

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

Monday was our awards assembly and we celebrated the many gifts and talents the children have. We also congratulated the children (everyone from Year 2 – 6) who took part in the Excellence in Learning Community (ELC) partnership Inter-Schools Times Tables Challenge, St Monica's came third overall. Well done!

A Star is Born!!

A big "Well Done" to all the pupils (and staff!!) who took part in 'A Star is Born' on Thursday and we are looking forward to being entertained again tonight. Many thanks to all the staff who helped to organise this event. Nearly £1,290 was raised in ticket sales which we really appreciate.



DIOCESE BUILDING FUND

Please keep your payments coming in, so far **128** families out of **300** have contributed to this vital fund and we have received **£6,056** out of a possible **£13,500**. Many thanks to the families that have already made their contribution.

TT Rockstars Competition

Well done to all the children who took part in the competition. As a school, St Monica's came third overall and 2G were the overall class winners in their category with Dylan being the highest scoring pupil in the Year 2 category. We celebrated all the achievements in our awards assembly on Monday with a trophy for the winning class and certificates for the top three scoring pupils in all classes.

REMINDERS

Here is a reminder as to what the procedure for dropping off and picking up from school is:

- The front gates will be **opened at 8.40am and closed at 9.10am**. If you need to be in school before 8.40am (for example, Tiger Teams) please buzz to be allowed in. If staff are coming through the gates before 8.40am, please do not follow them in. Adults and children will still need to wait on the pavement until 8.40am.
- Please note that we have a school pond so keep an eye on all toddlers.
- If you need to come into school, you **must** sign in at the main entrance and never come in via any other door.
- If you sign in, please ensure that you also sign out.
- If you need to come into school during the day, please press the buzzer next to the smaller gate and not the double gates.
- At the end of the school day, the front gate will be **opened at 3.10pm and closed at 3.45pm**. Adults coming to collect children will need to wait on the pavement outside school until then.
- **Please ensure your child does not press the buzzer just for fun.**
- When the gates are due to be open ie 8.40am – 9.10am and 3.10pm to 3.45pm, please ensure you do not press the green button to close the gate!
- If you are **collecting your child after an after school club**, please also wait on the pavement. The person running the club will manually open the gate for the children to be collected.
- Please only press the breakfast/after school club bell to gain access to these clubs.

Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 4th February** – Year 5 to St Monica's Church for Mass, please be in school for 8.50am to leave promptly at 9.00am
- **Wednesday 5th February** – Young Voices at the O2, refer to letter for pick-up arrangements
- **Thursday 6th February** – Year 5 Water Safety Workshop in school
- **Thursday 6th February** – 3Y Class Assembly at 9.15am, 3Y parents are invited
- **Friday 7th February** – NSPCC Number Day, children can wear their own clothes in exchange for £1
- **Friday 7th February** – Friends' Film Night after school in main hall – Toy Story 4
- **Friday 7th February** – Please note that there will be **NO** gymnastics club after school

SCHOOL STREET

We have been informed that Cannon Road will be a designated **School Street** after the half term break (once we have a definite implementation date we will let you know). What this means is that there will be timed traffic restriction enforced along Cannon Road. All vehicles, apart from those being driven by residents, blue badge holders, parents/carers of pupils with specific medical requirements and registered staff members, will be prohibited from entering or exiting Cannon Road between 8:15am to 9:15am and 2:30pm to 4.00pm.

PRAYER

Let us praise and thank God for all great and simple joys. For the gift of wonder and the joy of discovery, for the everlasting freshness of experience, for all that comes to us through sympathy and sorrow and for the joy of work attempted and achieved; for the likeness of Christ in ordinary people, their forbearance, courage and kindness and for all obscure and humble lives of service. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Have a lovely weekend!