

# 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 Baptiste spoke to the children about the Psalm which we had had at Mass. The response to the Psalm was, "Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."

We talked about how what *we* want and what *God* (or other people) want may be two different things! We all know what we *want* to do and what we *should* do can very different! It is hard to do what is right all the time, but we must try.

On Tuesday Mrs Roper spoke to all the children about when, where and how Chinese New Year is celebrated. This year is the Year of the Rat and will be celebrated tomorrow, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January. They learnt about the Chinese zodiac, the symbolic meaning of the colour red, food, dragon dances and the lantern festival celebrated on day 15.

On Wednesday we had a whole school hymn practice and studied the words in the Lord's Prayer.

The children learnt that God's name is Holy and should not be used carelessly, in anger or frustration, but in prayer.

## CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, 5Y presented a moving assembly looking at the bushfires in Australia. It was also a reminder to everyone that we need to look after our planet, God's creation, just as Pope Francis has urged us to do. We hope 5Y parents were inspired and will do their bit to preserve our lovely planet!

## ATTENTION YEAR 6

**Please note that your Hilltop medical forms are due back by Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January.**

## DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far 127 families out of 300 have contributed to this vital fund and we have received £6,011 out of a possible £13,500. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

## Maths Workshop

**Last week, Year 6 had a very interesting morning working on fraud with NatWest. The children were given real life scenarios such as; a loan for £25,000 had been taken out in somebody's name and the person only found out when the bank contacted them about repaying. The children worked in groups to try and figure out how the crime had been committed.**

**Years 1 & 2 had interesting workshops on Tuesday about the value of money. They thought about what a family wants and what a family needs and how things might be prioritised. They also explored how much it costs to keep a pet. What needs to be bought once and what is bought regularly? It was very thought provoking.**

## OPEN DAY

Enfield Music Services are having an Open Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 9.00am – 12.00pm, Houndsfield Primary School, N9 7RA. The open day is a chance for children to sit in on various different ensembles that run on Saturday mornings, as well as try out different instruments and speak to EMS tutors to see if they might like to learn an instrument, either at the Saturday Centre or in school. Please note that the 'Try an Instrument' sessions are not suitable for KS1 pupils.

They are also particularly keen to try and recruit for the Mini Music Makers group, which is a general music session for children in Reception.

There is a taster session which children can join from 9:30am-10:00am to try out the group. They also have a taster session for Music Club (Years 1 & 2 children) from 11:30am-12:15pm.

## Diary Dates

- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January – A Star is Born, Reception – Year 3 dress rehearsal in the morning for all children and then 7.00pm for ticket holders**
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - A Star is Born, Years 4-6 dress rehearsal in the morning for all children and then 7.00pm for ticket holders**

## Toilets

**If your child needs the toilet after school, please send them back in to use the toilet. Do not allow your child to urinate in the playground as happened earlier this week. Thank you for your cooperation.**

## Mobile Phones

Please note that mobile phones are **not allowed** in school. The only exception to this rule is for children who travel home on their own (mainly Year 6 pupils). If they bring a phone to school it must be handed into the office on arrival and collected at 3.15pm. Any phone found on the children during the school day will be **confiscated** and only returned to a parent.

## A STAR IS BORN

The deadline for ordering 'A Star is Born' tickets is 3.30pm Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January. If there are any spare tickets these will be allocated on Tuesday to the parents on the waiting list.

## PRAYER

**Father of all mercies  
We ask that you would bless the youngest and littlest of learners, the most helpless and powerless of persons, with your infinite and loving mercy, granting them the strength to learn, concentrate, and act appropriately towards their teachers and fellow students. We also ask that You would watch over them, at home and at school and grant them proper direction so that they may learn of your wonderful virtues. We ask this in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen**

*Have a lovely weekend!*