

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.

A Star is Born!!

A big "Well Done" to all the pupils who took part in 'A Star is Born' on Thursday and we are looking forward to being entertained again tonight. Many thanks to all the staff who helped to organise this event. Nearly £1,070 was raised in ticket sales which will be put towards buying resources for the school.



FRIENDS' DATES

- **Valentine's Day Cake Sale** - bring some cash for our after school yummy cake sale on Thursday 14th February
- **Happy School Bag - Thursday 28th February** - Bring in your unwanted clean clothes, pairs of shoes, soft toys, accessories, etc in **your own bags** for 9am.
- **Film Night - Friday 1st March** - Film night is back with a showing of Incredibles 2 on Friday 1st March straight after school. Tickets on sale that week (limited to 120 max).
- **Second Hand Book Sale - Friday 8th March** - Straight after World Book Day the Friends are organising a book sale in the school during the morning and after school, all books £1. Donations of books to be brought in 6th - 8th March. Volunteers needed to help sort books and man the book sale.
- **Comedy Night - Friday 15th March** - The increasingly popular joint comedy night with Hazelwood has a great line up this year including Paul Tonkinson. Note this year it will be at Hazelwood School. An email will go out shortly with a link allowing you to book tickets - £10 per ticket.

REMINDERS

Here is a reminder as to what the procedure for dropping off and picking up from school is:

- The front gates will be **opened at 8.40am and closed at 9.10am**. If you need to be in school before 8.40am (for example, Tiger Teams) please buzz to be allowed in. However, there will be no one available in the office to let you in until 8.15am.
- If staff are coming through the gates before 8.40am, please do not follow them in. Adults and children will still need to wait on the pavement until 8.40am.
- Classroom doors will be open from 8.50am if you want to drop children off earlier.
- Please note that we have a school pond so keep an eye on all toddlers.
- If you need to come into school, you **must** sign in at the main entrance and never come in via any other door.
- If you sign in, please ensure that you also sign out.
- If you need to come into school during the day, please press the buzzer next to the smaller gate and not the double gates.
- At the end of the school day, the front gate will be **opened at 3.05pm and closed at 3.45pm**. Adults coming to collect children will need to wait on the pavement outside school until then.
- Please ensure your child does not press the buzzer just for fun.
- When the gates are due to be open ie 8.40am – 9.10am and 3.05pm to 3.45pm, please ensure you do not press the green button to close the gate!
- If you are **collecting your child after an after school club**, please also wait on the pavement. The person running the club will manually open the gate for the children to be collected.
- Please only press the breakfast/after school club bell to gain access to the clubs.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 5th February – Year 6 Viking Day
- Tuesday 5th February – Year 5 to St Monica's Church for Mass, please be in school for 8.50am to leave promptly at 9am
- Thursday 7th February – 6Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 6Y parents are invited

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far **196** families out of **300** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£9,132** out of a possible **£13,500**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

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.

APPEAL!!

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE STOP DROPPING YOUR CHILDREN OFF IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD, it is extremely dangerous, both for your children and for other road users.

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!