

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, Mr Ross spoke to the children about the Feast of Christ the King. The children thought about the sort of King that Jesus is and how they could live in the same way as Him. Mrs Baptiste confirmed the theme with the Juniors on Tuesday and then to the Infants on Wednesday. Jesus was not a wealthy, crown wearing King with fancy clothes and a palace but he was a leader of people. We talked about how we can lead through setting a good example for others to follow. We went on to talk about the role of the School Councillors. School Councillors were voted by their class mates to represent the class and bring ideas to our meetings. Each class now has a suggestion box and children and staff can make suggestions about how to improve our school. Mrs Baptiste is meeting the council regularly to go through ideas; some excellent ones already! We'll keep you updated about these throughout the year.

SCHOOL CLUBS

Please note after school clubs (school run) will finish on the following dates:

Choir – Wednesday 19th December and resumes Wednesday 16th January.

Football (Year 6) – Monday 3rd December and resumes Monday 14th January

Guitar – Tuesday 4th December and resumes Tuesday 15th January

Netball – Thursday 6th December and resumes Thursday 17th January

Strings – Thursday 13th December and resumes Thursday 17th January

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

As a follow up to their topic on World War I, Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum on Thursday. They had a really enjoyable day increasing their knowledge.

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 171 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £7,825 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

Christmas Lunch

The deadline for ordering Christmas Lunch has now passed. Please do not send in any more requests as we will not be able to cater for them.

Driving on Cannon Road

Please be careful driving into and leaving Cannon Road at 9am and 3.15pm. Some cars are driving very fast, mounting kerbs and nearly knocking down people while they are crossing the road. Please drive slowly and safely.

GYMNASTICS

What an amazing time our children had at the Borough Gymnastics Festival this week. Our Years 3 & 4 team came home in second place overall and one of our students was placed first as an individual. Our Years 4 & 5 intermediates came seventh out of 17 schools. This was the first time some of them were in a gymnastics competition, so well done. Three of our advanced gymnastics came in with the highest scores for their floor routines. You were all amazing, thank you for all your hard work. Karen would like to say a special thank you to Gabriel for teaching the younger children their routines at lunchtimes. You are a star! Thanks too to Mrs Hoey for her chaperoning skills and the parents who helped with lifts.

FARS Chanmugam Trust

So far, through sponsorship money, non-uniform day, staff donations, mince pie sales etc. we have raised £2,656. Please continue to send in your sponsorship money.
Many thanks!

Diary Dates

- Saturday 1st December – Christmas Bazaar 12pm – 4pm, please support it
- Sunday 2nd December – First Sunday of Advent
- Tuesday 4th December – 2G to Yavneh Jewish School, Borehamwood
- Wednesday 5th December – Year 3 to Westminster Cathedral for Advent Carol Service, refer to letter
- Wednesday 5th December – Infant Reconciliation Service in school

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you for all the cakes & gifts that were brought in today. Please support the school by coming tomorrow to the Bazaar from 12.00pm – 4.00pm.

ADVENT PRAYER

How dark outside!

But see – a star's in the sky;
Mary and Joseph are passing by.
So let's light a candle to welcome them as they go on their way to Bethlehem.

We'll light a candle in church each day. We'll light one candle each week and pray.

We'll light a candle at home each day. We'll light a candle each week and pray.

O God, as light comes from this candle, may the blessing of Jesus Christ come warming our hearts and brightening our way.

May Christ our Saviour bring life into the darkness of this world, and to us, as we wait for His coming.

Amen.



Have a restful weekend!