

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.

Christmas

This will be the last newsletter of 2018. The staff at St Monica's would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. We hope you enjoyed all the Christmas plays and concerts as much as we did. Many thanks for your generosity at the retiring collections and for all your kind gifts.



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.**

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Many thanks to all the parents who have made a payment for this academic year's contribution to the School Building Fund.

Payments can be made via ParentPay up until July 2019. The recommended voluntary contribution is £45 per family.

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!

Christmas Lunch

The hall was decorated and the children enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Wednesday with party hats and balloons! Well done to our cook Lindsey and her staff who cooked a total of 46 staff and 412 pupil dinners that day!

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.

Pantomime!

The children and staff were thoroughly entertained on Monday with the pantomime of 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Thanks very much to The Friends who pay for this treat each year.

Year 6 Reconciliation

On Thursday, Year 6 had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you to Fr Mehall and Fr John from St Monica's, Fr David from Our Lady of Lourdes and Fr Emmanuel from St Edmunds and for coming, to enable this service to take place.

Diary Dates

- Monday 7th January – School resumes at normal time
- Tuesday 9th January – Reception 2019 Open Afternoon at 1.30pm
- Thursday 10th January – Mass in school for pupils and staff

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!

SCHOOL CLUBS

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

Choir – Wednesday 16th January

Football – Monday 14th January

Guitar – Tuesday 15th January

Netball – Thursday 17th January

Strings – Thursday 17th January

ADVENT PRAYER

Lord God,
This Christmas please give me:
the gentleness of Mary;
the kindness of Joseph;
the joy of angels;
the wonder of shepherds;
the generosity of the wise men;
and the love of Jesus,
which is the greatest gift of all.



Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, see you all in 2019!