

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, parents, staff and parish – **ACHIEVES** in their own unique way and strives to be **MORE** like Jesus.

♥♥ **ASSEMBLIES** ♥♥

On Monday, the children were treated to an explosive assembly from Mad Science!

On Thursday, Mrs Baptiste announced our new House Captains and Vice Captains and we prayed to the saints for inspiration in our daily lives. The new Year 6 monitors were also announced and we look forward to them successfully carrying out their various roles and responsibilities.

Buddy Assembly

All of our new **Reception** children were given a Year 2 buddy on Wednesday. The Reception children have now joined the rest of the Infants in the playground and are being well taken care of by their new buddies!

CELTIC HARMONY

On Wednesday, **Year 3** travelled all the way back to the Stone Age! They visited Celtic Harmony in Brickendon. It was an enjoyable day and we were all impressed with both the children's and adults' costumes.

House Captains

Congratulations to the new House Captains who have been selected to represent our House Teams this year:-

Elisabetta Losi for St Theresa,

Justin Eid for St Francis,

Niamh Keohane for St Cecilia and

Helen Panteli for St John.

Also congratulations to the Vice-Captains:- Tilly Galvan, Kamil Poteraj, Grace Dench and Shaynie Griffin.

CONTACT FORMS

We sent the yellow contact forms home on the first day of term. Three weeks on we still have 45 children for whom contact details have not been returned. Text reminders were sent out this week, please action. It is so important that we have the correct contact numbers in case of an emergency.

MORNING/AFTERNOON ROUTINES

Please remember that when you escort your child to the playground in the morning and pick up in the afternoon, you should not enter the school and then leave by the main entrance. Please exit via the side gate. All parents must sign in and out via the school office if entering the school. For health & safety reasons it is imperative that we know who is in the building at all times. Also remember, the side gates are only open until 9.10 am and will shut at 3.45pm. Please ensure you have left the playground before then.

FOOTBALL

Well done to our newly formed boys' football team who on Tuesday played against De Bohun Primary and won 2-1. They also played against Vita-et-Pax and also won that match 2-0.

EMS MUSIC LESSONS

Enfield Music Service (EMS) is now accepting applications for new pupils from Year 2 upwards for the Spring Term 2017. Spaces are available for lessons in a range of instruments – including recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, keyboard, piano, violin, cello and guitar. Application forms are available from either the school office or the EMS office (020 8807 8881).

Closing date for applications is **Friday 11th November 2016.**

COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN CANCER

There will be a HUGE coffee morning on Friday 30th September from 9.10am in the main hall to raise money for the charity Macmillan Cancer Support. Everyone welcome. Helpers needed on the day and people to bake cakes please!! If you can help in any way, please give your name to Mrs Baptiste via the office.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 27th September – Girls' football match at Southgate Secondary School, refer to letter
- Thursday 29th September – 5Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 5Y parents are invited
- Friday 30th September – Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning in main hall at 9.10am. Please come along and support this worthy cause
- Friday 30th September – Ten children from Years 5 & 6 taking part in a cross country event at Forty Hall

DIocese BUILDING FUND

Your Building Fund contribution of £45 per family for this academic year is now due. Your contribution goes towards the 10% cost we are obliged to pay for developing and maintaining our school buildings. Out of a possible £13,950 we have received £1,130. Thank you to everyone who has sent in their contribution. **Please, please keep sending in your contributions.**

Secondary Transfer 2017

The closing date for submitting applications for Secondary Transfer 2017 is Monday, 31st October 2016. You are strongly encouraged to apply on-line. **Do not forget to send any supplementary forms directly to the secondary school.**

PRAYER

Lord of the crystal blue sky,
Bless us with clarity of vision.
Lord of the lengthening evening,
Lighten our burdens.
Lord of the biting breeze,
Sharpen our response to your Spirit.
Lord of the falling leaf,
Lift our hearts heavenwards.
In our autumn,
May we seek your spring.

Have a lovely weekend!