

# 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 Monday, **Year 6** spoke to the whole school about their recent retreat days at St Monica's Church. They told us what qualities are required to be a good leader.

On Wednesday Mrs Baptiste spoke to the Infants about Education Sunday which takes place this weekend. We prayed for all those children who are either not allowed to go to school (such as Malala from Pakistan) or too poor such as the orphans in Sri Lanka. We thanked God for our school and the opportunity we all have to learn.

On Thursday, the choir, strings and guitar group performed to the whole school. We are very lucky to have so many talented pupils at St Monica's.

## BISHOP'S VISIT

On Tuesday, Bishop John Sherrington spent the morning in school. He visited every class, answering lots of questions from the children. He also explained at assembly the significance of the garments he wears. Please go and say hello to him when he visits the Parish this weekend.

## FARS Chanmugam Trust

Thank you to everyone who contributed to Wednesday's non-uniform day, £377 was raised. Please continue to collect your sponsorship money for our very long walk from London to Sri Lanka and return any monies by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, 5G will be selling hot chocolate and mince pies after school to raise money for the Fars Chanmugam Trust. A 10p discount will be given if you bring your own reusable cup!

## Breakfast/After School Clubs

The deadline for applications for the breakfast and after school clubs was today. If you have missed the deadline and are interested in applying, we urgently ask that you do so by Monday the latest as we need to ensure that we have the correct pupil:staff ratio in place.

## School Photos

**The deadline for returning school photograph orders has now passed. Please note that all orders now need to be placed online.**

## DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

The voluntary Building Fund contribution of £45 per family for this academic year is due. Your contribution goes towards the 10% cost we are obliged to pay for developing and maintaining our school buildings.

Please keep your payments coming in, so far **164** families out of **300** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£7,545** out of a possible **£13,500**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

## Christmas Lunch

**The deadline for Christmas Lunch orders is Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Please do not send in any more requests after this date as we will not be able to cater for them.**

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you for all the bottles that were brought in today. Don't forget next Friday is also a non-uniform day in exchange for cakes & gifts. Also, you should all have received Christmas Raffle Tickets; please return them by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November. If you need more books they can be picked up from the school office.

## PLEA!!!!

**The Social Club car park is heavily used at the start and end of the school day. PLEASE enter and exit slowly and with care. There have been a couple of near misses this week as drivers swing in or reverse out. Please drive slowly and ask someone to help to stop pedestrians if it is a busy time.**

## Usborne Books

Orders for books will still be taken until Sunday - contact Anne Croxford 07734 111284 or [annecroxfors4@gmail.com](mailto:annecroxfors4@gmail.com)

## School Disco

Thank you to everyone who supported last week's discos, an amazing profit of £1,750 was made.

## Diary Dates

- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Gymnastics Festival at Southbury Leisure Centre, refer to letter
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- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November - Gymnastics Festival at Southbury Leisure Centre, refer to letter
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Reception 2019 open afternoon at 1.30pm
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Year 6 to Imperial War Museum, refer to letter
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November - Gymnastics Festival at Southbury Leisure Centre, refer to letter
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November – Non-uniform Day in exchange for cakes & gifts for the Christmas Bazaar

## MUSIC CONCERT

The St Cecilia Autumn Music Concert with the choir, guitar group, junior band and string group on Thursday evening was a resounding success. The children confidently performed and showed us just how talented they all are!! Thank you to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection. The **£231.52** received will be used to purchase music equipment.

## Prayer

Let us praise and thank God for all great and simple joys. For the gift of wonder and the joy of discovery, for the everlasting freshness of experience, for all that comes to us through sympathy and sorrow and for the joy of work attempted and achieved; for the likeness of Christ in ordinary people, their forbearance, courage and kindness and for all obscure and humble lives of service. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

*Have a restful weekend!*