

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

Issue No 5 – Friday 5th October 2018

'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 ♥♥

To celebrate National Poetry Day on 4th October Mrs Koumpi launched a poetry competition for the Juniors at Tuesday's assembly. The theme is 'Change' and details have been emailed on a poster.

We look forward to reading some imaginative poems!

Closing Date: 19th October.

On Wednesday, Mrs O'Shea told the Infants the story of Dr Howard Kelly. A small act of kindness shown to him as a young man allowed him to repay this act of kindness many years later to the young woman who had helped him. A 'Glass of Milk' had restored his faith in God and mankind.

Harvest Festival

Thursday was our 'Harvest Festival Celebration'. Father John joined the children and staff and blessed all our food gifts, which will be shared among those less fortunate, through the Parish Soup Run Team.

An ENORMOUS thank you to everyone for their exceptionally generous gifts.

CROSS COUNTRY

Massive congratulations to our cross country teams who took part in the Enfield Cross Country Competition at Forty Hall last Friday. Eighteen schools took part and our girls' team came in 1st and our school came 2nd overall.

Well done everyone!!

Breakfast/After School Club

Re: letter sent yesterday, a few parents have commented that the suggested cost may be too high. The cost will depend on how many children would take up places as we cannot afford to make a financial loss if these clubs were to be set up.

Building Fund

Please keep your payments for this academic year coming in, so far 114 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £5,434 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

ATTENTION YEAR 6

The second installment of £96.67 for School Journey 2019 was due by 30th September. We have people who still have not paid any installments. If you intend to pay it all in one go, please let Tracey know so that she is not chasing you. Please note it must be paid in full by 31st October.

Au Pairs

Are there any host families at St Monica's who have au pairs? Please get in touch with me if you have a new au pair who would be interested in connecting with fellow au pairs living in the local area – Jenny 07771 818298.

RECEPTION 2019 APPLICATIONS

Parents with children whose date of birth falls between 1/9/14 & 31/8/15 are now able to apply for a place. Details are on the school website or can be collected from the school office.

PUNCTUALITY

Mrs Baptiste is very disappointed, we have had only three days since we returned in September where there have been no children late in arriving at school. There has been a total of 15 hours 19 minutes of teaching time lost by children not arriving on time for school. All lates are recorded and if necessary reported to the Educational Welfare Officer. Please, please, please endeavour to arrive on time, late arrivals are very disruptive for the teacher and class.

LOST PROPERTY

We have only been back at school a month and already our lost property boxes are overflowing. Parents please label/name your child's belongings as it makes it much easier to return them to the rightful owner.

Diary Dates

- Monday 8th October – 1G visiting St Monica's Church
- Monday 8th October – Boys' football match after school at Merryhills Primary, please refer to letter
- Wednesday 10th October – Year 5 to see Matilda, refer to letter
- Thursday 11th October – 1Y visiting St Monica's Church
- Thursday 11th October – Reception parents' literacy meeting at 7pm
- Friday 12th October – Reception parents' literacy meeting (repeat) at 9.15am
- Friday 12th October – Friends' Quiz Night 7pm

Class Mass

Thank you to Fr John who came in this week and celebrated Mass with Year 5.

Netball

Our girls' netball team played their first matches of the season on Tuesday. They won 7-3 against Garfield Primary and 7-1 against Highfield Primary. Well done girls, what a brilliant start!!!

Prayer to St Theresa of Lisieux

May today there be peace within. May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, Dance, praise and love. It is there for each and every one of us.

Have a lovely weekend!