becoming a governor at St Clare's. She has recently become the 'Wellbeing Governor' and works closely with Mrs Wallis. "I have learnt so much from everyone at St Clare's. I love visiting as every time I get such a warm welcome. It's a great atmosphere of purpose, learning, and friendship."

THE QUAD

Quad, Hubbub theatre and Sinfonia Viva are putting on Zoom workshops over the Summer for SEND students. The activities are free and follow on from the work they did with us last year.

This link to the Sinfonia Viva activities booklet is on Dojo...

<https://www.sinfoniaviva.co.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=c9fddcb9-5352-4da2-8028-6e42de0911be>

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THANK YOU FROM OUR CEO, JULIAN SCHOLEFIELD

Julian is our Chief Executive Officer at the Esteem Multi Academy Trust. He was keen that we pass on his thanks to St Clare's and our pupils, and to thank Elaine on for her years of service to St. Clare's.

ELAINE VASEY - RETIREMENT

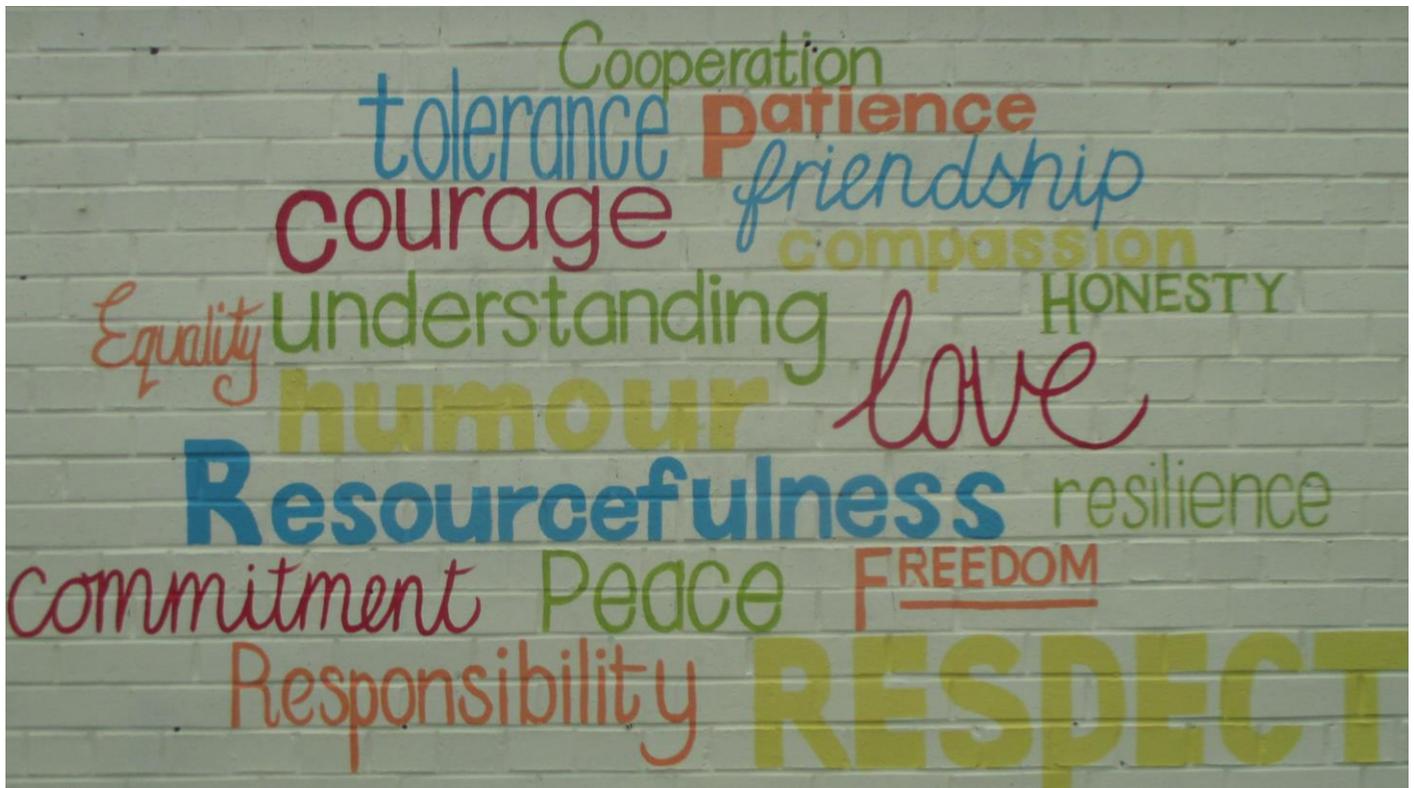
If you have been lucky enough to have been taught by Mrs Vasey, you will know that she is the kindest, hard working and inspirational teacher. We said a fond farewell as she moves into retirement and we sincerely hope that we see her in the near future. It was wonderful to celebrate her career in a socially distanced gathering including some familiar faces who have also retired.

Good luck and thank you Mrs Vasey. We all love you, and we will do our best to keep you highest of standards!



SOME CHANGES

The school is looking great with a refreshed identity and, with some staff moving on, we will be welcoming some new faces in September. We'll tell you more ahead of starting back in a special Summer Holiday issue of our News Letter. Here is a sneak peak at what you can look forward to seeing...



We display our school values loud and proud as we come in to school. **Mrs Auslebrook** is really very talented!

We want to rehearse road safety skills and our mini road system will help us teach vital rules and thinking when near traffic.

We may also just enjoy being cars!



We want to display who we are and our logo is on a mural is the first thing you see!

The walls around school are bright remind us we are part of a special community of staff and learners!

SEPTEMBER SCHOOL DAY: COVID-19 RESPONSE

As we could be responding to local situation, I am not wanting to give unnecessary information until we are a little closer to re-opening.

The following is a **summary of some principles** we'll put in place to keep you all safe upon returning...

THE SCHOOL DAY	To reduce bottle-necking, we'll receive children transported in Upper and Lower school "bubbles" between 08:40am and 09:00am . They can be collected from 15:00pm and 15:30pm . School staff will collect and escort children in without the need for sitting around in cars/ minibuses for long. We'll have a rolling release from 15:00pm, we ask that adults use the distanced zones as sprayed on the floor on the OUTSIDE of the school gates.
IN SCHOOL	We will have from groups staying in classes, with teaching staff moving to the pupils. There will be frequent hand hygiene and surface wiping. Other procedures will reduce the risk of transmission.
BREAKS AND LUNCHES	Students will eat in form groups in the hall, well distanced. We will rotate the Upper and Lower bubbles for play (Lower will eat first, Upper 25 minutes after). Morning snack will be in class during period 2 to allow for hand cleaning.
SYMPTOMS	Should there be ANY sign of a Covid-19 related symptom, we will be asking children to go home and require testing before returning when clear.



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