

# 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 PEACE - the children were asked to think about how they could live in peace at school and at home as a way to prepare for Peace Sunday this weekend.

Mrs Baptiste told the story 'There's Room for Everyone' by Anahita Teymorian to the Juniors on Tuesday and the Infants on Wednesday. The book was kindly donated by Mrs Seeboruth, one of our parents. The message is, if we are kind enough, there is room for everyone.

## **CLASS ASSEMBLY**

On Thursday, 5G treated us to the first class assembly of 2019. The topic was 'New Year Resolutions'.

They wowed us with some fabulous talents and inspired us to make positive changes this year. Well done!

## **Attendance Reports**

Today your child was given their attendance report for the autumn term. "Good" attendance is 96% or more. Anyone whose attendance is below 90% is more carefully monitored. We realise that some of this absence is due to ongoing health conditions which cannot be helped. Poor attendance has a huge impact on how well children can achieve in school.

127 children had 100% attendance last term – well done!

## **DINNER MONEY**

Please remember, school meals are payable in advance and there should **always** be sufficient credit on your child's account to cover school meals.

## **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. You can pay your contribution via your child's ParentPay account or if you wish to pay by standing order please contact the school office for the bank details.

Please keep your payments coming in, so far 191 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £8,771 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

## **JEWISH SCHOOL**

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

## **EMS MUSIC LESSONS**

Enfield Music Service (EMS) is now accepting applications for new pupils for the Summer Term 2019. Applications can be made to Enfield Music Service via [www.enfield.gov.uk](http://www.enfield.gov.uk) or calling the EMS office 020 8807 8881. There are waiting lists for some instruments so applying is not a guarantee of lessons starting. Please ask Ms Phillips for more information.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019.**

## **A STAR IS BORN**

Karen, Ms Phillips, Mrs Tottle-Nugent and I had a very enjoyable week watching auditions for our talent show. We saw 63 acts for the Thursday night show and 70 acts for the Friday night show. We couldn't fit all the acts in and are very sorry to the children who did not get through - please try again next year. Letters have gone out to the children who got through with all the information you need, please check your child's bag.

*Mrs Baptiste*

## **Diary Dates**

- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** – Friends meeting in school at 8.00pm, all welcome to attend
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – 6G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 6G parents are invited
- **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 1 & 2 Literary Meeting at 7.00pm
- **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 1 & 2 Literacy Meeting at 9.15am (repeat)

## **PENCIL CASES**

Reminder – All Junior children are expected to have a fully stocked pencil case in school at all times. Please include pens, pencils and a glue stick.

## **Sickness**

**Please remember that you must not send your child into school if they have a temperature. Also, if they have had vomiting or diarrhoea within the last 48 hours they must not be sent in either.**

## **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 lovely weekend!*