

19th March 2021

Dear Parents,

Comic Relief Day - A huge thank you for all your kind donations to Comic Relief. A fabulous £552.95 was raised, lots of fun was had and some very amusing outfits seen today! Hopefully everyone had a good day helping others less fortunate than themselves. I hope all the painted faces can be cleaned easily!

Today is the Feast of St Joseph - Pope Francis has said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. Each of us can discover in Joseph – someone who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – a support and a guide in times of trouble. St Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden can play an incomparable role in our lives. A word of recognition and of gratitude is due to them all.

Willow - Willow is becoming a regular visitor at school! Some of you may be interested in following her on Instagram. She has her own page which can be found by searching @willow_at_st_monicas. If you want more information about dogs, click the link <https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/safety/>

Masks - If you need to come into the school office to drop off/pick up something, please ensure you are wearing a mask

Sickness - Please remember that if your child has vomited or had diarrhoea, they must not come back to school for 48 hours since the last bout.

Sweets for birthdays - The rule is that you cannot bring extra things into school from home so that we limit the risk of infection. However, if you really are desperate for your child to give sweets for their birthday you can do so! You must send them in 72 hours in advance so that they can be quarantined. Please leave them in to the school office with a note saying which child, which class and which day to be given out. Please note that there is no requirement to send in any sweets and an alternative “healthy” option might be to buy a book for the class.

Reading Skills - I read recently of a very simple strategy to help develop your child’s reading. You simply turn on the subtitles on your television. Please see this website for more information:
<https://turnonthesubtitles.org/>

Parents’ Evening - Parents will get the opportunity to meet with their child’s class teacher in the week beginning 26th April, to discuss their progress and areas they need to work on. You will receive information about how to book an appointment in the week after the Easter holiday.

Give an Easter Egg - If any of you would like to donate an Easter egg to families in need, there are various drop off points where this can happen – see flier attached.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Kate Baptiste
Headteacher