

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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'Strive to succeed in the presence of God'

TOGETHER as a Catholic community **EVERYONE** – children, staff, parents, carers and parish – **ACHIEVES** in their own unique way and tries to be **MORE** like Jesus.

♥♥ ASSEMBLIES ♥♥

On Tuesday, Mrs Warrington spoke to the Juniors about Remembrance Sunday. The children were very surprised to see how small a divide there was between the two fighting sides.

On Wednesday, Mrs O'Shea reminded the Infants of the significance of Remembrance Sunday and the wearing of the Poppy.

On Thursday, Mr Ross spoke about virtues and encouraged the children to think about the lives of the saints as role models for us.

Year 6 Retreat

Year 6 went on retreat at St Monica's Church. They looked at the qualities of great leaders and the leaders in 'our lives'. They conducted themselves beautifully all day, showing what wonderful leaders they are.

Matilda

Year 5 had a wonderful time at the theatre on Wednesday watching "Matilda". We hope the adults enjoyed it too!

Link to Hope

Today, we had 296 shoeboxes brought in for our Link to Hope charity appeal. If you forgot to send in yours, then Monday morning will be the last chance to do so.

Coffee Morning

The Friends are hosting a coffee morning and raffle after the 9.00am and 10.30am Masses this Sunday. Please support it and enjoy a catch up.

RECEPTION 2018 APPLICATIONS

Parents with children whose date of birth falls between 1/9/13 & 31/8/14 are now able to apply for a place. Details are on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments for this academic year coming in, so far 158 families out of 308 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £7,242 out of a possible £13,860. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

November

Month of the Holy Souls

During November, parents and children are invited to write names of deceased family and friends in our special Remembrance Book which will be at the front of school.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ten of our children are taking part in the Enfield Cross Country Event at Forty Hall this afternoon. We wish them the best of luck and we will let you know next week how they got on.

Christmas Lunch

The deadline for Christmas Lunch orders is Wednesday 29th November. Please do not send in any more requests after this date as we will not be able to cater for them.

BOOK FAIR

Usborne Books will be holding a book fair at school during next week's open evening. It will be a great opportunity to start buying some Christmas presents and depending on sales the school receives free books.

HAMLET

Year 6 had an enjoyable time at the Millfield Theatre on Wednesday. They saw a production of Shakespeare's 'Hamlet'.

Diary Dates

- Sunday 12th November – Remembrance Sunday
- Tuesday 14th November – Netball match against Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in the Junior playground, please come along and support our girls
- Thursday 16th November – **NO** netball club after school this week
- Thursday 16th November – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 9.00pm
- Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day, children can wear their own clothes in exchange for a donation
- Friday 17th November – Infant Disco 4.30pm – 6.00pm, Junior Disco 6.30pm – 8.00pm. Tickets will be on sale next week before and after school

Remembrance Sunday

**In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place: and in the sky
The larks still bravely singing fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead: Short days ago,
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved: and now we lie
In Flanders fields!**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you, from failing hands, we throw
The torch: be yours to hold it high
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields**

