

# St. Monica's School Weekly Newsletter

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

The staff of St Monica's wish you all a Happy New Year. Hopefully, 2020 will be an exciting and fulfilling time for all of us.

## ASSEMBLIES

On Monday, we celebrated the Feast of the Epiphany by singing the songs and hymns from our Christmas performances. We prayed that Jesus would guide us through life, just as the star guided the wise men to see Jesus, the Son of God.

## MASS

Thank you to Fr Stewart who came to school on Thursday morning to celebrate Mass for the start of this new term. It was lovely to welcome him for his first whole school Mass and the children enjoyed listening to him (and laughing with him!).

## Attendance Reports

On Tuesday your child was given their attendance report for the autumn term. "Good" attendance is 96% or more. Anyone whose attendance is below 90% is more carefully monitored. We realise that some of this absence is due to ongoing health conditions which cannot be helped. Poor attendance has a huge impact on how well children can achieve in school. 110 children had 100% attendance last term – well done!

## TIMES TABLES

Next week the children from Years 2-6 will be taking part in an inter-school times tables challenge using Times Tables Rock Stars. Every child in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 will spend ten minutes on the challenge every day. We have organised the ICT suite and iPads to ensure they all get their slot! Their scores will be compared with the children in the other schools in our ELC partnership (the same group of schools we did the Spelling Bee with) and the overall winners for each year group will be announced the following week. You may want to practise on Times Tables Rock Stars on the computer with them over the weekend. Every child has their own login which you would have been sent earlier this academic year.

## A STAR IS BORN

There was great excitement today as children and parents submitted their application forms for "A Star is Born!" Auditions are taking place next week – see below. If children are using the music from the internet, a link needs to be emailed to Mrs Tottle-Nugent ideally the day before the audition.

Her email is [h.tottle-nugent@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk](mailto:h.tottle-nugent@st-monicas.enfield.sch.uk)

### Auditions

- Monday am – Year 5
- Monday pm – Year 4
- Tuesday am – Year 3
- Wednesday am – Reception
- Wednesday pm – Year 6
- Thursday am – Year 2
- Thursday pm – Year 1

## 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**)

\*Please remember to put your child's name on each item of clothing.

## MUSIC LESSONS

EMS music lessons start next week, although Ana has started piano today. Please note that Andrea has changed guitar/ukulele to Wednesday 15th for that week as Year 5 are out on Tuesday 14th. Therefore, there will be no guitar club on 14th, it will resume on 21st. There were a number of students not on the teaching lists this term. I haven't been informed of late bookings as yet, neither have the tutors. If you booked late, I cannot guarantee lessons for next week.

*M & Phillips*

## Diary Dates

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 6 Money Workshop in school
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** – Year 5 to Bletchley Park
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** – Closing date for Reception 2020 applications
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – 4G Class Assembly at 9.15am, 4G parents are invited
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** – Friends' meeting at 9.15am, all welcome

## MRS WESTON

We say farewell to Mrs Weston who starts her maternity leave on Monday and look forward to hearing the baby news very soon! Welcome to Miss Sterlini who has joined us after her travels to teach in 3G until July.

## DINNER MONEY

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

6<sup>th</sup> Jan – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - £75.60

24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr - £75.60

Also please remember dinner money is payable in advance.

Many thanks!

## PRAYER

If we turned upside down  
What then would we see,  
Another view, perspective  
How things could also be.  
Then instead of being gripped  
Anchored to the earth,  
Would all not be set free  
Holding to the sky for all its  
worth.

For above the heights of riding  
Clouds up there where hearts  
ascend, is the true reality  
On which we can depend.



*Have a lovely weekend!*