

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.

Awards Assembly

Every Friday we have our Awards Assembly. It is lovely when the children bring in their awards from home. We also acknowledge the children's achievements from inside school. Our Times Table Challenge is proving very popular with the Years 3 – 6 children. Ask your child if they are bronze, silver, gold, platinum or titanium!!

We have some world class mathematicians here at St Monica's, it will be interesting to see what they go on to achieve in their careers!!!

Easter Mass

Thank you to Fr. Mehall who came in on Thursday and celebrated Mass with us. As always, the children were well behaved and reverent during the service.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Just a reminder of what the school's summer uniform policy is.

Boys - Grey trousers or shorts, white shirt and tie, with the option of a short sleeved white shirt also with a tie

Girls - Green skirt or green pinafore or grey trousers or shorts, with the option of a green checked dress. White shirt and tie, with the option of a short sleeved white shirt also with a tie.

Footwear for boys and girls is black shoes or black or brown **closed toe** sandals (of a sensible design).

BUILDING FUND

Out of a possible **£13,500** we have, so far, received **£11,171**. Once again, many thanks to those who have paid their contribution. **Please, please, please** continue to make a contribution, if you have not already done so, it would be great if we could reach our target!!

Month of Our Lady

During May we say a decade of the Rosary at the main entrance at 8.50am each day – all welcome. Next Thursday at 9.15am we will be holding our annual May Procession in honour of Our Lady. Everyone is welcome. We sing "Oh Mary we crown thee with blossoms today" and ask that each family considers bringing in a flowering bedding plant. The plants are blessed by Fr John and then planted around the school which not only makes the school look beautiful, but reminds us of Mary our Mother.

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.

MARY'S MEALS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's Lenten charity – Mary's Meals. We raised an amazing £1,160. Also, thank you to everyone who brought in a back pack or items to go in a backpack today. We were absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity.

READING BOOKS

Thanks to the generous donations from the Friends (£1,600) and the St Monica's Mother & Toddler Group (£2,000) we have been able to purchase new reading books. The books have now been distributed to the Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes for the children to enjoy!

INFANT PLAYGROUND

Hopefully, you will have noticed the new markings in the Infant playground (we have used our PE grant to pay for them) and the children are putting them to good use.

Diary Dates

- Tuesday 30th April – E-safety meeting for parents at 9.15am in the main hall
- Tuesday 30th April – Girls' football match at Oakthorpe Primary School
- Wednesday 1st May – Month of the Rosary
- Thursday 2nd May – May Procession at 9.15am

SCHOOL DINNERS

The amounts due for school dinners for the Summer Term are as follows:

23rd April – 24th May £57.96

3rd June – 19th July £88.20

Please remember dinner money is payable in advance and that there should always be sufficient credit on dinner accounts to cover meals.

CHILDMINDER

A St Monica's family need a childminder from mid-end May for their 2 boys; after school and potentially pre-school support needed.

If you are interested, please get in touch with Sheena on 07850 311731.

PRAYER

Lord, our days are long and our schedules are full. You said when we are weary we can come to you and you will give us rest. So we come to you now and ask you to ...

**Renew Our Spirits
Restore Our Strength
Refresh Our Hearts**

Thank you for being the source of all we need to do everything you have called us to do. Because that is the only place we can truly be rejuvenated.

Have a lovely weekend!