

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 Tuesday, Mrs Tottle-Nugent spoke to the Infants and repeated the assembly to the Juniors on Wednesday. She reminded them about our Advent Hamper Charity Appeal and how we are going to help local families in need. Please start bringing in your hamper items from Monday 2nd December. Thank you in advance for all your support and generosity

On Thursday, the choir performed to the whole school. We are very lucky to have so many talented pupils at St Monica's.

ST CECILIA CONCERT

The St Cecilia Autumn Music Concert with the choir, guitar group and string group on Thursday evening was a resounding success. The children confidently performed and showed us just how talented they all are!!

November

Month of the Holy Souls

Next week is the last week to write names in the special remembrance book. Prayers will be offered for all our dear departed.

Junior Poetry Competition

Mrs Koumpi received lots of interesting poems on the theme of "truth". It was a very difficult decision to choose first and second places. The winners were as follows:

Year 3	
1 st	2 nd
Keiyona	Martha
Year 4	
Chloe	Ana-Christina
Year 5	
Maeve	Eimear
Year 6	
Tilly	Emilia, Lily Mae & Icilda

Christmas Lunch

The deadline for Christmas Lunch orders is Friday 29th November. Please do not send in any more requests after this date as we will not be able to cater for them.

School Photos

The deadline for returning school photograph orders has now passed. Please note that all orders now need to be placed online.

BOOK FAIR

Thanks to everyone for their book purchases last week at parents' evening. £690.14 was raised which means we will get a fabulous £414 commission in book sales for the school!

You can order books by contacting Anne Croxford via email, phone or website:

annecroxford4@gmail.com

07734111284

www.croxfordbooksathome.com or see her at the Christmas Bazaar.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Parents can you please check your child's school uniform to ensure that it belongs to them. We have several labeled pieces of uniform gone missing.

FLU VACCINATION

The school nurses will now be in school Wednesday 4th December to administer the flu nasal spray vaccination. Year 3 children need be in school for 8.50am. They will receive their vaccination before they head off to the Advent Service at Westminster Cathedral.

Grapes – Choking Hazard

At our staff first aid training recently it was reported that whole grapes are a major cause of choking in young children. If you send grapes into school for a packed lunch, can you please chop them in half.

REQUEST

For safeguarding and health and safety reasons it is imperative that all parents sign in and out via the school office when entering the school. Please do not enter the school by any other door.

Diary Dates

- Saturday 23rd November – Year 3 receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Monica's Church
- Monday 25th November – Enfield Gymnastic Festival all week, refer to letter
- Friday 29th November – NON-UNIFORM DAY in exchange for a bottle for the Christmas Bazaar
- Friday 29th November – Reception 2020 Open Afternoon at 1.30pm for prospective parents

DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far 109 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £4,886.75 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

WINTER BALL

The Friends want to say a **BIG** thank you to those that came to the Winter Ball last weekend. It was a lovely night and raised close to £1,600 for our school!

Spelling Bee

One Wednesday, five children went to Garfield to represent St Monica's at an inter-school competition. Well done to those children who were selected from Years 1-5: Albie, Dylan, Amelie, Jessica & Giulio! It generated a huge amount of excitement from many children and so we will be holding our own in-school spelling competition in March to link with book week.

Prayer to St Cecilia

O glorious Saint, who chose to die instead of denying your King.

We pray you please to help us as His fair praise we sing!

We lift our hearts in joyous song to honor Him this way.

And while we sing, remembering to sing is to doubly pray.

At once in our hearts and our tongues we offer double prayer Sent heavenward on winged notes to praise God dwelling there.

While with our hearts and tongues we try with song to praise God twice.

We ask dear Saint to help us be united close with Christ!