

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 explained the significance of the Advent Wreath to the children. Mrs Baptiste presented a cheque for £3,000 to Mrs Chanmugam for the FARS Chanmugam Trust. A very big "Thank you" to everyone for their contributions.

On Tuesday, Pan from Film Club spoke to the children about a new club he will be running after school in January. Please see the leaflet your child brought home for details.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

On Wednesday, in preparation for Advent Mrs Baptiste and Mrs O'Shea led a Liturgy of Reconciliation with the infants. As always, the children listened attentively and with reverence.

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) – finished and resumes Monday 14th January

Guitar – finished and resumes Tuesday 15th January

Netball – finished and resumes Thursday 17th January

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

Jewish School

On Tuesday, 2G spent the day at Yavneh Jewish Primary School, Borehamwood. It was a very informative day and they learnt lots of facts about Judaism. They had a Hanukkah party, learnt some traditional songs and visited the synagogue.

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 172 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £7,870 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

DINNER MONEY

The Spring term amounts due for school meals are as follows:

7th Jan – 15th Feb - £75.60

25th Feb – 5th Apr - £75.60

Also please remember dinner money is payable in advance. Many thanks!

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As you know, we have a long standing tradition at St Monica's that all performances are free to get into but you pay to get out! Please note that there will be a retiring collection after all the Christmas performances. All money donated will be used for classroom resources.

RECEPTION 2019

Parents please remember the closing date for Reception 2019 applications is 15th January 2019. Our supplementary form and additional paperwork will need to be submitted by 4pm on Tuesday 15th January. Please do not bring your paperwork in for verification at the start of the school day or pick up time, as this is when the office is busiest. Thank you!

Nativity Dress Rehearsals

Please note that all the Infant Nativity dress rehearsals will be professionally filmed (so hopefully all the children will be in school on those days. They are all 1.30pm the day before the actual show).

REQUEST!

We kindly ask that you do not use the sanitary bin in the reception area toilet to dispose your dirty nappies. It is not very pleasant for the pupils/staff/visitors to be greeted with pungent odours!

Diary Dates

- Saturday 8th December – Friends' Winter Ball
- Monday 10th December – Years 4 & 5 Christmas Carol Service 7pm at St Monica's Church
- Tuesday 11th December – Reception Nativity at 9.30am, Reception parents are invited
- Wednesday 12th December – Year 1 Nativity at 9.30am, Year 1 parents are invited
- Thursday 13th December – Year 2 Nativity at 9.30am, Year 2 parents are invited
- Thursday 13th December - Years 3 & 6 Christmas Carol Service 7pm at St Monica's Church

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Many thanks to everyone who made our Christmas Bazaar such a big success, a profit of over £9,500 was made.

A MASSIVE thank you to the Friends for all their hard work and constant energy. Without them, your children would not have some of the wonderful resources they use on a daily basis.

ADVENT PRAYER

A Child's Christmas Carol

There was a little Baby once
Born upon Christmas Day;
The oxen lowed His lullabye

As in His crib He lay:

His tree, it was a lonely tree

That stood upon a hill,

Its Candles were the mighty stars

That shine upon us still;

His toys were flocks of little

lambs,

He loved to see them play:

It is for Him we are so glad,

Now upon Christmas Day

