

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, Mrs Tottle-Nugent told the children all about the significance of the different parts of the Advent wreath and lit the first candle.

On Wednesday, Year 6 led the Junior assembly. They explained the leadership qualities of St Monica, Pope Francis, St Francis and Mary the Mother of God. They showed the posters that they had created during their retreat days and they also shared the prayers that they had written.

RECONCILIATION

On Tuesday, in preparation for Advent Mrs Tottle-Nugent led a Liturgy of Reconciliation with the **Infants**.

As always, the children listened attentively and with reverence.

On Thursday children from classes **4G, 4Y & 6G** had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Thank you to Fr Mehall & Fr Stewart and Fr Andrew & Fr Michalek priests from neighbouring parishes who came to provide this.

SCHOOL CLUBS

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

Choir – Wednesday 18th December and resumes Wednesday 8th January.

Football (Year 6 Girls) – Monday 9th December and resumes Monday 6th January

Football (Year 6 Boys) – Wednesday 11th December and resumes

Wednesday 8th January

Guitar – Finished for this term and resumes (tbc)

Netball – Tuesday 10th December and resumes Tuesday 7th January

Strings – Finished for this term and resumes Thursday 16th January

CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

As you know, we have a long standing tradition at St Monica's that all performances are free to get into but you pay to get out! Please note that there will be a retiring collection after all the Christmas performances. All money donated will be used for classroom resources.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you for all the cakes & gifts that were brought in today. Please support the school by coming tomorrow to the Bazaar from 12.00pm – 4.00pm.

School Street

Cannon Road was due to become a "School Street" on 19th December, however, we have been informed that this has been postponed to the new year. There will be a stand in the Infant playground at the Christmas Bazaar if you want to learn more about it.

IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUM

Year 6 had a very interesting and informative time at the Imperial War Museum on Tuesday. They looked at what life was like for children and soldiers during World War II.

House to Rent

Long standing family at St Monicas are relocating and looking to rent their home long-term. Located off Broad Walk N21, would suit a family of 4-5. Furnished, 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, off street parking for 2 cars and just moments from Winchmore hill station and amenities on The Green.

For details call Elly [07957 538 858](tel:07957538858).

HAMPERS

Thank you all for your donation to the class hampers. Please continue to send in food items and gifts if you have not already done so. Your support to this worthy cause is much appreciated.

CHILDMINDER

Ofsted registered childminder available to drop your children off to school or for evening babysitting. Call Galina 07710 626 532

Advent Carol Service

On Wednesday, Year 3 had a wonderful time at Westminster Cathedral's Advent Service. They were delighted to meet Clover the donkey and Patch the sheep, Fr Andrew and Fr Philip the previous assistant priests from St Monica's. Thank you also for your generous donations, £412 was raised for the Catholic Children's Society. Thank you also to all the parents who helped with the trip.

Diary Dates

- Saturday 7th December – Christmas Bazaar 12pm – 4pm, please come along and support it
- Monday 9th December – Years 3 & 4 Christmas Carol Service at 7pm in St Monica's Church
- Tuesday 10th December – Reception Nativity at 9.30am, Reception parents are invited
- Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 Nativity at 9.30am, Year 1 parents are invited
- Thursday 12th December – Year 4 to Tate Britain
- Thursday 12th December – Year 2 Nativity at 9.30am, Year 2 parents are invited
- Thursday 12th December – Years 5 & 6 Carol Service at 7pm in St Monica's Church

DINNER MONEY

The Spring term amounts due for school meals are as follows:

6th Jan – 14th Feb - £75.60

24th Feb – 3rd Apr - £75.60

Also please remember dinner money is payable in advance. Many thanks!

PIANO FOR SALE

One of our parents has a nearly new piano for sale. If interested please contact Kelly 07946 474738.

A Child's Christmas Carol

There was a little Baby once
Born upon Christmas Day;
The oxen loved His lullabye
As in His crib He lay:
His tree, it was a lonely tree
That stood upon a hill,
Its candles were the mighty stars
That shine upon us still;
His toys were flocks of little
lambs,
He loved to see them play:
It is for Him we are so glad,
Now upon Christmas Day

