

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 ♥♥

Mr Ross and Karen spoke to the Juniors on Tuesday and the Infants on Wednesday about a new shop and bank that is soon to be set up in school. Children will be able to earn credit to pay into the bank based on how well they work. They can save up to buy themselves treats in the new shop.

WELCOME MASS

We would like to say thank you to Fr John who came to school yesterday and celebrated Mass with us to mark the start of our new school year.

New Morning Routine

The "soft start" in the morning seems to be working well. Lots of parents, carers and staff have commented that it is a calmer way to start the day. Remember you do not have to be in school at 8.50am but you must be in by 9am - we have had quite a few late children this week. Thank you all for your cooperation with this.

House Captains

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

Joyce for St Theresa,

Jessica for St Francis,

Joe for St Cecilia

and Michael for St John.

Also congratulations to the

Vice-Captains:- Eleanor, Lucy, Anelle and Innes.

CONTACT FORMS

We are still waiting for several contact forms to be returned. If you have not returned your contact form **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE** do so. It is important we have the correct contact numbers in case of an emergency!

Daily Mile

It was great to see our school on TV this week with Holly, Elizabeth, Lucas, Max, Matilda & Bethan running the daily mile! It was inspiring to hear how it has such great health benefits. Thanks also to Holly's mum Millie for arranging this with ITV. I am personally not very fit and am aiming to use the mile track each day to improve my fitness levels. Anyone is welcome to join me! Mrs Baptiste

Shout Out!

A big thank you to Karen who was the person who introduced our Daily Mile track which ended up on ITV news on Monday. We will be doing more this term to make more use of it on a daily basis - look out for details.

Congratulations to Ms Phillips whose hard work in music caught the eye of the BBC! They will be in on Monday to film children as part of their "Get Singing" day which takes place on 28th September.

Thank you to Mrs O'Shea and Mr Ross for organising such a lovely Mass with Fr John to welcome everyone to the new school year.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

Don't forget if you have 3 children in Years 1 - 6, that only the Year 4, 5 and Year 6 sessions will be repeated at 4.30pm. Years 1 - 3 will only do sessions at 3.30pm and repeated at 4.00pm. Handouts will be emailed to any parents that cannot be there.

COFFEE MORNING

MACMILLAN CANCER

There will be a HUGE coffee morning on Friday 28th 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 the office.

Diary Dates

- Monday 17th September – Reception children start half days
- Monday 17th September – Meet the Teacher sessions for Years 1 – 6, 3.30pm – 4pm or 4pm – 4.30pm or 4.30pm – 5pm (Years 4, 5 & 6 only)
- Thursday 20th September – Year 5 start five weeks of swimming lessons, don't forget to bring your swimming gear
- Thursday 20th September – Friends' Meeting at 8.00pm, all welcome

Church Choir

Did you know that St Monica's Church has a children's choir? It is open to children in Years 4-8, and we sing once a month at the 6pm mass on a Saturday (usually the second Sunday in the month). We have a practice just before the Mass, and also one the week before. Practices are held in the small hall from 5.15 - 5.55pm (ie just before the 6pm mass). We currently have around eight regular members and are looking for more. All are welcome (no auditions!). It's a very special way for the children to help the parish to pray and praise through music. If you are interested, please contact Christine Dench on 07966 140508 or callenN4@aol.com

WATER SAFETY

Year 5 took part in a Water Safety Workshop on Thursday. Hopefully, they are now fully prepared to start their swimming lessons next week.

PRAYER

Take time to work,
It is the price of success.
Take time to mediate,
It is the source of power.
Take time to play,
It is the secret of perpetual youth.
Take time to read,
It is the way of knowledge.
Take time to be friendly,
It is the road to happiness.
Take time to laugh,
It is the music of the soul
And take time to love and to be loved.

Have a lovely weekend!