

# 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.

## NATIVITIES

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 **WOWED** all their families and the staff and children at St Monica's with wonderful performances this week. In very different ways they have explained the true meaning of Christmas. A huge thank you for your generous donations at the retiring collections.



## JUNIOR CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

**Well done to Years 4 & 5 and Years 3 & 6 for their lovely Christmas Carol Services on Monday and Thursday night. Hopefully, they got everyone into the spirit of Christmas. Once again, thank you to all the parents for their generosity in the retiring collection.**

## SCHOOL CLUBS

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

**Choir** – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December and resumes Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January.  
**Football (Year 6)** – finished and resumes Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
**Guitar** – finished and resumes Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January  
**Netball** – finished and resumes Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
**Strings** – finished and resumes Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January

## Nativity DVD

If you would like to order a DVD of one of the Infant nativities at £15, please send a note to Tracey by Monday.

## DINNER MONEY

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

7<sup>th</sup> Jan – 15<sup>th</sup> Feb - £75.60

25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 5<sup>th</sup> Apr - £75.60

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

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Library Books

Please return all school library books to Mrs Ryan before we break-up next week.

## Year 5 Reconciliation

On Thursday Year 5 had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Fr Mehall and Fr John from St Monica's, Fr John from Ponders End and Fr Krzysztof for coming, to enable this service to take place.

## Thank you from the Friends'

### Snow Ball!

*Thank you to everyone who attended or supported the Snow Ball last weekend. Just over £3,500 was raised for the school and a fantastic time was had by all of those who were there!*

## Diary Dates

- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime in school for pupils & staff
- Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day, children can wear their own clothes
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner Day
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Carols Around the Christmas Tree 4.00pm
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Reconciliation in school for Year 6
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – Break up at 1pm for the Christmas holidays

## Dementia Cafe

**Twenty six choir members from Years 5 and 6 went to the Parish Centre to visit the Dementia Café today. They entertained everyone with their beautiful Christmas Carol sing-a-long!**

## ADVENT PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
Wise men travelled for miles to bring you the first Christmas presents. So may we too, remember with thankful hearts the love that comes with each present we open. We also thank you for the amazing love you have for each of us, and we thank you for the many gifts that you give us. Amen



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