

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.

Ash Wednesday

Thank you to Fr. Mehall and Fr. John who came in on Ash Wednesday and led the Liturgy and administered ashes to mark the beginning of Lent.

World Book Day

On Thursday, the children and staff celebrated World Book Day.

There was an amazing array of wonderful costumes and everyone had an enjoyable day.

Thank you to Mr Jamie Okoro who came in on Monday and presented his books to the children. We loved hearing the Scruffapillar story and lots of older children thought The Beetle Reich sounded brilliant! Lots of children have bought his books now and I'd like to thank Jamie for giving St Monica's a special reduced rate on the price!

On Wednesday, Mrs Susan Smith talked to the children about how she brings characters to life through costume. We were all really impressed with the costumes and puppets she has made, from the Tombliboos to Star Wars and Harry Potter – what talent!

The author Steve Smallman was unfortunately unwell on Tuesday but has been re-booked for next Wednesday 13th March.

The week was finished off with a fantastic book sale. Thanks very much to the Friends for organising this.

FRIENDS NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Valentine's Cake Sale, we raised £196. Thank you also all the children that came to the after school film night, you helped us raise close to £596. We will let you know later how much today's book sale raised.

The Friends

NETBALL

Our netball team played two matches at Highfields Primary School on Tuesday afternoon. They won 13-6 against St Paul's CofE Primary and lost 6-5 to Hazelwood Primary (a very close played match). Well done girls!

CAR PARK

Please be aware that the social club car park becomes extremely congested at the start and the end of the day. If you use the car park, please be patient with and courteous to other users. If you need to get away quickly, we would advise you do not use the car park.

Polite Reminder

Parents please do not approach other children or their parents about incidents that have happened in school. If something has happened in school, it is essential that you speak to a member of staff about it and let the staff deal with it. No parent must ever tell another person's child off. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far 214 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £10,121 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

FOOTBALL

On Tuesday, our boys' football team played in a cup match against Grange Park Primary. They played really well but unfortunately they lost 2-1.

Diary Dates

- Monday 11th March – 2Y visiting St Monica's Church
- Tuesday 12th March – Non-uniform day for St John & St Francis
- Tuesday 12th March – Girls' football matches at Oakthorpe Primary, refer to letter
- Thursday 14th March – Non-uniform day for 4G & 6Y for bringing in the most clothes bags last week
- Thursday 14th March – 1G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 1G parents are invited
- Thursday 14th March – Six Year 2 children to maths workshop at St George's Catholic Primary, refer to letter
- Thursday 14th March – Year 4 receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Thursday 14th March – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 9.00pm
- Friday 15th March – Red Nose Day – The School Council have chosen the theme "look funny for money"!
- Friday 15th March – Friends' Comedy Night

PRAYER

*Do You Want to Fast This Lent?
Fast from hurting words ...and say kind words. Fast from sadness ...and be filled with gratitude. Fast from anger ...and be filled with patience. Fast from pessimism ...and be filled with hope. Fast from worries ...and have trust in God. Fast from complaints ...and contemplate simplicity. Fast from pressures ...and be prayerful. Fast from bitterness ...and fill your hearts with joy. Fast from selfishness ...and be compassionate to others. Fast from grudges ...and be reconciled. Fast from words ...and be silent so you can listen (Pope Francis)*

Have a lovely weekend!