

St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you are all well rested and looking forward to the autumn term.

♥♥ ASSEMBLIES ♥♥

On Wednesday, Mrs Baptiste welcomed everyone to the new school year and reminded the children about our rules, routines and expectations so that we can all strive to be the best we can be.

YEAR 6 MONITORS

Mrs Baptiste will start interviewing the Year 6 children who apply for monitoring positions at the school next week. The closing date for applications is Monday 9th September at 12.00pm.

Church Choir

St Monica's Church has a small children's choir and is looking for new members to join. It is open to any child in Year 4 or above. The choir sings at the Saturday Mass (6pm) and has a practice just before. The next date is 14th September. The choir sings just once a month and the children and parishioners really enjoy it. If you or your child is interested, please get in touch with Christine Dench on 07966 140508 or by email: callenN4@aol.com

CONTACT FORMS

We are updating our files and on Wednesday we sent home a Contact Form. Please complete 1 form per family and return to the school office. It is important we have up-to-date information in case of an emergency. Thank you!

Open Afternoon

Conway Tennis Club would like to invite you to their open afternoon on Sunday 29th September at 2.00pm. Head coach, Steve Baldwin and other members will be on hand to welcome you and provide information. Light refreshments will also be available in the clubhouse.

Volunteers Needed!!

We are looking for some parent volunteers to help run the library at lunch times on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please contact the school office if you are able to help.

School Routines

- Please ensure you get to school ready to start at 9am.
- Classroom doors will be open from 8.50am if you want to drop children off earlier.
- The side gates are locked at 9.10am so please leave the playground quickly after the bell goes.
- Please note that we have a school pond so keep an eye on all toddlers.
- The side gates are opened at 3.10pm and closed again at 3.45pm, so again please leave the playground quickly.
- Adults coming into school **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.
- The office is open from 8.30am – 4pm so please keep to these hours for all your enquiries.
- If your child is sick, you must phone the school office to explain why before 10am.
- If you know your child is going to be absent eg for a doctor's appointment, music exam etc, you must complete a request for time off school form in advance and hand or email to the school office.

MEDICATION

If your child needs to use an inhaler or epipen etc. please ensure that you hand in a spare one to be kept in the medical room. You will also need to fill out our medication form. A copy of this can be collected from the school office or found on our school website.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

- Choir** – Wednesday 11th September
- Strings** – Thursday 19th September
- Guitar** – Tuesday 17th September
- Football (Year 6 Girls)** – Monday 9th September
- Football (Year 6 Boys)** – Wednesday 11th September
- Netball (Year 6)** – Tuesday 10th September
- Tiger Team** – week commencing 16th September

Diary Dates

- Sunday 8th September – Education Sunday
- Tuesday 10th September – Year 2 start tennis lessons
- Wednesday 11th September – Year 6 Secondary Transfer Meeting at 7.00pm
- Thursday 12th September – Mass in school for pupils & staff to celebrate the start of a new academic year
- Thursday 12th September – Year 3 start tennis lessons
- Thursday 12th September – New Reception Parents' Evening at 7.00pm, food tasting from 6.30pm

School Dinner Money

Please ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's ParentPay dinner account at all times to cover school meals. The costs for school meals for the autumn term are as follows:

4th Sept – 18th Oct - £83.16

28th Oct – 20th Dec - £100.80

Year 3 parents please note that if your child is continuing with school dinners there will now be a £2.52 charge for a school meal.

Education Sunday

The 10.30am Mass at St Monica's Church has been dedicated to "Education Sunday". If you would like to attend that Mass there will be special prayers for schools and all staff.

PRAYER

Lord, be with us as we start another school year. Give us the generosity to forget past arguments and to start new friendships. Help us to make the most of the opportunities that come our way. Give courage to those who have left us to start another episode in their lives. Life is full of stops and starts. Each new start is a chance to do something a little better. Guide us as we make our way through this new school year.