

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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The staff of St Monica's wish you all a Happy New Year. Hopefully, 2019 will be an exciting and fulfilling time for all of us.

MASS

Thank you to Fr John who came in on Thursday and celebrated Mass with us for the start of the new term.

ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, Mrs Baptiste spoke to the children about the Feast of the Epiphany and how it was revealed that Jesus was the Son of God.

The wise men brought Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Our gift to Jesus could be for us to be the nicest, most loving person, making the best use of all our talents.

On Tuesday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent told the Juniors the story of the 'Fourth Wise Man' who travelled to find the Baby King. Mrs O'Shea told the Infants the same story on Wednesday. See if your child can remember what happened!!

SECURITY

For safety and security reasons it is important for us to know at all times who is on the school premises. Parents please note you are **not** allowed to enter the school via the playground and exit from the front entrance. You must sign in and out at the office. If your child needs the toilet please use the toilets in the office reception area.

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!

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 **186** families out of **300** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£8,651** out of a possible **£13,500**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Just a reminder for the Spring term that our winter school uniform is as follows:

- grey shorts/trousers with grey socks (boys) or white socks (girls)
- green skirt/pinafore with white socks or green tights (**not black or grey**)
- white shirt with school tie (**no polo shirts allowed**)
- green v-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo, please note the logo is optional (**no round neck jumpers or sweatshirts**)
- black shoes (**boots and trainers are not permitted**)
- No make-up or jewellery. Stud earrings, are allowed but must be removed or left at home on days when your child is timetabled for PE or games
- Hair longer than shoulder length must be tied back for health and safety reasons (**whether boy/girl**)

Reception parents if you have purchased the wrong item of clothing, when making your next purchase can you please ensure it is as per our school uniform policy.

***Please remember to put your child's name on each item of clothing.**

A STAR IS BORN AUDITIONS

The A Star is Born auditions are being held next week as follows:

- Tuesday am – Year 2
- Tuesday pm – Year 3
- Wednesday am – Year 5
- Wednesday pm – Year 6
- Thursday am – Reception
- Thursday pm – Year 1 & Year 4

Please ensure that your child has their music in school or that the relevant music link has been emailed to the school office.

Diary Dates

- **Monday 14th January – A Star is Born auditions all week**
- **Tuesday 15th January – School Nurse in school for Reception hearing tests**
- **Wednesday 16th January – School Nurse in school for Reception hearing tests**
- **Thursday 17th January – Year 5 restart swimming**
- **Thursday 17th January – 5G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 5G parents are invited**
- **Thursday 17th January – 2Y to Yavneh Jewish School, Borehamwood**

RECEPTION 2019

Parents please remember the closing date for Reception 2019 applications is 4pm Tuesday 15th January 2019.

PRAYER

If we turned upside down
What then would we see,
Another view, perspective
How things could also be.
Then instead of being gripped
Anchored to the earth,
Would all not be set free
Holding to the sky for all its worth.

For above the heights of riding
Clouds up there where hearts
ascend, is the true reality
On which we can depend.



Have a lovely weekend!