

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The staff of St Monica's wish you all a Happy New Year. Hopefully, 2018 will be an exciting and fulfilling time for all of us.

MASS

Thank you to Fr Mehall who came in on Monday and celebrated Mass with us for the Baptism of our Lord. He praised the children on their excellent behaviour and set them some homework. Your child will need your help in completing the homework!

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Many thanks to all the parents who have made a payment for this academic year's contribution to the School Building Fund. Payments can be made via ParentPay up until July 2018. The recommended voluntary contribution is £45 per family.

PENCIL CASES

Reminder – All Junior children are expected to have a fully stocked pencil case in school at all times. Please include pens, pencils and a glue stick.

Attendance Reports

On Tuesday your child was given their attendance report for the autumn term. "Good" attendance is 96% or more. Anyone whose attendance is below 90% is more carefully monitored. We realise that some of this absence is due to ongoing health conditions which cannot be helped. Poor attendance has a huge impact on how well children can achieve in school. 114 children had 100% attendance last term – well done!

RECEPTION 2018

Parents please remember the closing date for Reception 2018 applications is Monday 15th January 2018.

Assemblies

On Tuesday and Wednesday at the Junior and Infant assemblies, Mr Ross spoke about why it is important to be kind to each other. The children were asked to make 2018 a year full of random acts of kindness.

Class Assembly

5Y were all shining stars in their class assembly on Thursday. They reflected on last year and ways to keep all those new year's resolutions. Through music, dance and language they shared all their amazing talents. We hope the 5Y parents enjoyed it!

EMS MUSIC LESSONS

Enfield Music Service (EMS) is now accepting applications for new pupils for the Summer Term 2018. Spaces are available for lessons in a range of instruments – including recorder, flute, clarinet, saxophone, keyboard, violin, cello and guitar. Applications can be made to Enfield Music Service via www.enfield.gov.uk or calling the EMS office 020 8807 8881. Closing date for applications is **Friday 23rd February 2018.**

School Dinner Taster Day

We would like to encourage as many children as possible to take advantage of a **FREE** infant school meal. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, they are invited to try having a school dinner next Thursday 18th January.

Welcome

A warm welcome to some new children who have started at St Monica's over the last few weeks. I hope they all enjoy being a pupil here. We also welcome a new part-time teacher Miss O'Mahony who has taken over teaching the PPA time in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 on Mondays and Wednesdays. These lessons were previously taught by Mrs Tottle-Nugent, but with Mrs Ronan leaving, Mrs Tottle-Nugent is now 6G's class teacher. We hope Miss O'Mahony enjoys her time teaching here.

Diary Dates

- Thursday 18th January – 6Y Class assembly at 9.15am, 6Y parents are invited
- Thursday 18th January – Year 5 start three weeks of swimming, please remember your swimming gear
- Thursday 18th January – Friends' Meeting at 8.00pm, all welcome to attend

DINNER MONEY

The Spring term amounts due for school meals are as follows:
4th Jan – 9th Feb - £67.50
19th Feb – 29th Mar - £72.50
Also please remember dinner money is payable in advance. Many thanks!

A STAR IS BORN

Karen, Ms Phillips and I had a very enjoyable week watching auditions for our talent show. We saw 53 acts for the Thursday night show and 72 acts for the Friday night show. We couldn't fit all the acts in and are very sorry to the children who did not get through - please try again next year. Letters have gone out to the children who got through with all the information you need, please check your child's bag (siblings' letters stapled together).

Mrs Baptiste

PRAYER

I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown"
And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way"
May our Saviour protect and guide us in the year ahead.

Have a lovely weekend!